



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 16-20, 2020

Tuesday, November 17, 2020: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. There was discussion of Unfinished Business: Three MLCV Bills and Revenue Allocation Plan. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-02-06-21 and 19-02-07-21 both dealing with December payment. Discussion of bill changes. Discussion of amounts, percentages, attestation form and planning ahead. Nomination of Sylvia Wise for D3 Associate Justice position. Discussion of nomination process. Request for legislative rules on nomination submission. Hardship Request for District III. Title 21 Proposed Revisions. Discussion of highlighted changes line by line. Discussion of proposed revisions that would correct errors with considerations of other departments and community safety.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes: None.**
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **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

- b) **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

- c) **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

- d) Revenue Allocation Plan *Pending further discussions.*

- **New Business:**

a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-06-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Disbursement of Long-Term Savings Investment Income Funds for an Adult Band Member Economic Support Payment for the Month of December 2020 in the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.

Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with changes.

b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-07-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for December 2020 Tribal Per Capita Distributions for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021.

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced and approved.

c) **Nomination:** On November 9, 2020 Chief Executive Benjamin nominated Sylvia Wise for the District III Associate Justice position pursuant to 5 MLBS § 5 (b). Band Assembly has thirty (30) days to either confirm or reject the nomination. Nomination was tabled.

d) **Hardship Request:**

District III

1. **D3-01-11-20-Hardhsip** request approved at reduced amount.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

November 25, 2020 Holiday – Noon Closing **No Band Assembly**

November 26-27, 2020 Holiday – **Miigwech Day**

- **Other:**

Thursday, November 19, 2020: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorney, Legislative Staff and Legal & Policy Counsel. Work Session Agenda: Band Assembly meeting minutes and Revisor of Statutes review bill. Reviewed February and March Band Assembly records with questions, comments, changes to records that required it. Reviewed Revisor of Statutes bill. Questions and comments on where the bill should appear and supervisory authority. Discussion of personnel policy applicable to the bill. Discussion of process for posting bill and moving forward to appear on the agenda. Next work sessions agenda planning.