



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

**JOINT SESSION OF THE BAND ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-01-09-24**

**A RESOLUTION DEFINING THE MILLE LACS BAND RESERVATION
TO ESTABLISH VOTING DISTRICTS AND DESIGNATE POLLING
PLACES**

- WHEREAS, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”) is the Band governing body as referred to in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance; and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly is comprised of the Secretary-Treasurer/Speaker of the Assembly, the Chief Executive, the District I Representative, the District II Representative, and the District III Representative in accordance with 3 MLBS § 27(b); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (“MCT”) adopted a revised Election Ordinance on December 11, 2023; and
- WHEREAS, § 1.3(B) of the Election Ordinance authorizes the Band governing body to define the “reservation” for the purposes of establishing eligibility and certification to an elected position with the Band so as “to include specified lands outside the boundaries of the reservation, as may be defined by treaty, statute, executive order, or other document considered sufficient authority by the Band governing body, including all lands considered Indian Country under the governmental authority of that Reservation[;]” and
- WHEREAS, § 1.4(B) of the Election Ordinance states that “[e]ach Band governing body by official action must designate polling places for its . . . reservation[;]” and
- WHEREAS, § 1.4(C) of the Election Ordinance states that “[e]ach Band governing body may, by official action, establish voting precincts in off-reservation areas where it deems it has sufficient eligible voters to warrant a voting polling place[;]” and
- WHEREAS, § 1.4(D) of the Election Ordinance states that “[e]ach Band governing body may establish alternative polling places in the event an emergency makes a polling place . . . unavailable[;]” and
- WHEREAS, the boundaries of District I and part of District II(a) are within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation, as established in the 1855 Treaty with the Chippewa, 10 Stat. 1165 (Feb. 22, 1855) (“the 1855 Treaty”); and

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WHEREAS, the boundaries of part of District II are within the boundaries of the Rice Lake and Sandy Lake Reservations, as established in the 1855 Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of District III are outside the boundaries established by the 1855 Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Session recognizes that hundreds of Band members reside in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area and surrounding counties, which warrants establishment of a separate polling place outside the reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Session defines the election districts for the purpose of eligibility and certification of candidates:

District I:

District I shall include all lands, including fee lands, within Township 43 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 26 West; and such part of Township 42 North, Range 25 West that is west of the city limits of Isle and west of Highways 17 and 27 dividing Township 42 North, Range 25 West.

District II(a):

District II(a) shall include all lands, including fee lands, within Township 42 North, Range 25 West that lie within the city limits of Isle and those lands east of Highways 17 and 27 that divide Township 42 North, Range 25 West.

District II:

District II shall include all lands held in trust by the United States for the Mille Lacs Band, all lands held in trust for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band, and all individual allotted lands, including Band-owned fee lands within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the East Lake Community Center and under the jurisdiction of the Band.

District III:

District III shall include all lands held in trust by the United States for the Mille Lacs Band, all lands held in trust for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band, and all individual allotted lands, including Band-owned fee lands within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the Lake Lena Community Center, located in Minnesota and under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band.

Urban:

The Urban voting precinct shall be provided for those Band members who reside in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area and the counties of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Washington, Carver, Scott, and Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting districts for the Band shall be as follows:

District I:

District I shall include all lands, including fee lands, within Township 43 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 26 West; and such part of Township 42 North, Range 25 West that is west of the city limits of Isle and west of Highways 17 and 27 dividing Township 42 North, Range 25 West.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Session designates the following locations as polling places:

District I:

The District I polling place shall be at the old District I Community Center.

District II(a):

The District II(a) polling place shall be located at Isle Community Center.

District II:

The District II polling place shall be located at the East Lake Community Center.

District III:

The District III polling place shall be located at the Lake Lena Community Center.

Urban:

The urban polling place shall be located at the All Nation Indian Church, the address of which is 1515 E. 23rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that, in the event an emergency makes any polling place unavailable, the General Reservation Election Board shall have the authority to designate an alternative polling place, in accordance with the provisions of the Election Ordinance.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a Joint Session of the Band Assembly, a quorum of elected officials being present, held on the 2nd day of February, 2024, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

