



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: April 10-14, 2023

Weekly Sync Meeting

April 11, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about face book comments from band members, weekly update edits/revisions & elected official comments; the workshop schedule; and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

April 12, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended and then approved the agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated April 5, 2023.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH2110006

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Foster Care License: District I: New: FFH2310003.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-23-23 (A Bill amending Section 910 of Chapter 3 of Title 15 to expand the service area of Band Member Legal Services for child custody proceedings and child protection matters. It will also enact a new section to allow Band Member Legal Services to reserve the right to assign a different attorney if an attorney declines or terminates representation).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-25-23 (A Bill of Supplemental appropriation and authorization of Long-Term Savings Funds for the Grand Casino Mille Lacs & Hinckley Hotel Project – Bridge Funding Request for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives tabled a nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Paul Sam to serve on the Corporate Board, District I Position. Term ends March 31, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Wilder Foundation to provide consulting services to the Chief Executive Office for the Band’s population projections for Enrollments for the next 100 years. Contract end date is December 31, 2023.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with sometimes the compromise hearing process works and he thanked Madam Chief and the Legal Policy Council for working with us to pass the Band Member Legal Services compromise bill and get the bill enacted to provide those services the band members in

those situations. Representative Wind stated sometimes the compromise hearing process doesn't work in this case we removed a compromise bill from the agenda, the assembly has been working on for a quite some time with GRA, unfortunately we couldn't reach a compromise in time and that bill will fall off. Representative Wind stated he hopes there is support for GRA while they work through the new Title 15 statute and he thanked GRA for reaching out and working together on issues that are needed to legislate. Representative Wind stated for Tribal Executive Committee and the work of enrollments we are doing a lot and there are concerns that we were telling accurate information to our constituents, so they can make the best determination amongst themselves, he stated we shouldn't allow anybody to regulate how our enrollments look within Mille Lacs Band, hopefully in the upcoming year we can figure out what that looks like and he is confused about the secretarial election that may be in process at TEC right now to incorporate other ojibwe bloods without asking the people and part of his role in District I is speaking on behalf of the people and we have had very little conversation about what that would look like and we have been given a dated report thank you to the Chiefs office and Administration for getting some up to date information that can coincide with the work and the audit being done in enrollments, lots of moving pieces to that whole thing. Representative Wind stated there had been some concerns about the investment to corporate, we need to take care of our assets and he would always say we don't have a plan, when taking care of those assets we're getting better and corporate is getting better, unfortunately right now we have dilapidated assets, the hotels connected to the casinos and we didn't have money put away to address this upgrade problem and working with all the elected officials and Commissioner Nayquonabe as a team to ensure we have a nice property for people to come visit. If you have any concerns about the investment any representative will take the call and you can reach out to me directly at (320)630-1428. Representative Wind stated we still have a missing relative since November, he will be working with the family, Tribal Police Department, and Mille Lacs County to do a large community search again, unsure on date. Representative Wind closed his comments with the April Community meeting will not happen, in place there will be a Ziigwan Roundy at the New District I Community center, they have great local singers, specials, and it will be a fun time he invites all to come out.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with reminder to our community members in Chiminising and Minisinaakwang is scheduled for this Sunday at the McGregor bowling everybody here is welcome to attend. Representative Merrill closed her comments with "Happy Birthday again to her lovely aid Taria Aubid".

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with this weekend they would have a limited amount of tickets for the Davis boxing team for this weekend's Upper Midwest Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament April 14, 15, and 16th the 16th is the finals. We don't have any boxers competing this weekend, but we had former boxers that competed in the past and they plan to have future boxers there again. Representative Davis closed his comments with our community meeting will be week later than usual this month on the last Thursday of April on the 27th.

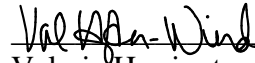
In the "Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer" portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd opened his message with thanking Representative Wind and Merrill for stepping into the speaker pro tem duties during his absence, he thinks it shows the processes here show that they stand on their own and it's the work of the staff and everyone around here that you can plug people in and the processes stay there and hopefully there's some continuity there and he does appreciate all that.

Workshop

April 14, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and Commissioner of Finance regarding Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures budgets review.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



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