



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: January 2-6, 2023

Workshop

January 3, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 4 (Tribal Employment Rights Office) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

January 3, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials for discussion about a request for legislative inquiry, the workshop schedule, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

January 4, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended the agenda to remove item (a) under reports and presentations (the confirmation hearing for Michelle Pomerleau), change time for item (b) (Samuel Moose confirmation hearing) to 10:30 a.m., change time for item (c) (Joseph Nayquonabe Jr. presentation) to 11:00 a.m. The District Representatives thereafter approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated December 14, 2022.

The District Representatives conducted a confirmation hearing for Samuel Moose, the Chief Executive's nominee for Commission of Administration.

The District Representatives received a presentation from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, regarding a proposed hotel renovation project.

The District Representatives tabled a contract with Pine Technical and Community College to provide classes to clients for small business, CDL, CNA and Auto Technician to assist in gaining job skills to obtain or retain employment.

The District Representatives approved a contract with MDE Inc. to provide production crew that will: build event the day before and tear down after event, record and edit Commissioner videos; provide production, camera, and lights for the State of the Band event.

The District Representatives tabled a contract with Mille Lacs Health System to provide contracted medical services at the Ne Ia Shing Clinic.

The District Representatives tabled a contract with ScriptPro USA to continue providing equipment and support services at Ne-Ia-Shing pharmacy.

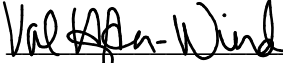
The District Representatives tabled a contract with St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide seasonal preventative maintenance, inspection, repairs, and on demand emergency calls and building integration management at all district ALU's.

The District Representatives tabled a contract with Citon Computer Corporation to provide year two of contract for continued work focused on alignment with security and regulatory industry standards to achieve enhanced interoperability across Health and Human Services.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind stated that, now that we are through the holidays, the District I office has postponed its distribution twice due to the weather. We do have one final date out there for District I members to get their gift cards. That date is January 9, 2023, at the old community center in District I from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Representative Wind thanked all the contributors and the people that showed up at this year's very successful sobriety pow wow. We had between 500-600 people, and we had eight drums at the pow wow. Representative Wind stated that the event was the result of a wonderful collaboration with SUD, HHS, Behavioral Health, Legislative, and the District Representatives that contributed to it. Representative Wind stated we had some great specials and a lot of good times for people to come out and celebrate sobriety, very grateful for everyone that came out and everybody that was willing to support. Miigwech to everybody. We're already thinking about the next one, so thank you.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that a couple of community meeting dates are scheduled for January 18, 2023, in Chiminising and January 19, 2023, in Minisinaakwaang. Our speakers will be Kelly Applegate and Taria Aubid to talk about the Tamarack mining. Representative Merrill stated Gi-Niigaanizijig and myself are hosting an elder dinner/bingo on January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Minisinaakwaang. Representative Merrill stated a save-the-date is out there for the Chiminising Ziigwan pow wow for April 23, 2023, which is a Sunday. More information will be coming soon. Representative Merrill stated there is a craft sale scheduled in February. I don't have the date, watch on my Facebook page and I will share some information. Representative Merrill stated we are in the process of planning the East Lake pow wow in July, so we're starting our pow wow committees starting next week for Zoom. Email Taria Aubid and you can be on that and we're also looking for youth committee members. Representative Merrill stated we did have a recent public comment period proposed for Title 15 amendments, so if people would like to submit their public comments for that, please do so by January 31, 2023. Representative Merrill stated we have a couple family fun nights scheduled for January 11, 2023, in Chiminising and February 1, 2023, in East Lake from 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will have traditional story telling with Niib and we will also have prizes for the best dish and everyone is welcome to come, so please join us. Representative Merrill stated open gym in East Lake and Isle are scheduled for January 8, 2023, and January 22, 2023. Representative Merrill closed her comments with a Miigwech to Maria Costello for all her hard work that she has done recently with our water emergencies we have had in District II and just her communication. Miigwech.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM.



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