



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of September 28-October 2, 2020

Tuesday, September 29, 2020: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. There was discussion of Band Assembly Minutes, Approval of Minutes: a-n (Will schedule work session for next week), Unfinished Business: Contract – BMLA – SailorsAllen Law, Central MN Conflict & Pro Se Services, LLC Three Bills for MLCV. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-02-63-20 Appropriation for HHS, Admin and DNR – Sponsor District II Representative, Joint Resolution 19-02-159-20 Approving Child Support Enforcement FY21 Grant, Contract – GRA – MLCV Leasing, LLC. Office space for GRA. Contract – CMD – Many Rivers West, Rogers Plumbing (3), Aitkin Glass, Vanderpoel Disposal (2), Septic Check, Ron’s Roll-Offs (2), Garrison Disposal, Thompson Excavating, Degerstrom & Sons Construction (2), EZ Excavating, LLC, Hy-Tex Construction, MPJ Enterprise, Anderson Brothers addendum #1, Garrison Disposal addendum #1, Contract – HHS – Praestan Health Contract – EDU – JSB Surveillance, LLC. Contract – ADMIN – Bohn Properties, Brett Larson, DeLaForest Consulting, Red Circle Agency, Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen (2), Holland & Knight LLP, The Rotunda Group, KAGR Jensen, Inc. Provider Agreements – HHS – Dr. Anne Riddle, Dr. Brian Riddle, Dr. Michelle O’Brien. Agenda items circumstance to allow for emergency agenda items. Mel Towle discussion about General Welfare Exclusion and Revenue Allocation Plan. Discussion of schedule for next week and notice from MLCV Capital Project. Discussion of letter and signature process. Support of Attestation document discussion.

Wednesday, September 30, 2020: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- Band Assembly approved the agenda with addition.
- **Minutes:** Remained tabled.
- **Reports and Presentations:** None
- **Unfinished Business:**
- (a) **Contract (BMLA):** A contract for SailorsAllen Law to provide representation for MLB member clients that do not qualifying for Public Defenders in Mille Lacs County due to income exclusions as a result of per capita income. May include representation in domestic violence court and/or the drug/wellness court. Strict accountability for the clients and weekly court review hearings for strict adherence to sobriety and supportive services within the community. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Tabled 9/23/2020. Item was taken from the table and approved.
- (b) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-16-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to Corporate Ventures for its operations, and capital and economic development projects for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.
Sponsor: District I Representative **Tabled 12/10/2019**
- (c) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-17-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to

Corporate Ventures for the operations, and capital and economic development projects of any current or future non-gaming business managed or operated directly or indirectly by Corporate Ventures (“Non-Gaming Businesses”) for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Sponsor: District II Representative

Tabled 12/10/2019

- (d) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-18-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to Corporate Ventures for the operations, and capital and economic development projects of Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs (“Casinos”) for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Sponsor: District III Representative

Tabled 12/10/2019

- (e) Revenue Allocation Plan *Pending further discussions.*
- **New Business:**
- (a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-63-20:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriations for Health & Human Services, Administration, and Natural Resources for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020. **District II Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.
- (b) **Joint Resolution 19-02-159-20:** A Joint Resolution Approving the FY2021 Required Match for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program in Collaboration with the United States Administration for Children and Families – Tribal Child Support Enforcement Grant. Item revised to Resolution and was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- (c) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for MLCV Leasing, LLC. for the leasing of office space in the corporate building to be used by the Gaming Regulatory Authority, Office of Compliance and Regulation. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (d) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Many Rivers West, L.P. for the leasing of eight (8) apartments to the Mille Lacs Band and its members in the Urban area. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (e) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Rogers Plumbing, Heating & Electrical to provide plumbing services for projects for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (f) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Rogers Plumbing, Heating & Electrical to provide HVAC services for projects for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (g) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Rogers Plumbing, Heating & Electrical to provide electrical services for projects for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Aitkin Glass Service, Inc. to provide labor and materials for glass, window repairs, and replacements for residential sites in D1, D2, D2A & D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (i) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Diversified Enterprises dba Vanderpoel Disposal to provide, delivery and pick up of dumpsters at the D1 warehouse, D2 warehouse and

residential sites in the area surrounding D1, D2 & D2A. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- (j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Wex Companies, Inc dba Septic Check to provide septic pumping and jetting for residential sites in D1, D2, D2A & D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hartl Enterprises, LLC dba Ron's Roll-Offs to provide, delivery and pick up of dumpsters for residential sites, D3 housing warehouse and surrounding area. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (l) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Garrison Disposal to provide solid waste disposal and for weekly roll-off, commercial dumpsters, recycling pick up at the MLB transfer station and to provide service for D1 & D2 community clean up. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (m) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Thompson Excavating, LLC to provide and deliver black dirt as requested to multiple project sites within the D1, D2, D2A & D3 areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (n) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hartl Enterprises, LLC dba Ron's Roll-Offs to provide, deliver and pick up roll-offs for various projects sites in D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (o) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Diversified Enterprises dba Vanderpoel Disposal to provide, deliver and pick up roll-offs for various project sites in D1, D2 and D2A. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (p) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to provide materials and labor for various residential roofing project sites in D1, D2, D3, Urban and the surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (q) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for EZ Excavating, LLC. to provide materials and labor to install an onsite box mound septic system at an existing rental home in D1, 17423 Virgo Road Onamia. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (r) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hy-Tec Construction of Brainerd, Inc. to provide materials and labor for the D1 ALU deck removal and replacement of the patio door units with a fixed center panel and patching of the exterior building finishes where deck structures are removed. Contract end date is June 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (s) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to provide materials and labor for a private Elder home renovation located at 1711 Linden Lane, Brainerd, MN. Contract end date is March 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (t) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for MPJ Enterprise, LLC. to provide labor and materials for the installation of a new onsite septic system and abandon the existing system at a residence in D3, 13970 Emma Road, Hinckley, MN. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (u) **Contract (CMD):** A contract addendum #1 for Anderson Brothers Construction Company of Brainerd, LLC. for the D1 Hwy 169 HAWK crossing construction project, increasing the contract, to replace all of the existing fence along US Hwy 169. Contract end date remains July 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- (v) **Contract (CMD):** A contract addendum #1 for Garrison Disposal to cover additional cost of increased volume of disposal for this year's weekly roll-off service along with community clean up events. Contract end date remains at September 30, 2020. Contract was approved.
- (w) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Praestan Health to provide Psychiatric Outpatient Care at Ne Ia Shing Clinic and Four Winds Treatment Center. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (x) **Contract (EDU):** A contract for JSB Surveillance, LLC. to provide the replacement of 35 IP cameras at Mille Lacs Early Education in D1. Contract end date is November 30, 2020. Contract was approved.
- (y) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Bohn Properties of McGregor, LLC. to provide a twelve-month commercial lease in McGregor for the D2 Aanjibimaadizing Program. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (z) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Brett Larson to provide specialized professional services as editor and media relations consultant to include communications coordination, oversight of production newsletter, cover events, interview and write stories, take photos, participate in Government Affairs communications, work with Red Circle on website updates, provide training and consultation on MLB social media sites and provide consultation as needed. These are specialized professional services which require a high level of expertise. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (aa) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for DeLaForest Consulting, LLC. to provide strategic government affairs counsel and direct State lobbying services for the Mille Lacs Band. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (bb) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Red Circle Agency to provide public relations communications to The Band. This contract is through Government Affairs and is subject to their approval. Contract end date September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (cc) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen P.L.L.P to provide strategic government affairs counsel and direct State legislature lobbying for the Band. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (dd) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen P.L.L.P. to provide management of the Political Action Committee ("PAC"). Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (ee) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Holland & Knight LLP. to provide Federal Government relations for the Band. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (ff) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for The Rotunda Group to provide consulting services and State Legislature lobbying services for the Band. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (gg) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for KAGR Jensen, Inc. to provide public relations initiatives, crisis media management, proactive public relations strategic planning and execution, media relations, media training and interview preparation and strategic counsel to the Band's Government Affairs team. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- (hh) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** A provider agreement for Dr. Anne Riddle to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (ii) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** A provider agreement for Dr. Brian Riddle to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (jj) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** A provider agreement for Dr. Michelle O’Brien to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (kk) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-64-20:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Supplemental Economic Expenditure for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020. **District III Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.
- **Letters/Announcements:** None
- **Upcoming scheduled meetings/events:** October 7, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, October 14, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, October 21, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, and October 28, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting
- **Other:** None

Another Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- Band Assembly approved the agenda. 1 item on the agenda.
- (a) **Resolution 19-02-01-20:** A Resolution Approving a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III.

Thursday, October 1, 2020: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom. Band Assembly approved the agenda

- **Letters/Announcements:**
- **Formal Notification** dated September 25, 2020 from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2020, Capital Projects that reads as follows:

“Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2020 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.”

1. Grand Casino Mille Lacs – Digital Signage and Equipment
2. Grand Casino Mille Lacs – Hotel Lock Upgrades
3. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures – Data Analytics Expanded Platform

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorney, and Chief Executive Legal and Policy Counsel. Work Session Agenda: Minutes: Review, Title 8 – Child Support: Review federal government’s comments, and Revisor of Statutes: Review. Band Assembly members reviewed minutes by date with questions, comments, and corrections if needed. The attendees went through Title 8 Proposed revisions red line version line by line. Questions and comments were made during each section. Draft changes were made upon agreement of all involved while considerations of other parties affected or may be involved with the revisions.