



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of October 25-29, 2021

Tuesday, October 26, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** October 20, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** 1:00 p.m. (Tentative) Compromise hearing on Band Assembly Bills (BAB) for MLCV, Non-Gaming and Gaming.

Unfinished Business: Contract (GRA): MLCV Leasing for GRA office space. **New Business:** BAB 19-04-06-22 (D3 Rep): Bill regarding apb 10.18.21 minutes and OMB request, BAB 19-04-07-22 (D1 Rep): Bill amending Title 7, Resolution 19-04-01-22: Authorizing a Land Lease for a band member in District 1, Resolution 19-04-02-22: Modifying a Land Lease for MLBHD in District 2, Resolution 19-04-03-22: Continuing Resolution for the Band and supplemental programs, Contract (EDU): Mille Lacs Health System, Contract (Tribal PD): Deerwood Technologies, Contract (Tribal PD): Guardian Fleet Safety, Contract (HHS): ScriptPro, Contract (OSG): Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP, Contract (CMD): SCR, Inc., Foster Care License: New: District I FFH21100010, Hardship Request: District I D1-01-10-21, and Hardship Request: District III D3-01-10-21. **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, October 27, 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 two Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind-Excused
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** October 20, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:** 1:00 p.m. Compromise hearing on Band Assembly Bill's for Band Assembly Bill 19-04-03-22 MLCV, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-04-22 Non-Gaming, and Band Assembly Bill 19-04-05-22 Gaming. Compromise hearing was held with a reading of the Veto letter from Chief Executive and the hearing will be re-scheduled.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for MLCV Leasing LLC to provide office space in the Corporate Office building to the Gaming Regulatory Authority Office of Compliance and Regulation. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. **Tabled 10/20/21**

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-06-22:** 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 October 18, 2021 the Commissioner of Finance on October 15, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.
- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-07-22:** A Bill amending Title 7 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) to establish efficiencies in contract administration for all branches of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- c) **Resolution 19-04-01-22:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B006348. Resolution was tabled.
- d) **Resolution 19-04-02-22:** A Resolution to Modify Resolution 14-01-109-10 Which Authorized a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution was tabled.
- e) **Resolution 19-04-03-22:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services Fiscal Operations Until November 30, 2021. Resolution was approved.
- f) **Contract (EDU):** A contract for Mille Lacs Health System to provide occupational therapist services to assess occupational therapy needs, provide direct and consultation services to students, consultation with I.E.P. teams and complete evaluations for the Nay Ah Shing School District (includes Abinoojiiyag, Pine Grove, and Upper School). Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- g) **Contract (DOJ-PD):** A contract for Deerwood Technologies to provide monthly maintenance, repair services and troubleshooting for the Tribal Police computers and services to keep compliant with Federal and State regulations. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- h) **Contract (DOJ-PD):** A contract for Guardian Fleet Safety to provide maintenance and repair services for the Tribal Police Department squad cars. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- i) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for ScriptPro to provide pharmacy equipment, software and support services used to process and dispense prescriptions for the Ne-Ia-Shing Clinic Pharmacy. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

- j) **Contract (DOJ-OSG):** A contract for Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to provide legal services related to ongoing litigation with Mille Lacs County. The firm will provide local counsel for the Ziontz Chestnut Law firm for this litigation. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for SCR Inc. to provide labor and materials to install a new gas boiler heating system and abandon existing GEO thermal system at the Earthworks shop in District 3. Contract end date is December 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
 - l) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH21100010. License was tabled.
 - m) **Hardship Request:** District I: D1-01-10-21. Hardship was tabled.
 - n) **Hardship Request:** District III: D3-01-10-21. Hardship was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
 - **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present
 - **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Not present. **District II Representative-** No message. **District III Representative-** I am going to be saying this probably every chance I get keep your dog/dogs penned up or chained up. There is a Band Ordinance that states that you must. If anyone gets hurt, you will be responsible for all damages. Spread the word. Continue to keep up the good work of reclaiming back your communities, there's been a lot of change in your community but I'm not going to stand on a pedestal or pat myself on my back that's not my doing that's your doing you took action and took control. I want to commend you on that, keep it up. Miigwech.
 - **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Brief message from the Office of the Speaker of Assembly is that there was an amendment to Title 3 that was signed into law by Chief Executive Benjamin and that continued the evolution of the Legislative Branch. We're looking to give more structure to the law making process and those yearly calendars. I will leave that very brief message there and will go more into depth in a video that will post later. Very positive agreement between the branches signed into law recently. Miigwech.

District I Representative hosted a community meeting. The agenda included updates from Tim Jackson, Commissioner of Community Development, Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, and Diane Neal, HHS Mental Health Director. There were information tables presented by MLB Scholarships, Family Violence Prevention Program, Foster Care Program, and Grand Casino Mille Lacs Band Member Recruitment.

Thursday, October 28, 2021:

Elected Officials attended Tribal Executive Committee Subcommittee meetings.

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: Workshop: Bill – Exclusion and Removal (Title 2) Joe Jensen and Workshop:

Bill – Healing-to-Wellness Court (Title 5) Adam Candler

Staff Attorney presented on Exclusion and Removal (Title 2) draft bill. Review of the draft bill comments on each section with discussion, questions, and comments. Draft Bill will move forward to public comment.

Legal Counsel presented on Healing-to-Wellness Court (Title 5) draft bill. Review of the draft bill comments on each section with discussion, questions, and comments. Draft Bill will move forward to public comment.

Friday, October 29, 2021:

Elected Officials attended the Regular Tribal Executive Committee Meeting.

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. Rules of Band Assembly were suspended for this meeting, specific rule 6.15.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
- b) **Band Assembly Record:** October 27, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for MLCV Leasing LLC to provide office space in the Corporate Office building to the Gaming Regulatory Authority Office of Compliance and Regulation. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. **Tabled 10/20/21**
 - b) **Resolution 19-04-01-22:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B006348 **Tabled 10/27/21.** Resolution was taken from the table and approved.
 - c) **Resolution 19-04-02-22:** A Resolution to Modify Resolution 14-01-109-10 Which Authorized a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department **Tabled 10/27/21.** Resolution was taken from the table and approved.
 - d) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH21100010 **Tabled 10/27/21.** License was taken from the table and approved.

- e) **Hardship Request:** District I: D1-01-10-21 **Tabled 10/27/21.** Hardship was taken from the table and approved.
 - f) **Nomination:** Per MLBS 12 Chapter 4 § 306 (a) (10) “The Chief Executive and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each select two (2) persons from the at Large area and the Band Assembly shall confirm two (2) of the four (4) for appointment to the Housing Board.” The Chief Executive has nominated Carmen Weous and Percy Benjamin. The Speaker of the Assembly has nominated Kelly Miller and Tony Pike. **Tabled 10/29/21.**
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Resolution 19-04-04-22:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until December 30, 2021. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
 - b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-08-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing a budget revision for Band Member Legal Services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Chairperson of the Band Member Legal Services Board of Directors on October 25, 2021. **Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and tabled.
 - c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-09-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing a budget revision for the Gaming Regulatory Authority for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Executive Director of the Office of Gaming Regulation & Compliance on October 27, 2021. **Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
 - **Other Business:**
 - a) **Discussion:** Gaming Regulatory Authority request to retain independent legal counsel.
 - b) **Discussion:** regarding Band Assembly Bills 19-04-03-22, 19-04-04-22, and 19-04-05-22.
 - **Messages from the Chief Executive-** I have lots but I wasn’t prepared to share today I apologize. I will continue on my videos two to three times a week videos for any updates that we need to talk about going forward. Miigwech.
 - **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** No message. **District II Representative-** Halloween Party tonight at Chiminising starts at 4:30 p.m. and meal at 5:30 p.m. **District III Representative-** No message.
 - **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** No message.

District II Representative hosted a Halloween Party in Chiminising.