



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of May 3-7, 2021

Tuesday, May 4, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Prior to Pre-Band Assembly Legislative hosted a MOCK Session of Band Assembly. Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2021. Reports and Presentations: None. Unfinished Business: Legislative Order 32-21 (Band Assembly Recordkeeping Procedures). New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-03-38-21 (Amending Title 3), Band Assembly Bill 19-03-39-21 (Appropriation Bill), Band Assembly Bill 19-03-40-21 (Appropriation Bill), Resolution 19-03-57-21 (Grant proposal for Geniigaanizijig), Resolution 19-03-58-21 (Lakeshore Property), Nomination David Sam – DI Associate Justice Position, 6 Community Development Construction Contracts, 3 HHS Provider Agreements, 2 HHS Foster Care License, and Hardship Request – D2. Other: Budget Reviews: Judicial, DNR, DOJ, and TERO. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule. Major project list reviewed complete, draft, and completed. Statutory revision list reviewed. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** April 28, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Legislative Order 32-21:** A Legislative Order Adopting Band Assembly Recordkeeping Procedures **Tabled 4/28/2021.**
Order was taken from the table and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-38-21:** A Bill amending Title 3 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) for the purposes of removing Robert’s Rules of Order, adding a definition section, adding a section to clarify when a bill, order, and resolution becomes effective, and adding language to ensure clear language throughout.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-39-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Revisions for Administration and Health & Human Services for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-40-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Natural Resources for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- d) **Resolution 19-03-57-21:** A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services - Office of Economic Opportunity for the Community Services Block Grant and Minnesota Community Action Grant Package. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **Resolution 19-03-58-21:** A Resolution Declaring that the Band Assembly Will Not Consider for Approval Any Leases of Lakeshore Property Until the Enactment of a Fee Lands Leasing Code Consistent with the Best Interests of the Band. Resolution was tabled.
- f) **Nomination:** A nomination, from Chief Executive Benjamin, for David Sam to serve as the District I Associate Justice position pursuant to 5 MLBSA § 5.b. Current term expires August 15, 2026. Roll call vote requested and nomination passed.
- g) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Cobra Construction to provide labor and materials for the renovation of the former Mille Lacs Marine building in District I. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Sota Ridge to provide labor and materials for the renovation of both rental units at a duplex in District I as well as another rental unit in District I. Contract end date is November 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- i) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Degerstrom and Sons Construction, LLC. to provide labor and materials for the renovation of a rental home in District III. Contract end date is November 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Degerstrom and Sons Construction, LLC. to provide labor and materials for the renovation of a rental home and a Housing Elder Unit in District I. Contract end date is December 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
- k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Negen & Associates to provide architectural services for remodeling the former Department of Labor are in the Government Center for Tribal Courts. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

- l) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Cobra Construction to provide labor and materials for underground sewer repair and renovation work at the Lake Lena Community Center. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- m) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** An agreement between the Band's Health & Human Services and Dr. Susan Romanik to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Agreement was approved.
- n) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** An agreement between the Band's Health & Human Services and Alex Wray, P.A. to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Agreement was approved.
- o) **Provider Agreement (HHS):** An agreement between the Band's Health & Human Services and Sheila Hennen, D.N.P. to render family medicine services for the Band, at the Ne Ia Shing clinic, as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services. Agreement was approved.
- p) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH2110004. License was approved.
- q) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District II FFH2110004. License was approved.
- r) **Hardship Request:**

District II: D2-01-04-21. Hardship was approved.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

May 12, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

May 19, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

May 26, 2021 Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

- a) **Budget Review:** Judicial, DNR, Department of Justice, TERO. Budget review was held for the various departments with discussion, questions, and comments.

Thursday, May 6, 2021:

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

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill – Title 16 – Initial Discussion – Adam Candler

Legal Counsel gave a brief presentation with discussion, questions, and comments on various parts of the presentation.