



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: October 17-21, 2022

Workshop

October 17, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the public comments received for Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes).

Workshop

October 18, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 15 (Public Content, Privileged Content, and Privileged Content Access) and Section 16 (Financial and Proprietary Information) of Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes); proposed revisions to Section 4 (Executive Officers) of Title 4 (Executive Branch); and proposed revisions to the Net Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP).

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

October 18, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about the workshop schedule and representative legislative agendas, ideas, and requests.

Band Assembly Meeting

October 19, 2022

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended the agenda to remove reports and presentations item (b), remove new business item (q) a service contract as presented by the Commissioner of Finance; remove new business item (t) a service contract as presented by the Commissioner of Finance; and add new business item (t) Resolution 20-02-41-22. The District Representatives then approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated October 5, 2022.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Clayton Smith, Vicente Diaz, and Brendan Kishketon regarding the update on the Ojibwe Immersion House at the University of Minnesota.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-85-22 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Red Circle Agency to provide internal communications documents development, website design and maintenance, and other public relations services.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Holland & Knight, LLP to provide professional services requiring a high level of expertise to address a range of sensitive issues at the Federal Government level for the Band.

The District Representatives approved a contract with The Rotunda Group to provide professional services including strategic government affairs counsel and direct lobbying services for the Band before the state government.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen to provide professional lobbying services requiring a high level of expertise to address a range of sensitive issues for the Band before the State Government.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen to provide professional services managing the Band's Political Action Committee ("PAC").

The District Representatives approved a contract with DeLaForest Consulting, LLC to provide professional services for the Band, including strategic government affairs counsel and direct lobbying services.

The District Representatives approved a contract with KAGR Jensen, Inc. to provide public relations and crisis media management in coordination with the Band's Government Affairs team.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to provide materials and labor for various residential roofing project sites in D3 and the urban and surrounding areas.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Mille Lacs Health System to provide Occupational Therapist services for the 2022-2023 school year at Nay ah Shing and Pine Grove.

The District Representatives approved a contract with the Law Office of Cynthia Miller to provide technical assistance and training to the Guardian Ad Litem.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Cynthia Bahe for Guardian Ad Litem Services for appointed cases by the court.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Dixie Kamimura for Guardian Ad Litem Services for appointed cases by the court.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Jeannie Reams for Guardian Ad Litem Services for appointed cases by the court.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Pamela Chichila for Guardian Ad Litem Services for appointed cases by the court.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Tammy Swanson, (Swanson, Drobnick & Tousey), to provide Special Magistrate services as the Judicial Officer for the Family Healing to Wellness Court.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-02-40-22 (A Resolution Approving a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III).

The District Representatives amended and approved Resolution 20-02-41-22 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations until December 31, 2022).

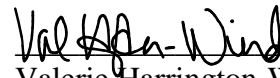
In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind shared that the Title 25 public comment period had closed, that the comments received have been reviewed, and that new draft legislation will come forward to address those concerns. Representative Wind shared that he appreciates and welcomes input from Band members and encouraged Band members to reach out anytime at (320)630-1428. Representative Wind shared that the District I meeting for this month will be a Halloween event on Monday, October 31, 2022, at 4:00-7:00 p.m. The event will include a Halloween costume contest, pumpkin carving, a scary walk-through, and light meal. Representative Wind stated that he is looking for volunteers for this event or, if there are departments wanting to set up tables, please reach out at (320)630-1428 or contact Darla Roache at (320) 362-0793. Representative Wind stated that he appreciates the support of the community at the events. Representative Wind stated that the Timberwolves non-buy-in drawing is available for all DI, Urban, and in-state Band members. Interested Band members should reach out to Nick Cash at (320)630-3332.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared her appreciation of the support she received during her family’s loss last week. Representative Merrill stated that Thursday would mark her first 100 days in office, that she will be sharing a video, and that she appreciates everyone supporting and guiding her. Representative Merrill stated that the deadline to reserve a room for the Christmas Party is November 9, 2022, and this includes urban members who identify as District II or anyone that identifies as District II & IIA. Anyone interested should provide their name and +1 to Cheryl Miller or Taria Aubid. Representative Merrill stated that the community meeting would occur that evening, October 19, 2022, at Chiminising, and October 20, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at Minisinaakwaang. Representative Merrill shared that a domestic violence awareness lunch would occur from 11:00-1:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022, at Chiminising, and October 25, 2022, at Minisinaakwaang. Representative Merrill provided the schedule of upcoming Halloween parties (Chiminising on October 26, 2022; Urban on October 27, 2022; and Minisinaakwaang on October 28, 2022). Representative Merrill closed her comments by sharing that the November community meetings will be scheduled for November 15, 2022, at Chiminising and November 16, 2022, at Minisinaakwaang due to the MLCV fall feast.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared that a community meeting would occur that evening and on the agenda are candidates for the upcoming elections (Sheriff and DFL candidates). Representative Davis stated there will be a Halloween trunk or treat event at Meshakwad on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 1-4:00 p.m. The event will be conducted in partnership with Gi-Nigaanizijig and will include a costume contest, activities, and light meal. Representative Davis shared that the November community meeting will occur on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Aazhoomog community center and stated that he is looking for 2-3 volunteers to cook and clean afterward. There will be a dessert contest during this meeting. Representative Davis closed his comments by stating that the District III Office will be re-opening the youth boxing program starting on Thursday, October 20, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at Meshakwad and that the following week there will be a full week of training on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 4 (Executive Officers) of Title 4 (Executive Branch) and proposed revisions to Sections 15-16 of Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes). The elected officials and legal staff also reviewed a legislative priorities survey draft letter, proposed revisions to Net Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP), and a resolution regarding housing policies.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, at 10:00 AM.



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