



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of December 27-31, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** December 15, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** 10:15 am: Intent to Annul Re: Administration Commissioner's Order 2021-04. **Unfinished Business:** Nomination: Leanna DeJesus – Corporate Board At-Large Position (Tabled 12/15/21). **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-17-22: Appropriation Bill for Executive and Judicial, Contract (CMD): SCR Companies Annual HVAC for facilities, Contract (CMD): Twenty4Seven Fire & Security In. Fire protection for facilities., Contract (HHS): Mille Lacs Health System for medical services at Ne Ia Shing Clinic, Amendment to a Lease (HHS): between State Department of Admin and Four Winds, Resolution 19-04-08-22: Continuing Resolution for the Band, and Resolution 19-04-09-22: Continuing Resolution for MLCV, Non-Gaming and Gaming. **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, December 29, 2021: 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 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:** December 15, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 10:15 a.m. Intent to Annul Hearing
Re: Department of Administration Commissioner's Order 2021-04. Annul Hearing was completed with a reading of the Commissioner's Order and discussion, questions and comments. Commissioner's Order 2021-04 was accepted.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Nomination:** A letter dated November 30, 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Leana DeJesus to serve on the Corporate Commission Board At-Large position. The current 4-year term end date is March 31, 2025. **Tabled 12/15/2021**

- **New Business:**

a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-17-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive and Judicial Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on December 14, 2021 and December 20, 2021 and by the Judicial Branch on December 17, 2021.

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was amended and approved.

b) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for SCR Companies to provide annual heating, cooling, HVAC and control systems service for the Band's Facilities in all districts. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

c) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Twenty4Seven Fire & Security, Inc. to provide annual fire protection systems monitoring, inspection and service for facilities in all districts. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

d) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Mille Lacs Health System to provide medical services to Band members at Ne Ia Shing Clinic. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

e) **Amendment to a Lease (HHS):** An amendment to a lease agreement between the State Department of Administration and the Band's Four Winds. Amendment was approved.

f) **Resolution 19-04-08-22:** 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 February 28, 2022. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

g) **Resolution 19-04-09-22:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations until February 28, 2022. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- **Other Business: None.**

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not Present.

- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**- I want to start out by saying thank you to our community and thank you to our employees that helped support the losses in our community over the holiday break. It was very admirable and really do appreciate your time away from your families to be able to comfort and show support for our community members when their suffering times of loss and grief. So I really do appreciate all of you for all the help you know snow storms happen, Christmas happens, everything happens and you guys are always ready and do some amazing work so I do appreciate that. So thank you again. Reminder Sobriety Pow Wow New Year's Eve this Friday, doors open at 5:00 p.m. Want to take another opportunity to thank all those that contributed to making this very awesome event possible. Without the generous donations of multiple band entities, we wouldn't be able to have

such a great event. Thank you to everybody there again. Quick shout out here we do still have a couple of hotel room blocks, we have some rooms available. To the honorable Representatives here we still have some rooms available for out of District Elders that we set aside for them to come to spend the night with us and have some fun. So if you guys have any names let us know and we will get them on the list. There is a self-pay block that has been set in partnership with MLCV at a diminished rate for the holiday weekend and for the sobriety pow wow. If you are interested in that self-pay rate, please reach out to Nick Cash to get on that list at (218)537-6028 reach out and get on that list and we look forward to seeing you all there. Closing with that very very appreciation for the people that worked over the break. If I haven't said thanks to you personally here it is now and I do appreciate you. Thank you. **District II Representative**- Just to wish everybody a Happy New Year, hope it's better than this one. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- It's winter time it's cold. You know we got elders living in the community. Pass the word, I know a majority of the people are not online, but for those that are pass the word on social media, phone call or email that the community has a responsibility to the elders and the disabled, and the handicap. Just because you don't get paid for it so you know we have DOL that's kind of, does some shoveling to the tanks and doing some checking but it would be alright for you to double check on your elders whether it's your grandma, your mom, aunties, even your uncles or grandpas. (Your Reps just kidding that's him there) So it's your responsibility as well even though you're not the payroll, is to look after the community do your part, I am going to challenge you to that. You know I hold myself up to that standard as well to do things whether I am getting paid for it or not I challenge you all to do the same thing. Don't be afraid to assist a helping hand in situations of heavy snow fall the way we had this past week, I seen that in the community where other people helping some people shovel. You know it takes time for the plow trucks to plow the roads. Takes time for housing to get everybody. Don't be afraid to do a little calisthenics or work out a little bit and do some shoveling. Be cautious of those that are unhealthy, don't go too far, you could be a health hazard or health risk. Just be a good community members help one another care for one another. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer**- Just a brief comment, we come to the end of the calendar year 2021 this marks 7 months of the live streaming format. I'd like to congratulate all the staff here in the Legislative Branch in creating and this is transformative, it's hard to imagine what it was like before and everyone has been participating making this a very cordial nice place to come to get business done. I think things have changed immeasurably for the better and for the business of the band making it available for membership to view live and review in the years to come. With that it has been a pleasure and to the District Representatives in participating in the new procedures that we have very professional I commend them. With that Miigwech.