



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of May 30-June 3, 2022

Monday, May 30, 2022: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31, 2022: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items.

Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2022. **Reports and Presentations:** Capital Project Formal Notifications & Formal Requests, Joseph S. Nayquonabe. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 20-01-51-22 (APB Appropriation), CMD Contract w/ EX Excavating, LLC, Administration Contract w/ Tribal Consulting Services, LLC, and FY 2022 Quarter 3 Capital Projects. Other: MLCV Formal Requests. 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, June 1, 2022: Elected Officials attended a Government Relations Meeting with Governor Walz & Lieutenant Governor Flanagan.

Joint Session of the 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 with all Elected Officials present.
Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin
Secretary-Treasurer, Sheldon Boyd
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Minutes:**
 - a) **Joint Session Record:** March 28, 2022. Record was amended and approved.
 - b) **Joint Session Record:** April 27, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-04-16-21:** A Resolution Adopting Rules of Procedure for the Joint Session of the Band Assembly **Tabled 9/30/2021**
- **New Business:**

- a) **Nomination:** A letter dated May 26, 2022 from the District I Representative nominating Lana Oswaldson and Danielle Smith to fill the vacant position on the Tribal Employments Rights Office. Current term ends December 1, 2022. Nomination for Lana Oswaldson with a roll call vote requested. Nomination for Lana Oswaldson passed.

- **Other: None.**

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 with 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:** May 19, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
- a) 3:15 p.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs
Re: Capital Project formal notifications and formal requests. Commissioner Nayquonabe presented on capital projects and formal requests with discussion, questions, and comments.
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business:**
- a) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-51-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on May 24, 2022.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- b) **Contract (Community Development):** A contract for EX Excavating, LLC to provide labor and materials for the partial replacement of the East Lake Community Center septic system in District 2. Contract end date is November 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- c) **Contract (Administration):** A contract for Tribal Consulting Services, LLC to provide operational support, policy and procedure revisions, financial processes and Tribal IV-D Plan updates as required by the grant. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was tabled.

- d) **Formal Notification** dated May 27, 2022 from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2022, Quarter 3 Capital Projects that reads as follows:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2022 Q3 capital projects. Per the revenue ordinance we must provide notice at least ten (10) business days before expending the money on a project equal to or exceeding \$25,000 and less than \$250,000. If the Band Assembly fails to stay the project within ten (10) business days after receiving notice, then Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures may expend money on the project.

Grand Casino Mille Lacs Projects:

1. Jukebox Fryer Project (M22-ADR-01)
2. Security Transportation Van Project (M22-SEC-01)
3. Grounds Trench Work Project (M22-GRD-03)
4. EIFS Project (M22-PRO-03)

Grand Casino Hinckley Projects:

1. Smoking Room Project (H22-PRO-06)
 2. Implementation of Salesforce by LEV Digital (H22-SYS-06).
- Formal Notifications were approved.

- e) Hardship Request D3-01-05-22. Hardship request was approved at a reduced amount.
- f) Hardship Request D3-02-05-22. Hardship request was approved at a reduced amount.

• **Other Business:**

- a) **Discussion on formal requests from the commissioner of Corporate Ventures:**

1. Slot Game Bonusing and M5 License Project
2. Surveillance - Recording Management Conversion Project and HVAC Upgrades Project
3. ARPA Request for Grindstone Capital Needs - FY22
4. ARPA Request for Big Sandy - Capital

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind reminded the District I Community and Mille Lacs Band Employees Rez Road Cleanup will be this Friday starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Old District I Community Center, all help will be appreciated and Administration will be providing time off. Thank you to Administration and Department of Natural Resources for their willingness to help. He shared to District I Elders that there will be a Chief's Elder meeting to talk about MCT Referendum vote that is happening June 14, 2022 regarding enrollments. The Meeting in Mille Lacs will be Monday, June 6, 2022 at Grand Casino Mille Lacs 12-2:00 p.m. with Lunch provided. **District II Representative-** Representative Bruneau reiterated the Elder's Meeting about the MCT Referendum

arrangements will be made for those needing transportation, unsure which casino, elders will be notified by phone. The meetings are held on June 6th. The one at Grand Casino Hinckley is at 9:00 a.m. and the one at Grand Casino Mille Lacs is at 12:00 p.m. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John stated District III the Chief's Elder's meeting regards to MCT Referendum Monday, June 6, 2022 9-11:00 a.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley breakfast served. He reminded to keep your dogs tied up again. Don't want to be responsible for any mishaps or garbage. This is your community and if your dogs are making a mess it's your responsibility. Today was DNR Clean-up for District III. If you have any questions or want to talk about anything give me a call or come see me in the office, door is always open. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd shared that it was mentioned to bring to the attention of the Assembly and the Membership online this is the one-year anniversary of live streaming, we started June 2, 2021. I think we have come a long way, established rules of Band Assembly and everyone is responsibly comfortable and handle things. Everyone pat themselves on the back. To membership out there would like to thank you all for our software show our viewers has risen and remains consistent at 160 viewers per session. Work on increasing that by hopefully making access to live stream more available to the people unable access it.

District III Rez Road Cleanup

Thursday, June 2, 2022: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly Members, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Title 25 amendment, Nay ah Shing School District/Title 9 Revisions, and Minisinaakwaang Leadership Academy.

Legal Staff presented Title 25 draft bill amendments.

Legal Staff facilitated discussion on Nay ah Shing School District Title 9 Revisions and Minisinaakwaang Leadership Academy.

District II Rez Road Cleanup

Friday, June 3, 2022: District I & IIA Rez Road Cleanup