



*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of April 26-30, 2021**

**Monday, April 26, 2021: Art Gahbow Day**

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended NAFOA 2021 Virtual Conference

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2021. Reports and Presentations: Slot Co. Presentation: Commissioner Joseph Nayquonabe Jr. & Confirmation Hearing: David Sam (D1 Associate Justice Nominee). Unfinished Business: Lakeshore Residential Land Lease Resolutions. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-03-35-21 (Appropriation Bill), Band Assembly Bill 19-03-36-21 (Economic Support Payment), Band Assembly Bill 19-03-37-21 (Per Capita Payment), Resolution 19-03-52-21 (MnDOT Signage), Legislative Order 32-21 (Band Assembly Recordkeeping Procedures), Foster Care License (D2), 2 Community Development Construction Contracts, GRA Contract, DI Hardship Request, and Updated All Hazards Tribal Emergency Operations Plan. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended NAFOA 2021 Virtual Conference

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.**

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

- **Approval of Minutes:**

a) **Band Assembly Record:** April 14, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:15 a.m. Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs

Re: Slot Co. – 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation. Commissioner Nayquonabe presented on Slot Co with a request for guidance from Band Assembly to move forward with the proposal. Commissioner Nayquonabe provided details and highlights of the proposal. There was discussion, questions and comments following the presentation.

11:30 a.m. David Sam, Mille Lacs Band Member

Re: Confirmation Hearing for the Associate Justice Nomination. Confirmation hearing was completed with a brief introduction of Mr. Sam with questions and comments.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Resolution 19-03-53-21:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B039967 **Tabled 04/14/2021.**  
Resolution was taken from the table and approved.
- b) **Resolution 19-03-54-21:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B036114 **Tabled 04/14/2021.**  
Resolution was taken from the table and approved.
- **New Business:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-35-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revisions for Administration, Department of Justice, and Health & Human Services for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved with corrections.
  - b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-36-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Disbursement of Unspent Net Revenue Funds for an Adult Band Member Economic Support Payment for the Months of June and July 2021 in the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved correct version.
  - c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-37-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the June and July 2021 Tribal Per Capita Distributions for Adults for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
  - d) **Resolution 19-03-56-21:** A Resolution Agreeing to Comply with Guidelines Adopted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Community Wayfinding Signing. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
  - e) **Legislative Order 32-21:** A Legislative Order Adopting Band Assembly Recordkeeping Procedures. Order was tabled.
  - f) **Foster Care License:** New: District II FFH1520001. License was approved.
  - g) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for R&R Landscaping & Construction, Inc. to provide materials and labor for two residential renovation projects in District II. Contract end date is October 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
  - h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Donlar Construction to provide labor and materials for the renovation of the Chiminising Community Center. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
  - i) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for Grand Casinos Information Technology to provide the Gaming Regulatory Authority information technology services at both Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley properties. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

j) **Hardship Request:**

**DI:**

1. **D1-01-04-21.** Request was approved at the requested amount.

k) **Updated All Hazards Tribal Emergency Operations Plan.**

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**
- **Scheduled Meetings/Events: None.**
- **Other:**

a) Note: Thursday, April 30, 2021 is the end of the third session. The fourth session starts in July, 2021.

b) Budget Review. Budget review was completed for Legislative and Office of Management & Budget.

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended NAFOA 2021 Virtual Conference

**Thursday, April 29, 2021:**

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended NAFOA 2021 Virtual Conference

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended Tribal Executive Committee Subcommittee and Regular Tribal Executive Committee Meeting

**Friday, April 30, 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: Presentations: Review of Loan Arrangements for Real Estate Holdings-Mel Towle

Commissioner of Finance presented review with discussion, questions, and comments on various parts of the presentation.

Prior to presentations Legal Counsel rescheduled Mock Band Assembly.

Discussion of next working session agenda.

Elected Officials & Legislative Staff attended Regular Tribal Executive Committee Meeting