



# *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

*Office of the Chief Executive*

*Via E-mail*

August 29, 2025

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly  
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative  
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative  
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Budget Requests

Dear Band Assembly:

Under 4 MLBS § 3(d), the Executive Branch has prepared biennial budget requests for Fiscal Years 2026-2027. The proposed budget is being made available for Band Assembly review on the Elected Official Restricted Drive (**eorestrict\$**).

Importantly, the current iteration of the budget relies upon net revenue funding in excess of the expected net revenue from casino distributions. We will therefore need to consider methods to balance the budget. Although the Executive Branch has begun this process, there is more work that will need to be accomplished with the Band Assembly in the weeks to come.

Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind  
Chief Executive

CC:

Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General  
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel  
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly  
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance  
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