



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

October 14, 2020

To Mille Lacs Band Members:

Please accept this letter as notice that the Band Assembly is currently reviewing a proposed Revisor of Statutes code. An entire draft can be found on the Mille Lacs Band website at <https://millelacsband.com/government/legislative-branch>.

Some of the issues addressed by the proposed statute are as follows:

- **Currently, the Solicitor General has the authority to codify and update Band statutes.** This statute will authorize the Band Assembly to appoint a Revisor, who will be charged with heading a Revisor's office. The proposed Revisor's Office is a non-political entity in charge of drafting bills, resolutions, and amendments for the District Representatives. The Revisor will also have the authority to codify and update Band statutes.
- **Currently, there is no legal requirement for the Band to publish statutes and laws on a regular basis.** The proposed Revisor of Statutes code would authorize the Revisor to print the Band's laws on an annual basis for distribution to various government offices and individual Band members.
- **Currently, the Band does not have an online resource containing up-to-date Band statutes, policies, opinions, or governmental orders.** The proposed Revisor of Statutes code would authorize the Revisor to establish and maintain a Tribal Register. The proposed Tribal Register would serve as an online resource that contains up-to-date Band statutes and policies, Executive Orders, Legislative Orders, Secretarial Orders, Solicitor's Opinions, Commissioner's Orders, and other official notices.

Please take note that these are not the only substantive provisions within the proposed Revisor of Statutes code. All Band members and employees are encouraged to review the entire draft.

The public comment period for these proposed changes has been set at 15 business days. **Therefore, please submit any written comments to legislation@millelacsband.com no later than 5:00 PM on November 4, 2020. Please use "Revisor" as the subject title.** You may also submit written comments in person to the Legislative Branch at the Government Center. Hard copies of the draft legislation are available upon request. *Miigwech.*

Sincerely,

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Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind".

Virgil Wind, District 1 Representative

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Marvin Bruneau, District 2 Representative

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Wallace St. John Sr., District 3 Representative