



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of April 5-9, 2021

Monday, April 5, 2021: Three Branch Meeting hosted by the Judicial Branch.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: March 31, 2021. Reports and Presentations: 10:15 a.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs Re: Hotel Project Update & 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Formal Public Hearing Re: Proposed Title 3 Revisions & Rules of the Band Assembly. Unfinished Business: Ojibwe Language Contracts: A. Nickaboine-Meyer, A. Treuer, M. Sullivan, C. Gonzalez, K. Paap
New Business: BAB 19-03-33-21: Appropriation Bill – Edu, DNR, HHS, Admin and CMD, Contracts also from apb minutes Citon Comp. Corp., Great River Eye Clinic, Mike Brenny Const. KAGR, Inc., Agreement (Admin): Amendment to Public Law 102-477, Agreement (GRA): Integrated Systems Corp., and Agreement (OST): Northern Trust Company. 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, April 7, 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 31, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:15 a.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs
Re: Hotel Project Update. Commissioner Nayquonabe presented on Hotel Project Refresh Presentation. The presentation was completed with discussion, comments and questions.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Formal Public Hearing
Re: Proposed Title 3 Revisions & Rules of the Band Assembly. Formal Public Hearing was held for public comment. During the hearing the bill was discussed and a summary presented by Legal Counsel of the minor revisions and the major part of the removal of Roberts Rules of Order and to use Rules of Band Assembly.

- **Unfinished Business:**

a) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Amanda Nickaboine-Meyer to serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Committee. Contract end date is September 30, 2021.

Tabled 3/10/2021

- b) **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. **Tabled 3/10/2021**
- c) **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. **Tabled 3/10/2021**
- d) **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. **Tabled 3/10/2021**
- e) **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. **Tabled 3/10/2021**
- **New Business:**

a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-33-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revisions for Education, Natural Resources, Health & Human Services, Administration and Community Development for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

b) **Contract: (HHS)** A contract for Citon Computer Corporation to continue to provide work on the HHS network to ensure a functional VDI environment and to stabilize the current environment. Contract end date is July 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

c) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Great River Eye Clinic to provide Optometric & Optician Services three days a week at Ne Ia Shing Clinic. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

d) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Mike Brenny Construction, Inc. for the demolition and new construction of two HUD homes in Hinckley. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was tabled.

e) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract addendum for KAGR, Inc. to increase the contract amount for crisis management due to the impact of COVID-19. Contract end date remains at September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- f) **Agreement (ADMIN):** An amendment to the Public Law 102-477 Plan to add Welfare Assistance, to add assistance to clients living in Kanabec and Chisago Counties, and to include a waiver for family co-payments for families receiving child care assistance with 477 program dollars. Agreement was approved.
- g) **Agreement (GRA):** An agreement with Integrated Systems Corporation. Agreement was approved.
- h) **Agreement (Office of the Secretary-Treasurer):** An agreement with Northern Trust Company. **(Executive Session).** Agreement was tabled.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

April 14, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

April 21, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

April 28, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting occurred through conference call and zoom

- **Roll Call:** All Elected Officials were 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:** February 10, 2021. Record was approved.

- **New Business:**

a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-08-21:** 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 was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

b) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-09-21:** 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 was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

Thursday, April 8, 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: Presentations: Workshop: Title 3 – Hanna Valento & Workshop: Band Assembly Rules – Adam Candler

Prior to presentations Legal Counsel reviewed the Rules of Band Assembly timeline.

Revisor of Statutes presented on Title 3 with discussion, questions, and comments on various parts of the presentation.

Legal Counsel presented on the Rules of Band Assembly reading the draft document line by line with discussion, questions, and comments on each section of the working draft document.

Discussion of next working session agenda.