



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of December 28, 2020-January 1, 2021

Monday, December 28, 2020: Three Branch Meeting occurred through conference call and Zoom. Meeting was attended by all Elected Officials, Commissioners and staff from all three branches. The agenda consisted of Secretary Treasurer update/comments, District Representative topics including: Judicial Planning, Funeral Numbers, & Public Awareness conversation when Trauma Happens, and communication. Judicial Branch topics: Criminal Jurisdiction and the TLOA (Tribal Law & Order Act.) What are the goals – long term and short term? Chief Justice update/comments & District Court Judge update/comments. Executive Branch update/comments. Office of Solicitor General office comments. Final topic: Planning of next meeting.

Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

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

1:10 p.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs

Re: Confirmation Hearing. Confirmation was held with an introduction and opening remarks from Mr. Nayquonabe. Questions and comments made by the District Representatives.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- b) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- c) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- d) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.

- e) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- f) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- g) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- h) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- i) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- j) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- k) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- l) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- m) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- n) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- o) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.

- p) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- q) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- r) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Resolution was taken from table and approved.
- s) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- t) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- u) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- v) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- w) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- x) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH2010005 **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- y) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH20100010 **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- z) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH18100016 **Tabled 12/16/2020**

- aa) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2030002 **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- bb) **Foster Care License:** New: Urban FFH2010008 **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- cc) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**

dd) **Hardship Requests:**

District II:

- 1. D2-01-11-20 **Tabled 12/16/2020**
- ee) **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**
- ff) **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**
- gg) **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**
- hh) **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**
- ii) **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**

jj) Revenue Allocation Plan
Pending further discussions.

- **New Business: None.**
- **Letters/Announcements: None.**
- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

December 30, 2020	Band Assembly Meeting
January 6, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting
January 13, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting
January 20, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting
January 27, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

Tuesday, December 29, 2020: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Unfinished Business: 5 Admin contracts (Red Circle, Keller Paap, Chato Gonzalez, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan Jr.), 5 foster care licenses (3 x D1, 1 x D3, 1 x Urban), 2 nominations (Joe Nayquonabe Jr. & Catherine Colsrud), 1 hardship request (D2), and MLCV Tribal Economic Business Incubator contract. New Business: Economic Support payment for February & March, Per Capita distribution for February & March, Appropriation bill for HHS, DNR, & Judicial, 2 contracts (HHS & Admin), 3 hardship requests (1 x D1 & 2 x D2), and D1 Housing Board nomination (Darla Roache). Discussion about MLB Foundation donation requests. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item and the Commissioner of Finance presented on the Economic Support and Per Capita Distribution Appropriation Bills.

Wednesday, December 30, 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) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
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- k) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Nomination was taken from table. A roll call vote was called for and the nomination passed.
- l) **Hardship Requests:**

District II:

- 1. D2-01-11-20. **Tabled 12/16/2020.** Hardship Request taken from table and approved.

- m) **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**
- n) **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**
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Sponsor: District III Representative **Tabled 12/10/2019**
- r) Revenue Allocation Plan
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- **New Business:**
- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-17-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Disbursement of Long-Term Savings Investment Income Funds for an Adult Band Member Economic Support Payment for February and March 2021 in the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced and approved.
- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-18-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for February and March 2021 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced and approved.

- c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-19-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revision/Transfer for Health & Human Services, Natural Resources and Judicial for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021. **Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.
- d) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Intertribal Software Consultants Inc. to provide an upgrade to One Tribe, the case management software. Contract end date is December 31, 2020. Discussion on Policy Update. Contract was approved.
- e) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Minokaw Technologies, Var Services, LLC to provide digitization of all Band forms for community members and employees as well as the annual software maintenance and costs for the Laserfiche system. contract end date is December 31, 2021. Contract was approved.

f) **Hardship Requests:**

District I: 1. **D1-01-12-20.** Hardship Request approved.

District II: 1. **D2-01-12-20.** Hardship Request approved. 2. **D2-02-12-20.** Hardship Request approved.

- g) **Nomination (Housing):** A nomination letter from the Chief Executive selecting Darla Roache of the two names presented by the District I Representative for the Housing Board position. Current term ends June 30, 2023. A roll call vote was called for and the nomination passed.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

January 6, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

January 12, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

January 20, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

January 27, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

- a) MLB Foundation - Donation Requests. (Executive Session)

Joint Session of the Band Assembly occurred through Conference Call and Zoom

- **Roll Call:** Roll call taken and all Elected officials present.
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 Agenda:** Joint Session approved the agenda.
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Nomination (TERO):** A letter dated December 22, 2020 from Secretary-Treasurer, Sheldon Boyd, nominating Valerie Harrington and Ezra Sam to serve as the TERO Commission member for the term ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote was called for and nomination for Valerie Harrington passed.
 - b) **Nomination (TERO):** A letter dated December 22, 2020 from Secretary-Treasurer, Sheldon Boyd, nominating Craig Hanson and Krista Klug to serve as the TERO Commission member for the term ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote was called for and nomination for Krista Klug passed.
 - c) **Nomination (TERO):** A letter dated December 21, 2020 from District III Representative Wallace St. John, nominating Scott Tossey and Weylin Davis to serve as the TERO Commission member for the term ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote was called for and nomination for Scott Tossey passed.
 - d) **Nomination (GRA):** A letter dated December 18, 2020 from Mike Hogan, Senior Deputy Solicitor General, requesting a majority vote for Chairperson of the Gaming Regulatory Authority Board for the term ending July 31, 2024. Roll call vote was called for and nomination for Susan Klapel passed.
- **Other:**
 - a) MLB Foundation - Donation Requests. Item handled in Band Assembly Special Session.

Thursday, December 31, 2020: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorneys, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance, Solicitor General and Mille Lacs Corporate Venture Attorneys. Work Session Agenda: Introduction to Corporate Law Presented by Staff Attorney Joseph Jensen. Discussion and overview of roadmap for Title 16. Presented up to slide 17. Discussion, questions, and comments on various parts of the presentation. Importance of the attorneys on the meeting to provide comment and clarification on the topics.

Discussion of next working session agenda.

Friday, January 1, 2021: New Year's Day