



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of April 25-29, 2022

Monday, April 25, 2022: Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with 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 approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** April 20, 2022. Record was tabled.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Nomination:** A letter dated March 18, 2022 from Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominating five (5) separate investment professionals to serve on the newly created Institutional Investment Committee. Per 17 MLBS § 204(g)(1), Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominates the following individuals:
 1. Carol Peterfeso to serve a 1-year term ending on December 31, 2022.
 2. Andy Christensen to serve a 2-year term ending on December 31, 2023.
 3. Susanna Gibbons to serve a 3-year term ending on December 31, 2024.
 4. Ellen Brownell to serve a 4-year term ending on December 31, 2025.
 5. Amy Jensen to serve a 4-year term ending on December 31, 2025. **Tabled 3/28/22**
 - b) **Nomination:** A nomination letter dated April 8, 2022, from Chief Executive Benjamin, nominating Brooke Gonzalez to fill the current vacant Commissioner of Education position. The current term expires June 30, 2025. **Tabled 4/20/22.** Nomination was taken from the table and a roll call vote was requested. Nomination passed.
 - c) **Foster Care License:** District II: New: FFH2120001 **Tabled 4/20/22**
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-38-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the June and July 2022 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022.

This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on April 21, 2022.

Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-39-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for June and July 2022 for the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (“TGWEA”) Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on April 21, 2022.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- c) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-40-22:** A bill for an act amending Title 25 to cleanup language, add a definition, remove the requirement to print the Official Acts, and give the Revisor signatory authority to form and numbering for orders and opinions. This bill also amends Title 3 definitions and removes the Solicitor’s signatory authority to form and numbering for legislative orders.

The Band Assembly conducted a formal public hearing on April 13, 2022, during a live-streamed Band Assembly meeting. The bill was then posted for ten calendar days on the Tribal Register.

Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- d) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-41-22:** A Bill repealing Subchapter 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 24 – Band Member Legal Services and Chapter 5 of Title 18 – Tribal Employment Rights and reenacting them in Title 15, titled “Independent Agencies.”
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **Resolution 20-01-19-22:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services Fiscal Operations until June 20, 2022. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- f) **Resolution 20-01-20-22:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until September 30, 2022. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- g) **Legislative Order 37-22:** A Legislative Order Establishing New Procedures for When the Band Assembly Receives a Critical Nomination from the Chief Executive or Secretary-Treasurer. Order was read and approved.
- h) **Hardship Request:** D3-01-04-22. Hardship was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**- Representative Wind announced another loss in our community and out of respect for the family the Wednesday events will be moved to Friday following the same schedule if you have any questions on the move reach out to him directly (320)630-1428. Everything on Wednesday will move to Friday which included an afternoon event and roundy. Congratulations to Brooke Gonzalez looking forward to all the great work you can do in that position. Miigwech. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau also offered congratulations to the New Commissioner and wished her well. Community Meeting at East Lake Minisinaakwang April 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John expressed to people on the zoom meeting and observing the importance of today's meeting why we called a special meeting. We were falling short in Executive Branch as far as APB we needed to expedite some of this action and also we would be congested on Wednesday which is why we split it. He gave props to Sheldon Boyd for the schedule. Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd had no message.

Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** April 20, 2022 and April 25, 2022. **Reports and Presentations:** Annulment Hearing Re: Natural Resources Commissioner's Order 2022-01. **Unfinished Business:** Investment Committee Nominations and Foster Care License: District II: New: FFH2120001. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 20-01-42-22: Title 11 (Animal Protection Code), Band Assembly Bill 20-01-43-22: Judicial Branch Reform Act, Band Assembly Bill 20-01-44-22, 20-01-45-22, 20-01-46-22, & 20-01-47-22 (Appropriation Bills), Resolution 20-01-21-22 Approving the Public Law 102-477 Master Plan, 9 x contracts, and DNR MOU w/ the University of Minnesota. **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.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022: Art Gahbow Day

Wednesday, April 27, 2022: Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with 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 approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**

a) **Band Assembly Record:** April 20, 2022 **Tabled 4/25/22.** Record was taken from the table, amended, and approved.

b) **Band Assembly Record:** April 25, 2022. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:00 a.m. Compromise Hearing

Re: Vetoed Band Assembly Bill 20-01-37-22. Compromise hearing was opened with a summary of the veto letter however due to connection issues the compromise hearing will be set to continue at a new date.

11:00 a.m. Annulment Hearing

Re: Natural Resources Commissioner's Order 2022-01. Annulment hearing was opened with summary of request from Commissioner process. Commissioner Applegate gave a summary of the request reason. Commissioner's Order 2022-01 was annulled.

- **Unfinished Business:**

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b) **Foster Care License:** District II: New: FFH2120001 **Tabled 4/20/22**

- **New Business:**

a) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-42-22:** A Bill amending Title 11 – Environment, Natural Resources, Animals and Plants to amend the name of Chapter 4, to cleanup language, add sections for dangerous dogs and dog houses, and add language to the section regarding abandoned dogs in subchapter 1 of chapter 4, and enact a subchapter, Animal Protection Code, under chapter 4. **Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

b) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-43-22:** A Bill amending and re-enacting Title 5, repealing Section 4 of Chapter 1 of Title 21, repealing Sections 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3306, 3307, 3309, 3401, 3402, and 3403 of Chapter 3 of Title 24, amending and re-enacting Section 10 of Title 1, amending and re-enacting Chapter 1 of Title 24, amending and re-enacting Section 2001 of Chapter 3 of Title 24, amending and re-enacting Subchapter 4 of

Chapter 3 of Title 24, amending and re-enacting Subchapter 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 24, and amending and re-enacting Section 17 of Title 3 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes.

This bill may be referred to as the Judicial Branch Reform Act.

The formal public hearing required by 3 MLBS § 17(a) was held on April 13, 2022.

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, amended, and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- c) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-44-22:** A Bill of a budget revision for the Judicial Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Judicial Branch on April 21, 2022.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.
- d) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-45-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of Administration via Commissioner's Order 2022-05 on April 21, 2022.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- e) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-46-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of Administration via Commissioner's Order 2022-06 on April 21, 2022.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- f) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-47-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of Administration via Commissioner's Order 2022-08 on April 22, 2022.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- g) **Resolution 20-01-21-22:** A Resolution Approving the Public Law 102-477 Master Plan for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe for the Time Period Beginning October 1, 2022, Through September 30, 2025. Resolution was tabled.
- h) **Contract:** A contract for Midwest Playscapes to provide materials and labor for a new playground at the Aazhoomog Community Center. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- i) **Contract:** A contract addendum for Service Master Recovery Management to provide continued cleaning of the Health & Human Services building. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

- j) **Contract:** A contract for Lockridge Grindal Nauen to provide legal services regarding a proposed mine by Talon Metals known as Tamarack Mine. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was discussed in Executive Session and approved.
 - k) **Contract:** A contract for Ron's Roll-Offs to provide dumpsters for the 2022 District 3 Community Clean up, scheduled for April 30, 2022-May 6, 2022 (with addendum #1 to change the contracting officer). Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - l) **Contract:** A contract for Aufderworld Corporation to provide and install audio sound system equipment at both the East Lake and Chiminising Community Centers. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - m) **Contract:** A contract for HUOT Construction & Services, Inc. to provide materials and labor for an Elder home renovation project in Sandstone. Contract end date is August 1, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - n) **Contract:** A contract for Heritage Exteriors and Restoration, Inc. to provide materials and labor for an Elder home renovation in District 1 to address poor roof condition requiring replacement. Contract end date is October 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - o) **Contract:** Joint Powers Contract #1049890, with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, for professional and technical services, Tribal Archaeological Technician for the TH 18 Rehabilitation Project. Contract end date is June 30, 2023. Contract was approved.
 - p) **Contract:** Joint Powers Contract #1049891, with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, for professional and technical services, Tribal Archaeological Technician for the TH 47 Rehabilitation Project. Contract end date is June 30, 2023. Contract was approved.
 - q) **Memorandum of Understanding:** Between the Mille Lacs Band, by and through its Department of Natural Resources and the Regents of the University of Minnesota for the "Optimizing eDNA Monitoring for Multiple AIS" project. End date is December 31, 2023. Memorandum of Understanding was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
 - **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at the time of messages.
 - **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind stated a lot of work goes into legislation and they don't always see eye to eye and sometimes they get emotional and sometimes there are things they feel strongly about and take insult to something. They did work hard on Title 6 and it was vetoed, hopefully they can work through the process. He thanked Judicial Branch for all their hard work and Legislative Counsel again for the Judicial reform act, that was a lot of work and he appreciates everybody and that whole process. The two events mentioned last week were re-scheduled due to a funeral in the District I area those events were move to Friday there are multiple flyers, please join us event starts at 1:00 p.m. on Friday come out and enjoy, come together as a community and support each other and

at the end of the night we'll dance and laugh and have some fun. Look forward to seeing you all there. Miigwech. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau announced Community Meeting tomorrow night April 28, 2022 5:30 p.m. at Minisinaakwang Center see you there. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John stated Chi-Miigwech. Lots of legislation happening, we already set a record in our current administration to putting out legislation and we have a fine set of attorneys at our disposal including the Revisor of Statutes amongst our own staff here. The amount of work put into this and move forward and gets passed. When it gets passed there's a sense of euphoria, all your hard work becomes into law. It's been his initiative from the go and a lot of people challenged him to change statutes that were outdated back to an era that existed back to the late 90s and here it is the early 2000's and we're now bringing it to fruition. Hope to continue the legislative concerns and duties here in the future it's a joy to know that you have a role and part to play. Can't express the gratitude for all the future generations that aren't even here yet. Clean up is starting Friday and goes until the 6th of May. If you need your stuff picked up in your driveway mainly elders. Band members we don't know if it's available to you make sure to call the number. If left, there you will have that pile left there. Make sure you call. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd had no message.

Joint Session of Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Elected Officials present.
Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin
Secretary-Treasurer, Sheldon Boyd
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Minutes:** None.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-04-16-21:** A Resolution Adopting Rules of Procedure for the Joint Session of the Band Assembly **Tabled 9/30/2021**
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-01-18-22:** A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution was amended and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- b) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-01-19-22:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution was amended and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- c) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-01-20-22:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollment into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Applicants Who Were Not Born to an Enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member. Resolution was amended and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- **Other: None.**

Thursday, April 28, 2022: Tribal Executive Subcommittee Meetings

Friday, April 29, 2022: Tribal Executive Committee Regular Meeting