



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of December 14-18, 2020**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Discussion on disbanding child protection subcommittee and moving forward plan for subcommittee. Agenda items for tomorrow discussion: Unfinished Business: Nomination for Catherine Colstrud. Discussion of nominee documents received. Confirmation hearing requested. Discussion of Band Assembly meeting schedule and reason for no meeting next week. Elected officials will be available for any urgent matters if needed. Contract (Admin): MLCV Contract. New Business: Band Assembly Bills: Economic Support, Per Cap, COVID, APB 12.10.20 18 Land Lease Resolutions. BIA sent back due to a minor error in lease description. Contracts: Red Circle, Keller Paap, Chato Gonzales, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan. Foster Care License: 3 for District I, 1 for District III, and 1 for Urban. Nomination: Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs. Hardship Request: District II. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Commissioner of Finance presented a summary on Band Assembly bills. Land Lease Resolutions correcting errors found by BIA, waiting for updated documents. Contracts discussion of history and process discussion. Foster care licenses discussion of sensitive information carrier process. Nomination discussion of confirmation hearing, progress needs and expectations, title 16, roll call vote process, revenue definition, income, revenue, interest, debt consolidation and business percentages. Major project list overview of completed, draft completed, and incomplete. Representatives lastly open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020:** Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes:** None.
- **Reports and Presentations:** None.
- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Nomination:** A nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Catherine Colstrud to serve on the Corporate Board, At-Large Position. Term ends March 31, 2021.

**Tabled 12/9/2020**

- b) **Contract (Admin):** A contract for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to provide implementation of Tribal Economic Business Incubator through the Minnesota Disaster Recover Fund Grant through the St Paul & Minnesota Foundation in support of coronavirus recovery in the community. Contract end date is April 30, 2021.

**Tabled 12/02/2020**

- 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) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-13-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Disbursement of Long-Term Savings Investment Income Funds for an Adult Band Member Economic Support Payment for the Month of January 2021 in the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.

**Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced by District III Representative. Bill was approved.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-14-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for January 2021 Tribal Per Capita Distributions for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.

**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.

- c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-15-21:** A Bill Amending Ordinance 30-20, the Emergency Budget for the COVID-19 Response. **Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.

- d) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-16-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revisions/Transfers for Health & Human Services, Education, Community Development, Administration, and Natural Resources for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021. **Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced by District I

Representative. Bill was approved with Administration MCT Delegate & Interest Fund portion removed.

- e) **Resolution 19-02-25-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-133-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- f) **Resolution 19-02-26-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-134-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- g) **Resolution 19-02-27-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-135-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- h) **Resolution 19-02-28-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-136-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- i) **Resolution 19-02-29-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-137-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- j) **Resolution 19-02-30-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-138-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- k) **Resolution 19-02-31-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-139-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- l) **Resolution 19-02-32-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-140-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- m) **Resolution 19-02-33-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-141-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- n) **Resolution 19-02-34-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-142-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- o) **Resolution 19-02-35-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-143-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- p) **Resolution 19-02-36-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-144-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- q) **Resolution 19-02-37-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-145-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- r) **Resolution 19-02-38-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-146-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.

- s) **Resolution 19-02-39-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-147-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- t) **Resolution 19-02-40-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-148-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- u) **Resolution 19-02-41-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-149-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- v) **Resolution 19-02-42-21:** A Resolution to Amend the Land lease Description for Resolution 19-02-150-20 to the Mille Lacs Band Housing Department. Resolution tabled.
- w) **Contract (Admin):** A contract addendum to add additional funding to the Red Circle contract to complete 9 videos and provide 2 additional video shoots and production pieces for Aanjibimaadizing Language projects. The addendum also extends the contract end date from December 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Contract tabled.
- x) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Keller Paap to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and assist with the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract tabled.
- y) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Chato Gonzalez to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and assist with the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract tabled.
- z) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Indigenous Enterprise, LLC (Anton Treuer) to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and act as managing editor for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract tabled.
- aa) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Michael Sullivan Sr. to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and act as text editor and technical writer for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract tabled.
- bb) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH2010005. License tabled.
- cc) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH20100010. License tabled.
- dd) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH18100016. License tabled.

ee) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2030002. License tabled.

ff) **Foster Care License:** New: Urban FFH2010008. License tabled.

gg) **Nomination:** A nomination letter from Chief Executive Benjamin, dated December 4 2020, nominating Joseph S. Nayquonabe to serve as the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs for a four-year term. Current term ends December 31, 2020. Nomination tabled.

hh) **Hardship Request:**

District II:

1. D2-01-11-20. Hardship Request tabled.

District III:

2. D3-01-12-20. Hardship Request approved at 30% of request.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

~~December 23, 2020 — Band Assembly Meeting~~ - Cancelled

December 30, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

**Thursday, December 17, 2020:** Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorneys, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance and Legal & Policy Counsel. Work Session Agenda: Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP).

Revenue Allocation Plan: Review of Title 22, Taxation, and placement of GWE. Commissioner of finance presented definition and tying into statute. Legal & Policy Counsel gave input and clarification on GWE definition and summary, also shared examples of other tribes. Discussion and overview of the timeline process of amending RAP. Discussion and comments on the importance of ensuring the documents coincide and ensuring the process meets legal tax criteria. All questions and comments were noted in the margin of the RAP draft.

Discussion of next working session agenda.