



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of January 11-15, 2021

Monday, January 11, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Reports & Presentations State of the Band. Unfinished Business: Legislative Order 31-21 (Background Checks), 5 Admin contracts (Red Circle, Keller Paap, Chato Gonzalez, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan Jr.), 1 nomination (Catherine Colsrud), and 3 MLCV Bills. New Business: Supplemental Appropriation Bill 19-03-20-21, Housing Department Drug Policy (Zero Tolerance) and 5 Foster Care Licenses (All DI). There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Representatives lastly open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes: None.**
- **Reports and Presentations:** 10:00 a.m. State of the Band Address
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Legislative Order 31-21:** A Legislative Order Establishing Procedure for When the Band Assembly Receives a Critical Nomination from the Chief Executive **Tabled 01/06/2021**
 - b) **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**
 - c) **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**
 - d) **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**
 - e) **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**

- f) **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**
- g) **Nomination:** A nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Catherine Colrud to serve on the Corporate Board, At-Large Position. Term ends March 31, 2021. **Tabled 12/09/2020.** Nomination was taken from table with a roll call vote. Nomination failed.
- h) **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**
- i) **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**
- j) **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**
- k) Revenue Allocation Plan
Pending further discussions.
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-20-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Administration for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021. **Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced and approved.
 - b) **Policy:** Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Housing Department Drug Policy. Policy was approved.
 - c) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH2010003. License approved.
 - d) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH0230001. License approved.

- e) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH1910009. License approved.
- f) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH1030003. License approved.
- g) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH18100018. License approved.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

January 20, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

January 27, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

Joint Session occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Roll Call:** 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) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-05-21:** A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution approved.

b) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-06-21:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution approved.

c) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-07-21:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Born From an Enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member. Resolution approved.

Thursday, January 14, 2021: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorneys, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance, Solicitor General, Mille Lacs Corporate Venture Attorney, and Outside Corporate Counsel to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures.

Work Session Agenda: Introduction to Partnerships and LLCs Presentation Presented by Staff Attorney Joseph Jensen. Presented entire slide presentation.

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. Road map for Title 16 (Corporate) Statutory Revision plan was presented. Design of the presentations currently completed and future plan.

Discussion of next working session agenda.