



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of March 22-26, 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021: Legislative hosted a Webcasting training for Band Assembly members, Revisor of Statutes, and Legislative Staff. Training was on Granicus Media Manager and Granicus Live Manager. This is Training Session Part 2 of 3. There was discussion, comments, and questions.

Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2021 & March 17, 2021. Reports and Presentations: 10:15 a.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs Re: MLCV Shareholders meeting. Unfinished Business: Contracts (Admin) Tabled 3.10.21: Amanda Nickaboine-Meyer, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan, Chato Gonzales & Keller Paap. New Business: Bill 19-03-31-21: Amending Title 15, Chapter 2 Sponsor: D I Rep. Bill 19-03-32-21: Appropriation for Admin, DOJ, DNR, Edu and HHS APB 3.11.21. Sponsor: DII Rep. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule and Road map for Title 16. Major Project List Update. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

a) **Band Assembly Record:** March 15, 2021. Record was approved.

b) **Band Assembly Record:** March 17, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:15 a.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs
Re: MLCV Shareholders Report. Shareholders Report was held in Executive Session.

- **Unfinished Business:**

a) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Amanda Nickaboine-Meyer to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Committee. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. **Tabled 3/10/2021**

b) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Indigenous Enterprise, LLC (Anton Treuer) to serve as Managing Editor for the MLB younger reader book project as well as serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. Contract end date is February

28, 2022.
3/10/2021

Tabled

- c) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Michael Sullivan to serve as Text Editor for the MLB book development project as well as to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. **Tabled**
3/10/2021
- d) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Chato Gonzales to provide consultation for language revitalization to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. This contract also includes four sessions of transcribing duties for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. **Tabled**
3/10/2021
- e) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Keller Paap to provide consultation for Language revitalization to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. The contract also includes four sessions of transcribing duties for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is February 28, 2022.
Tabled 3/10/2021

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-31-21:** A Bill amending Title 15 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) for the purposes of clarifying and correcting Chapter 2. On October 2, 2006, the Chief Executive signed into law Ordinance 45-06, which added Chapter 2 (Department of Athletic Regulation) to Title 15 (Gaming Regulatory Act). On November 17, 2006, the Chief Executive signed into law Ordinance 05-07, which corrected the nomination and ratification language for Chapter 2 of Title 15. On May 2, 2007, the Chief Executive signed into law 23-07, which amended the language in multiple sections of Chapter 2 of Title 15. On February 22, 2011, the Chief Executive signed into law Ordinance 05-11, which amended the language in multiple sections of Chapter 2 of Title 15. On January 18, 2013, the Chief Executive signed into law Ordinance 16-13, which permitted the Department of Athletic Regulation to regulate professional boxing and mixed martial arts for another tribe or tribal entity in order to promote professionalism and safety in the sport within Indian country. In the midst of these amendments over the years, the correct language has not always been reflected in Band statutes and this Bill is intended to cure those defects.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-32-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Administration, Department of Justice, Natural Resources, Education and Health & Human Services for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read and approved.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

March 31, 2021 Ken Villebro, Woodlands National Bank Shareholders Report

- **Other:**

Thursday, March 25, 2021:

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: HEARTH Act – Hanna Valento and Adam Candler & General Welfare Exclusion Act – Mel Towle

Commissioner Towle presented on General Welfare Exclusion the presentation was presented on a power point presentation with discussion, questions, comments on various parts of the presentation.

Revisor of Statutes presented on HEARTH Act with discussion, questions, and comments on each section of the red line version of the working draft document.

Discussion of next working session agenda.