



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: March 27-31, 2023

Workshop

March 28, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding vetoed proposed revisions to Section 4 (Executive Officers) of Title 4 (Executive Branch), Chapter 3 (Band Member Legal Services) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies) and Section 16 and 18 of Title 4 (Executive Branch).

Weekly Sync Meeting

March 28, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about proposed detailed gaming regulations, GRA/TERO bill update, RAP/Minor's Trust update; the workshop schedule; and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

March 29, 2023

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

The District Representatives amended and approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated March 15, 2023, approved March 21, 2023, and then approved March 24, 2023.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-19-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer(s)/revision(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-20-23 (A Bill Authorizing budget revisions/transfers for the Executive and Legislative Branches; and Band Member Legal Services for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-03-18-23 (A Resolution Ratifying a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota to Provide Funding to the Band to Support the Development of Curricular Resources to Support Indigenous Education).

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Address Change: FFH2210007.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Optbit, LLC to provide implementation of technology solutions into the population health/public health initiatives aimed at leveraging technology to bring a wider array and follow-up care to support HHS clients.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-03-19-23 (A Resolution approving the submission of grant application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Native Americans Native American Language and Preservation Program).

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with thank you to everybody; Commissioner Gonzalez being yo-yoed back in forth today three or four times, appreciate you guys coming out, appreciate everybody else that provides commentary, and that conversation, and getting us in the know of the things we’re approving, really do appreciate that. Representative Wind stated a reminder to the District I community tonight at the new District I community center starting at 5:30 p.m. We do have our District I March community meeting it will be DI welcome and office update from him and also have DNR Commissioner Kelly Applegate here he’s going to talk about the Tamarack mine and the 2023 fisheries updates, so please come on out, again that’s at the new District I community center, we look forward to seeing you all there. Representative Wind closed his comments with an announcement; that coming up in April we are still in the process of working through the details, but most of them are ironed out, in lieu of our April community we will be having our Third Annual Ziigwan Round dance this will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2023; Sunday afternoon 2-7 p.m. we moved the schedule so that we could get home at a reasonable hour to be ready for Monday, so it will be an afternoon Roundy again at the new District I community center we have a couple of different things; all vendors are welcome please reach out to Nick Cash (320)630-3332 if you want to be a vendor there is no fee for that, the whole event is free and open to the public. We have some awesome invited singers, a number of specials that we’re going to do, a small hand drum contest, drum honorarium for the first 20 registered singers, and again as always if you have any questions you can reach out to him directly (320)630-1428 happy to provide any answers to any questions.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with District III Community meeting for April will be April 27, 2023 the last Thursday of the month changed from the third Thursday, giving a heads up on that. Representative Davis closed with stating good job by the District I Representative Virgil Wind as being the Pro Tem, he’s doing a good job.

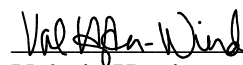
Workshop **March 30, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 13 (Child Protection) of Title 8 (Children and Families).

Workshop **March 30, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, legislative staff, and Commissioner of Finance regarding proposed revisions to Special Revenue Resolution to Adopt a New Burial Assistance Program.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



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