



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of February 8-12, 2021

Tuesday, February 9, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Minutes Sept 2, 2020 – October 14, 2020. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-03-24-21: Appropriations for HHS, Band Assembly Bill 19-03-25-21: Per compromise hearing – establishing advisory committee, Resolution 19-03-47-21: Approving capital requests IGT Bonusing and Roof, Contract: Brothers Fire & Security for new security system at old clinic, and Contract: Flagship Recreation for new playground at Lower School. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Major project list overview of completed, draft completed, and incomplete. Representatives lastly had open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** September 2, 2020. Record approved.
 - b) **Band Assembly Record:** September 9, 2020. Record approved.
 - c) **Band Assembly Record:** September 16, 2020. Record approved.
 - d) **Band Assembly Record:** September 18, 2020. Record approved.
 - e) **Band Assembly Record:** September 19, 2020 (1). Record approved.
 - f) **Band Assembly Record:** September 19, 2020 (2). Record approved.
 - g) **Band Assembly Record:** September 23, 2020. Record approved.
 - h) **Band Assembly Record:** September 30, 2020 (1). Record approved.
 - i) **Band Assembly Record:** September 30, 2020 (2). Record approved.
 - j) **Band Assembly Record:** October 1, 2020. Record approved.
 - k) **Band Assembly Record:** October 7, 2020. Record approved.
 - l) **Band Assembly Record:** October 13, 2020. Record approved.
 - m) **Band Assembly Record:** October 14, 2020. Record approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-24-21:** A Bill of supplemental appropriation for Health & Human Services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
 - b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-25-21:** A Bill amending Title 17 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) for the purposes of establishing the Advisory Committee to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- c) **Resolution 19-03-47-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley IGT Bonusing and Grand Casino Mille Lacs Event Center Roof. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- d) **Contract (Admin):** A contract for Brothers Fire & Security to provide the installation of the following: new security system, outdoor cameras, swipe card access and updated alarm system for the District I AanjiBimaadizing offices. Contract end date is June 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- e) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Flagship Recreation to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new playground at the Abinoojiyag School. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

February 17, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

February 24, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting 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 of the Band Assembly approved the agenda.

- **Minutes:**

- a) **Joint Session Record:** December 30, 2020. Record was approved.
- b) **Joint Session Record:** January 12, 2021. Record was approved.
- c) **Joint Session Record:** February 3, 2021. Record was approved.

- **New Business:**

- a) **Department of Athletic Regulation:** Select chairperson per 15 § 804 (d) (2). Briana Michels was approved as Department of Athletic Regulations Chairperson.

Thursday, February 11, 2021: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorneys, Legislative Staff, Solicitor General, Senior Deputy Solicitor General, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, and Mille Lacs Corporate Venture Counsel. Work Session Agenda: Presentation: Introduction to Tribal Business Structure by Legislative Staff Attorney Joseph Jensen and Rules of the Band Assembly. Power point presentation was completed with questions and comments throughout the presentation. Went through Rules of the Band Assembly Draft redline version with comments. Discussion, questions and comments on various parts of the draft document version. Road map for Title 16 (Corporate) Statutory Revision plan was discussed. Discussion of next working session agenda.