



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 8-12, 2021**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** October 15, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** Contract (GRA): MLCV Leasing for GRA office space, Nomination: Housing Board, At-Large: Carmen (declined), Kelly (sworn in), Percy and Tony, and Band Assembly Bill 19-04-08-22 Appropriation for BMLS. **New Business:** None. **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, November 10, 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 **Tabled 11/2/21.** Record was taken from the table and approved.
  - b) **Band Assembly Record:** November 2, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **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.** Contract was taken from the table and removed from the agenda.
  - 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.** Nomination was taken from the table with a roll call vote for Tony Pike and the nomination passed.

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.** Bill was taken from the table and denied.

- **New Business: None.**
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Just a reminder for those online and the constituents of the Mille Lacs Band we currently have three pieces of legislation that are out for public comment. The first one is an amendment and strengthening of Title 2 Removal and Exclusion. The public comment period is slated to end December 2, 2021 there is also a public hearing scheduled for that the Removal & Exclusion statute on December 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The second piece of legislation is an amendment to Title 5 it's regarding the Healing & Wellness court legislation, again the public comment period ends December 2, 2021 at the end of the day with a public hearing scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and then a new one last week was Title 17 amendment enacting Chapter 3 of Title 17 and that is the Investment Committee one public comment period for that one ends November 19, 2021. Reminder to the members of the Mille Lacs band go online, reach out, talk to your Representatives. Every lens that we look through and everything that we do allows us to enact stronger laws and we're looking for your help in doing that so again please utilize the public comment period so that we can get your input so that we can hopefully write some better stuff to bring the band to a better place. That's all I have thank you. **District II Representative-** The community meeting for Chiminising will be on November 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and also because of the Thanksgiving holiday the East Lake Community Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Miigwech. **District III Representative-** Just a brief correction on what I said last week on our community meeting dinner, I said I wouldn't have turkey or ham but the majority of the people said they wanted turkey and ham. Also I want to say a big Miigwech to all the people that participated in last week's search out there for a missing girl from Wisconsin, they plan on having one again Saturday and Sunday but it's not going to be in a residential area it's going to be more directed at the lake, Grace Lake in that vicinity out there. I'm not sure exactly what plots of land they are going to saturate, but just a head's up if you see us out at the community center again. We had quite a showing, parking lot was filled and used the yard. Again still dogs running around unleashed, not in their pen. Been giving you guys a lot of leeway. But tickets are going to be issued out soon. So please have your dog penned in. If worse comes to worse on the website there's a statute regarding dog ordinance and what will happen in the end. Not going to say it here it's kind of morbid, but that is the law. Other than that that's all I have for now. See you next week at the community meeting. One other thing we have an Aazhoomog Got Talent I'm not sure how many people showed up last night but I will give you one more week next Tuesday to come up with a skit or song or whatever it is you want to do and then the people that are judged highest will be at District III Christmas party and prizes and awards will be given so come out and show your stuff. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** I would just like to make note of the importance of the resolution passed today and give thanks to the members of the assembly for giving that authorization along with that the Chief Executive sign that one too. The very big picture here is the Mille Lacs Band is taking the appropriate steps to protect the assets of the band. I have to thank in particular the staff here in the Legislative Branch, Adam Candler in particular for his tireless work that he's been doing and there's been collaboration amongst everyone here in the building the Commissioners, Madam Chief, and the members of the assembly. The overall sophistication, the knowledge of the investments in the investments world is making the band catch up on this. I think it's very important that people now realize the steps that are being taken today and this year. And by law giving the assigning those duties just to the position of Secretary Treasurer and moving forward kind of redefining that position and those duties and that's for all the Secretary Treasurers in the future. Very important for the economic security and future generations of the band.

**Thursday, November 11, 2021: Warrior's Day**