



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: November 28-December 2, 2022

Workshop

November 29, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and legislative staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 4 (Executive Officers) of Title 4 (Executive Branch) and proposed revisions to Chapter 1 (Gaming Regulatory Authority) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

November 29, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about a letter to the Chief Executive regarding Title 4, a W. Gohman contract addendum, the workshop schedule, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

November 30, 2022

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

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated November 9, 2022.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-91-22 (An Appropriation Bill Repeal and Replacing Act 86-22 to correct the Tribal Child Support Enforcement request. Act 86-22 Authorized a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-92-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-93-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Legislative and Judicial Branches for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-94-22 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Special Revenue Resolution 20-02-07-22 (A Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to Bind Renewal Coverage for the Band's General Liability/Crime/Auto Insurance Policy).

The District Representatives tabled Special Revenue Resolution 20-02-08-22 (A Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to Process Personnel/Payroll Action Notices that Result in the Employees Rate of Pay Exceeding That Which is in the Approved Fiscal year 2022 or 2023 Budget, Up to An Amount That Does Not Exceed a Three Percent (3%) Rate of Pay Increase from Their Current Rates of Pay).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Guardian Fleet Safety to provide vehicle equipment installation, maintenance, and repair services for the Tribal Police department squad cars.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Deerwood Technologies to provide monthly maintenance, repair services, and troubleshooting for the Tribal Police computers and servers to keep in compliance with federal and state regulations. Deerwood Technologies is the only I.T. company vetted by the B.C.A.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Holland & Knight to provide legal support, counsel and representation at the direction of the Commissioner of Finance on measures taken to comply with the implementation, reporting and audit requirements under the federal CARES Act and ARPA.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Holland & Knight to provide backup legal support and counsel at the direction of the Solicitor General on service and program issues and special project matters that may arise from time to time.

The District Representatives a contract with Holland & Knight to provide legal support, counsel and representation at the direction of the Commissioner of Finance on issues related to the revenue allocation plan, minor's trust and general welfare exclusion ordinance.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Read Sulik, Inc. adding additional funding to the contract for continuation of services.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Tribal Consulting Services, LLC. to provide assistance to the Child Support Director in staff recruitment and policy changes.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: New: FFH2210004.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH1810000010.

The District Representatives approved contract addendum with W. Gohman Construction Co. for additional renovation work that require remedial fixes to be code compliant to the Aanjibimaadizing (DI old clinic site).

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind announced that the District I community meeting would occur that evening, that it would be the first district community meeting at the new district I community center, that the agenda is a brief legislative update from the District I Representative, and that he anticipates having 130-140 different educators from the three schools: Onamia, Nay ah Shing, and Mille Lacs Early Education. They are bringing their certified teachers along with any support staff that are willing to attend. We are going to have a seated meal, the idea is to bring the educators into our community and sit down and enjoy a meal with our families, it starts at 5:30 p.m. at the new district I community. Looking forward to seeing everybody there, please come out and support our educators and welcome them to our community. Representative Wind thanked the other

District Representatives and specifically Representative Merrill for pushing that Miigwech payment through for Band employees, just want to say thank you. We all have a very important role in providing services for Band members and everybody that puts their heart and soul into it deserves a special thank you from time to time and this small payment is a small gesture in appreciation for everything that you do on a daily basis that helps our Band members. Very heartfelt thank you for everything that you have done this year and in your time with the Band. Representative Wind gave a shout-out for December 18th Urban community meeting. I believe Representative Merrill and myself will be there, there will be a Santa there. Representative Wind shared we did receive a donation request from a local area community partner involving the community toy box and we're planning on participating, the same Santa will be there. We're planning on participating and hoping we can pull together some donations, the numbers were nearly 300 kids within our community got some type of gift from them, the idea is to help our less fortunate families with something for their kids. The way that it plays out is you pull up, meet Santa, there is fruit for the kids getting fruit, and then they get rough age groups for the kids in the vehicle in the family and they try to provide one gift for everyone in that age group, it is a very awesome event and looking forward in participating and seeing what we can do to help them.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated the elder dinner is tonight provided by the Gi-Niigaanizijig program, they provide it every other month and the gift cards are provided to the elders on behalf of District II Representative Office. Representative Merrill also stated our East Lake Community Center is closed tomorrow for a funeral. Representative Merrill shared there is Wellbriety feast next Thursday, December 8, 2022, in Chiminising potluck style. Representative Merrill shared adult Christmas party on December 9, 2022, and we have our youth Christmas party December 14th & 15th for this month. Representative Merrill shared a few events coming up, a women's retreat at Big Sandy Lodge. Please reach out to Representative Wind, Cheryl Miller, or Taria Aubid for information on that, planning details more to come. Representative Merrill shared we still need community members for our Community Action Committee, part of my role as District Representative is to have that committee, so looking for members on that. There was an error in the paper for community dates, so that is why I shared the dates for the youth Christmas parties. Representative Merrill shared open gyms on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, one coming up on Sunday. Representative Merrill stated it's been a really good turnout having people coming out on Sundays, we will start planning volleyball nights everybody is welcome to come.

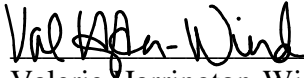
District III Representative Harry Davis announced community meeting was cancelled due to funerals, the Christmas dinner will be a nicer dinner than planned. Representative Davis thanked all the District Representatives for the turkey distribution this past thanksgiving.

Workshop

December 1, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials, legislative staff, TERO Director, and TERO Commissioners regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 4 (Tribal Employment Rights Office) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM.


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