



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 15-19, 2021**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** November 10, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-10-22 (D2): Appropriation Bill stemming from the November 4th apb meeting, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-11-22 (D3): Appropriation Bill for the Dec/Jan per cap , Band Assembly Bill 19-04-12-22 (D1): Appropriation Bill for the Jan TGWEA program, Legislative Order 34-22: amending opinion of the Solicitor General 98-19, Contracts (HHS): Procentive, Great River Eye Clinic, St. Cloud Refrigeration, Citon, Todd L. Smith, Contract (CMD): Architectural Resources, Inc., Contracts (Admin): Pine Technical and Community College, Century One Gate, Tribal Consulting Services, LLC, GMJ Designs, LLC, and Hardship Request: (D1): D1-01-08-21. **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 17, 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 amended and approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Record:** November 10, 2021. Record was amended and approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-10-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive and Legislative Branch 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 November 5, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-11-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2021 and January 2022 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on November 9, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-12-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the January 2022 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (TGWEA) Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on November 9th, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was amended, introduced, read, and approved.
- d) **Legislative Order 34-22:** A Legislative Order amending Opinion of the Solicitor General 98-19. Order was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **Contract (HHS):** A contract addendum for Procentive to continue training and to provide support for the Electronic Health Records at Four Winds. This addendum will also extend the contract end date from September 30, 2021 to May 31, 2023. Contract was approved.
- f) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Great River Eye Clinic to provide Optometric and Optician Services at Ne Ia Shing Clinic. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- g) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide seasonal preventative maintenance, inspection services, repairs and on demand emergency calls for the District 1, District 2 and District 3 Assisted Living Units. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- h) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon to provide computer platform stability as IT strategic plan during FY2022 for HHS computers. Contract end date is December 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
- i) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Todd L. Smith to provide traditional medicine services two days a week, twice a month (including mileage and lodging) for Health and Human Services. The contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Architectural Resources, Inc. to provide architecture and engineering services for the new District 3 Hinckley Head Start building. Contract end date is September 30, 2023. Contract was approved.
- k) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Pine Technical and Community College to provide training and classes that will help assist band members to gain job skills to obtain and/or retain employment. Contract end date is October 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

- l) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Century One Gate to provide an automated gate opening system for the housing development on Evergreen Court in Hinckley. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- m) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Tribal Consulting Services, LLC to provide MTS Program and user support services for the Child Support Case Management System. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- n) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for GMJ Designs, LLC to provide technical and administrative support for MTS Child Support Case Management System. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- o) **Hardship Request (District I):** D1-01-08-21. Hardship was approved.
- p) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** An agreement between the Band's Health & Human Services and Dr. Daniel Ryan DPM, to provide podiatry services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing Clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Agreement was approved.
- q) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** An agreement between the Band's Health & Human Services and Dr. Anne Riddle to render medical services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing Clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Agreement was approved.

- **Other Business: None.**

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

- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**- First off without getting into any details there are three pieces of draft legislation that are out for public comment currently. Looking for any public input on that draft legislation, reach out. It's our second go around for Exclusion & Removal again without going into details please review that and provide any input or commentary that you like. Make an announcement for the DI community that we are having in partnership, riding MLCV's back they're doing a turkey and pie giveaway this afternoon. Like last year, it was determined within the DI Office that we could feed more people more equitably by providing meals for the whole family, so what we decided to do was piggy back off of MLCV's turkey and pie and provide the fixings for the rest of the Thanksgiving meal, it's nothing extravagant just a way to let our community members know that we're thinking about them and during this pandemic we're not gathering people. That runs today from 1-5 pick up your turkey and pie from back of the casino from them and then come on over to the back of the grand market and we'll get you loaded up with the fixings. Shout out to Wewinabi without them we wouldn't be able to do this and their staff has put together a beautiful program in getting this together. **District II Representative**- There will be a Community meeting at Chiminising Center at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow the first official community meeting since the pandemic started. Also the Community meeting for Minisinaakwang East Lake will be held at the community center on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> because of the Thanksgiving holiday at 5:30 p.m. all are welcome. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Community meeting tonight. Come to the meeting tonight I will inform you on some things we have done over the year, some of our

Legislative orders and some of our bills. Not talking about our usual appropriation bills this is something that we've done over the years with all the Band Assembly here. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Thank our students for coming in and sitting through this almost two-hour session. Appreciate your time. Got one sleeping back there, but that's ok I appreciate your time and come on back if you feel like it, see these guys. For those on the record we have a couple sleeping in the back, you're not the first ones alright so that's good. Again appreciate your time we got some pizza for after we're through here.

**District III Representative** held a community meeting. Agenda was Representative St. John sharing Legislative highlights of orders and bills over the year.

**Thursday, November 18, 2021:**

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

Work Session Agenda: Presentation: Bill – Ethics Code & Government Employees (Title 6)  
Hanna Valento and Workshop: Bill – Amending 4 MLBS § 16 – Legal Counsel Hanna Valento

Revisor of Statutes presented on Ethics Code & Government Employees Title 6 with a power point presentation. Review of the power point with comments and questions during the slide show. She also presented on Amending Title 4 §16 with discussion, questions, and comments. Created plan to move forward with draft bills.