



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 9-13, 2020

Tuesday, November 10, 2020: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. There was discussion of Reports and Presentations. 10:00am Formal Public Hearing – Revisor’s Office. Discussion of public hearing process and bills. 11:15am Joint Session – Resolutions for NCAI and NIGA. Discussion of proper terms, process, historical review of terms, Indian Reorganization Act provisions, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe constitution and bylaws review. Unfinished business Nomination (TERO). Discussion of process and best practice considering term end date, Resolution for Leasing of Trust Lands, discussion of requirement of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to consider and BIA approval process, and 3 MLCV Bills no update will be on work session agenda next week. New Business Resolutions – Land Leases (1) for D3 and (2) for D1, Resolutions 8 MLCV Formal Requests FY2021 Capital Projects, and Formal Notification from Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, Joseph Nayquonabe. Master Check list. Work Session agenda discussion. Staff Attorney starting next week. Statute Book document completed yesterday. All Statutes are current on the websites. Codification efforts completed.

Wednesday, November 11, 2020: Warrior’s Day

Thursday, November 12, 2020: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes: None.**
- **Reports and Presentations:** 10:00 a.m. Formal Public Hearing Re: Revisor’s Office. On October 29, 2020, the Band Assembly provided notice to the public of a formal public hearing to be conducted on November 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The notice was distributed via email and posted on the Legislative Branch’s Facebook page. All efforts were made to comply not only with Band statute, but also with a binding Solicitor’s Opinion. The meeting was conducted between 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., as scheduled, and the Band Assembly therefore considers all legal requirements with respect to formal public hearings to have been met.
11:15 a.m. Joint Session Re: Joint Session Resolutions 19-02-03-21 and 19-02-04-21. Held Joint Session.

Roll Call:

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 the Joint Session agenda: Joint Session Approved the agenda

New Business:

- a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-02-03-21:** A Resolution Approving the 2021 Membership into the National Congress of American Indians. Resolution was approved with corrections and with a waiver of the formal reading.
- b) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-02-04-21:** A Resolution Approving the 2021 Membership into the National Indian Gaming Association. Resolution was approved with corrections and with a waiver of the formal reading.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Nomination (TERO):** A letter from Secretary-Treasurer Boyd dated October 22, 2020 nominating Ezra Sam and Krista Klug to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission Board. Term expiration date will be December 31, 2020. **Tabled 10/28/2020.** Nomination was taken from the table and removed from the agenda.
 - b) **Resolution 19-02-05-21:** A Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Mille Lacs Band Leasing of Trust Lands Code to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) Central Office, Deputy Bureau Director – Office of Trust Services (“DBD-TS”). **Tabled 10/7/2020.** Resolution was taken from the table and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
 - c) **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**
 - d) **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**
 - e) **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**
 - f) Revenue Allocation Plan
Pending further discussions.

- **New Business:**

- a) **Resolution 19-02-13-21:** A Resolution to Cancel a Residential Lease Authorized by Resolution 17-02-138-16 to Mille Lacs Band Housing Department Tract 410T000222. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- b) **Resolution 19-02-14-21:** A Resolution to Terminate a Residential Land Use Agreement Authorized by Resolution 06-03-183-95 For Mille Lacs Band Member 410B006980. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- c) **Resolution 19-02-15-21:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department, TRACT 410T000011. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- d) **Resolution 19-02-16-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs New Device and Computer Equipment. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **Resolution 19-02-17-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Hinckley New Device and Computer Equipment. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- f) **Resolution 19-02-18-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley Infrastructure Hardware/Software Replacement. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- g) **Resolution 19-02-19-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2020 Excess Capital for Gaming Regulator Authority Surveillance Video Project – Avigilon Video Management System at Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- h) **Resolution 19-02-20-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Slot Capital. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- i) **Resolution 19-02-21-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Hinckley HVAC. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- j) **Resolution 19-02-22-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs HVAC. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

k) **Resolution 19-02-20-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Hinckley Slot Capital. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

l) **Formal Notification** dated November 3, 2020 from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2021, Capital Projects that reads as follows:

“Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2021 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 – Marquee Sign Digital Boards. Formal Notification was approved.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

November 18, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting

November 25, 2020 Holiday – Noon Closing **No Band Assembly**

November 26-27, 2020 Holiday – Miigwech Day

- **Other:**