



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 1-5, 2021

Tuesday, November 2, 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:** October 29, 2021. Record was tabled.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 9:00 a.m. Continued Compromise Hearing
Re: Band Assembly Bills 19-04-03-22, 19-04-04-22, and 19-04-05-22. Continued compromise hearing was completed, vetoed bills will die with new bills to come.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for MLCV Leasing LLC to provide office space in the Corporate Office building to the Gaming Regulatory Authority Office of Compliance and Regulation. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. **Tabled 10/20/21**
 - b) **Nomination:** Per MLBS 12 Chapter 4 § 306 (a) (10) “The Chief Executive and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each select two (2) persons from the at Large area and the Band Assembly shall confirm two (2) of the four (4) for appointment to the Housing Board.” The Chief Executive has nominated Carmen Weous and Percy Benjamin. The Speaker of the Assembly has nominated Kelly Miller and Tony Pike. **Tabled 10/29/21**
 - c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-08-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing a budget revision for Band Member Legal Services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Chairperson of the Band Member Legal Services Board of Directors on October 25, 2021. **Sponsor: District III Representative Tabled 10/29/21**
- **New Business: None.**

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Good morning just would like to say Chi-Miigwech to the Band Assembly for moving forward with looking at new bills for these vetoed bills that we just discussed and really appreciate that to have the opportunity to work together at finding solutions and that has been a nice in a good way to move forward when we're dealing on issues that impact the Band and the Band Members. Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** We had a great community meeting last week we had over 130 people in attendance, thank you to everyone that came out. Also followed by a round dance that was a great collaboration between a few of the grass roots groups within the area and MLCV Band Member recruitment. We had at least a couple hundred people that came out that night. It was really cool I believe Band Member recruitment left with close to 30 names of people that were interested. That was awesome. Shout out that we do have two proposed pieces of legislation that are currently out to public comment. The second go around for Removal & Exclusion is currently out to public comment, there's been lots and lots of input. Again these are in draft form so we're looking for input and ways to make it better. Make sure that we incorporate all the different lenses of all the different people that are out there to help us make the best law that we possibly can. Number two we do have a first go round of Healing to Wellness Court legislation that's also a very awesome piece of legislation that ties into some initiatives that we have here at the Band and recognizing the short falls of addiction and the importance of having a work around and establishing some Court procedures to address some of those short falls. Also again both of those are currently in public comment and we look forward to any input from anybody that would like to help us along the process. Lastly on Sunday we had an awesome Halloween event at the new community center. We had over 300 people in attendance. We scared some people, made some kids cry. It was awesome. Very very thankful to everybody that showed up and all the volunteers and all the community members that came out. We did have 150 people enter the costume contest so that was a lot of fun. Thanks to everybody involved. **District II Representative-** Finally the community meetings will start to happen on a regularly scheduled basis. For Chiminising the community meeting will be on November 18th at 5:30 p.m. please feel welcome to attend. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 25th the regularly scheduled time for the East Lake community meeting, it will be scheduled. Miigwech. **District III Representative-** We're looking for comments and advice for our community meeting dinners. We're kind of running out of ideas as far as what my constituents would like to have served during the meetings. One thing we won't have the old traditional turkey dinner this month it's going to be something different cause I'm sure everybody is going to be full of turkey a week after. We're not going to get you tired of that, it's going to be something else. So I'd like people to either put it on our Aazhoomog page or give me a call or call anybody at the center there about your idea what dinner should be on the community meeting. We will do this monthly one month at a time. Also would like to reiterate a little bit about what Honorable Wind had mentioned regarding the comment period on some of these bills that are out for public comment. Go on the website and read them in their entirety give feedback, you know that's very important cause we do go over all the feedback that we get here and utilize what you put forth. Your comments, opinions, and ideas they matter because we want to include all the constituency in the creation of some of this legislation. So don't feel like you don't have a voice cause you really do, you know it does carry a long way with us here. Spread the word for those that are not on this meeting. Everyone is welcome of course but there's a lot that don't attend kind of spread the word about what we're saying here on our comment period. Other than that again keep your dogs tied up, penned up. There is an ordinance that says so. Be mindful of your garbage,

sometimes dogs like stinky stuff. Pay mind to it, clean it up, keep your yards clean and look out for one another. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Just quickly I would like to point out and I will go into a little bit more on the video that I will try to get out very soon. That's principally the changes that were made to Title 3 concerning the Legislative. I want to thank the sponsor of the bill for the proposed changes to Title 3 District Representative Wind and Madam Chief for signing that into law. And that's again in the spirit of collaboration and those changes made to Title 3 concerning Legislative were to give structure to sessions etcetera and for the record I have to congratulate the support staff here all those folks who are everyone who gets in the spirit of improving the legislative process one of the legislative process which is fairly unique to the Mille Lacs Band. And that's everyone's Legislature, just like it's everyone's clinic, it's everyone's DNR, it's everyone's legislature. And we're going to give the staff here in visiting with the State Legislature, the other legislature in the state. I like to sometimes say that there are two legislatures in the State of Minnesota, one in St. Paul and one up here in Mille Lacs. The folks here you have to let them do their jobs and begin to come up with ideas and this whole law making process will take shape. One of the outcomes that was pointed out by one of the staff members here, when we do give structure to these sessions and it's going to give structure to the law making process. Once that process is in place then the plan is to be able to send out schedules months ahead, so membership will know what's going to be happening in the legislature in the upcoming sessions etcetera, and that's a benefit there as far as getting folks involved and everyone being able to see what's coming for these next sessions. With that I'll stop right there and we can go more into it shortly with that Miigewch.

Thursday, November 4, 2021:

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill – Investment Committee Adam Candler

Legal Counsel presented on Investment Committee draft bill. Review of the draft bill comments on each section with discussion, questions, and comments. Draft Bill will move forward to public comment.