



*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of August 16-20, 2021**

**Tuesday, August 17, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** August 11, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** Bill 19-04-59-21 (Sovereignty Commission). **New Business:** Bill 19-04-61-21: APB 08.13.2021 and D1 Rep requests, Bill 19-04-62-21: Community Development Cleanup Bill, Contract (CMD): Heritage Exteriors & Restoration for D1 – 4 bedroom rental, Contract (CMD): R&R Landscaping and Construction, Inc. for D2 – two 4 bedroom rental units, Contract (Admin): Intertribal Software Consultants – Aanjibimaadizing data system, Contract (EDU): Kent Well Drilling – D3 Early Education, Provider Agreement (HHS): Chelsey Hanen, CNP., Provider Agreement (HHS): Jennifer Waldriff, CNP, and Foster Care License: D1 FFH1420005. **Other:** None. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussed various items. Work Session schedule. Master Projects List review. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
  
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed all Representatives present.  
District I Representative, Virgil Wind  
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau  
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
  
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was amended approved.
  
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Record:** August 11, 2021. Record was approved.
  
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
  
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-59-21:** A Bill for an Act to establish the Band Commission on the Exercise of Inherent Sovereign Rights of the Indigenous People who comprise the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

The Band Assembly has determined that it is in the best interests of the Band that an independent commission be established to evaluate the Band's relationship with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This Bill creates an independent commission for the purpose of providing to the Band an analysis of possible courses of action. The commission is to complete its work by September 30, 2022.

**Sponsor: District II Representative Tabled 8/4/2021.** Bill was taken from the table and Sponsorship withdrawn.

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-61-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on August 13, 2021 as well as documents submitted by the District I Representative on August 13, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-62-21:** A Bill repealing Titles 12, 13, and 14 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) and reenacting them in a revised Title 12, entitled “Community Development.”  
**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read partially waived and approved.
- c) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Heritage Exteriors & Restoration to provide labor and materials for the interior and exterior renovation of a 4-bedroom rental home in District I. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- d) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for R & R Landscaping and Construction, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the interior and exterior renovation of two, 4-bedroom rental homes in D2. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- e) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Intertribal Software Consultants to provide Aanjibimaadizing Data System for clients and Public Law 102-477 reporting. Intertribal will provide services as listed in Attachment A including but not limited to data transfer, data collection, report template development, case data management and storage, and staff training. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- f) **Contract (EDU):** A contract addendum for Kent Well Drilling to provide additional 445 feet of drilling and pipe to locate water for a new well for the Mille Lacs Early Education in District 3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- g) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** A provider agreement for Chelsey Hanen, CNP. Agreement was approved.
- h) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** A provider agreement for Jennifer Waldriff, CNP. Agreement was approved.
- i) **Foster Care License:** Additional Head of Household: FFH1420005. License was approved.
- j) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-63-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the September 2021 Tribal General Welfare Assistance Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on August 17, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read and approved.

- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow here in District I everyone invited. Please thank the Pow Wow Committee when you see the, all work is volunteer. Shout out to Community Development, Administration, and Madam Chief for the installation of speed bumps on Nay ah Shing drive. Safety concerns, 1 constituent reached out to him this morning thankful for the speed bumps. DI office has state fair tickets. Limited amount for adults only. Available for pick up 12-4 today and 12-4 tomorrow at old DI Community Center come with tribal ID only for adults and use at your own risk. Keep in mind the Delta variant. Rocktember tickets September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ten sets of two tickets with overnight stay at Hinckley. Anyone interested reach out to Nick Cash or DI office (320)532-7585. 5 more sets drawn at Community meeting next week Wednesday August 25, 2021 5:30 p.m. \$500 payment thank the other Members for supporting for help with school for families. Had constituents reach out to him about the August payment. Extra \$500 to the September payment. **District II Representative**-Construction projects ongoing in East Lake Minisinaakwang and Ceremonial building. Chiminising done in September will get back to community meetings. Incident yesterday at East Lake someone entering the center with symptoms or tested positive. This is hearsay and wants to make sure everyone knows, if you have symptoms stay home be safe and protect others. Stay safe. Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Community meeting tonight tentatively scheduled Travis Zimmerman updates on Mille Lacs Indian Museum. Casino employees with potential entry level jobs for band members. Commissioner Anderson or her staff will give an update. Good supper, get information and be a part of the community. Miigwech Mi'iw.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-**Being this Pow Wow weekend. Pow Wow committee asked Elected Officials to provide welcoming statement. As in past practice look to staff as leaders. Upon taking office I informed staff during time in office he will ask them to speak. Being leaders in the community whether it's a board or being role-models to siblings. I have asked Semira Kimpson to deliver welcome on Sunday and I will be there to introduce her. Miigwech.

**District III Representative** hosted a community meeting for District III community.

**Thursday, August 19, 2021:**

Elected Officials attended Strategic Planning Summit by Blue Stone Strategy Group regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

**Friday, August 20, 2021:**

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