



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

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

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2021. Reports and Presentations: 10:15 a.m. Joseph Nayquonabe Sr. & Vince Merrill Re: Spirituality/Cultural/Youth Prevention. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-03-28-21: HHS, CMD, & Legislative, Resolution 19-03-50-21: Volkswagon, Contract (HHS): Citon Computer Corporation, Contract (Admin): Amanda Nickaboine-Meyer, Contract (Admin): Anton Treuer, Contract (Admin): Michael Sullivan, Contract (Admin): Chato Gonzales, and Contract (Admin): Keller Paap. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule and Road map for Title 16. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, March 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:** March 3, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:15 a.m. Joseph Nayquonabe Sr., Mille Lacs Band Elder  
Vince Merrill, Mille Lacs Band Member

Re: Spirituality/Cultural/Youth Prevention. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Nayquonabe presented on drum & language history. The need for more people to learn and be involved. Problems in our community relating to drum & language. There was discussion, questions, and comments.

- **Unfinished Business: None.**

- **New Business:**

a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-28-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revision/Transfers for Health & Human Services, Community Development, and Legislative for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.

**Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

b) **Resolution 19-03-50-21:** A Resolution to Approve Waivers of Sovereign Immunity for the Limited Purpose of the Band to Obtain Settlement Funds as an Indian Tribe Beneficiary from the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust. Resolution was approved.

- c) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon Computer Corporation to provide project management configuration, onsite installation and implementation of Help Desk Services. Contract end date is July 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
  - d) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Amanda Nickaboine-Meyer to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Committee. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was tabled.
  - e) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Indigenous Enterprise, LLC (Anton Treuer) to serve as Managing Editor for the MLB younger reader book project as well as serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. Contract was tabled.
  - f) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Michael Sullivan to serve as Text Editor for the MLB book development project as well as to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. Contract was tabled.
  - g) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Chato Gonzales to provide consultation for language revitalization to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. This contract also includes four sessions of transcribing duties for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. Contract was tabled.
  - h) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Keller Paap to provide consultation for Language revitalization to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Committee. The contract also includes four sessions of transcribing duties for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is February 28, 2022. Contract was tabled.
- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

March 17, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting via Zoom
March 24, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting via Zoom
March 31, 2021	Band Assembly Meeting via Zoom

- **Other:**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021:**

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Staff, and Commissioner of Finance.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Title 3 & Workshop: Rules of the Band Assembly

Hanna Valento presented on Title 3 the presentation was presented on a red line version section by section with discussion, questions, comments on various parts of the presentation.

Joe Jensen presented on Rules of Band Assembly the presentation was presented on a draft red line version section by section of changes from last work session revisions with discussion, questions, comments on various parts of the presentation.

Prior to the meeting the Rules of Band Assembly timeline was discussed with questions and comments. Discussion of draft bill cleaning up Title 15. Discussion of next working session agenda.