



# *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government  
Office of the Chief Executive*

*Via E-mail*

December 12, 2025

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

Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision Requests

Aaniin. In the absence of an Administration Policy Board quorum, I am writing to request the following appropriations and budget revision as follows:

1. **Education:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$90,000.00 for BIE NAS School Facility Repairs (312-0000) adding expenditures into salaries and fringe (for project management) and contracts as submitted. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Education:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$251,176.00 for ARP Act Funding (203-3265) to clean up negative in equipment expenditure and adding into that line as well for a spare bus for the Nay Ah Shing School as submitted (Enclosure #2)
3. **Natural Resources:** An appropriation of Self-Governance Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$70,000.00 for Fire Prep (251-5490). These funds will be used to provide a temporary special pay supplement to the MLB DNR Wildlife Firefighters for the first two quarters of FY2025. (Enclosure #3)
4. **Natural Resources:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$191,550.00 for NRCS-Obstruction Removal (251-NEW). These funds will be used for the following: Putting up a fence around Lenny's Apple Orchard, Replacing the boat landing at Walleye Road and installing a new dock, Creating a canoe access on Witte Fish Lake, and Creating a canoe access at Ogichee Lake. (Enclosure #4)
5. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from Cultural Resources (251-5810) to DNR General (251-5300), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$30,451.40 to fix various line items within the budget as submitted. (Enclosure #5)
6. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from THPO (251-5460) to Fisheries (251-5380), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$151,877.05 to correct an over-budgeted Self-Governance amount that occurred during the biennium budget planning process as submitted. (Enclosure #6)

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7. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from Cultural Resources (251-5810) to AIR-CAA103 (251-5410), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$1,876.85 to fix various line items within the budget as submitted. (Enclosure #7)
8. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from EPA Band Share (251-5760) (\$4,758.28) and Cultural Resources (251-5810) (\$6,997.55) to Fire Prep (251-5490), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$11,755.83 to fix various line items within the budget as submitted. (Enclosure #8)
9. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from THPO (251-5460) (\$13,738.95) and Cultural Resources (251-5810) (\$649.56) to Land Management (251-5950), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$14,388.51 to fix various line items within the budget as submitted. (Enclosure #9)
10. **Natural Resources:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$79,941.00 for MLBO Gulf Hypoxia (251-5780). These funds will be used in construction programming pertaining to MLBO Environmental sustainability and remediation within the MLBO DNR. (Enclosure #10)
11. **Natural Resources:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$38,788.85 for DNR General (251-5300) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #11)
12. **Natural Resources:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$18,620.52 for Fire Prep (251-5490) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #12)
13. **Natural Resources:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$37,031.12 for Land Management (251-5950) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #13)
14. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$432,652.88 for PL-477 (281-6770) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #14)
15. **Administration:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$145,238.00 for Tribal OEO (281-NEW). These funds will be used to support community engagement and meals for those experiencing housing difficulty or other emergency circumstances. This is year one of a two-year grant. This was on a previous Band Assembly Bill (21-04-57-25) during the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and was erroneously taken off. (Enclosure #15)
16. **Administration:** An appropriation of Private Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Aanji (281-NEW). These funds are from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to be used for the purchase of food for the community. (Enclosure #16)

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17. **Administration:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$23,388.95 for Aanji-ABE Adult EDUC (281-6235). These funds will be used to partially support staff and programming needs for those seeking ABE assistance. (Enclosure #17)
18. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$243,251.79 for NR Labor Pool (281-6100) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #18)
19. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$148,380.94 for NR Youth Employment (281-6420) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #19)
20. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$19,592.31 for Aanji Garage (281-6400) to fix various line items within the budget as submitted (Enclosure #20)
21. **Health & Human Services:** A budget revision, **for FY2026**, in the amount of \$17,569.16 for Traditional Healer (222-4652) to move funds where projected expenses for the rest of the year. No state agency approval is needed. (Enclosure #21)
22. **Health & Human Services:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$111,559.00 for FPHR (225-NEW). These funds will be used for salary/fringe, training, and supplies for 1 FTE EPIC credentialed trainer, which will allow current and future employees to improve their workflow efficiencies. (Enclosure #22)
23. **Health & Human Services:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$72,929.37 for AM Food Sovereignty (223-4475). These funds will be used for planning, purchasing, producing, processing, transporting, storing, and coordinating the distribution of food, including culturally relevant food. (Enclosure #23)
24. **Health & Human Services:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$228,000.00 for Families First Prevention Services (224-4790). These funds can be used to support local welfare agency activities to develop and implement prevention services identified in, or related to and within Minnesota's Title IV-E Prevention Services five-year plan. These funds are to implement or expand any existing prevention services, program, or activity. (Enclosure #24)
25. **Health & Human Services:** A re-appropriation of Permanent Initiative Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$135,243.75 for D2 HHS Building Renovation (308-0000). The architect design was pushed out beyond FY2025, so these funds will be used for the architect design in FY2026. (Enclosure #25)

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26. **Community Development:** A re-appropriation of Permanent Initiative Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$4,616.93 for CMD Conference Room (313-0000). The funds will be used for technology and small kitchen equipment. (Enclosure #26)
27. **Community Development:** A budget transfer from Community Development (104-1200) to Inspectors (104-1280), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$15,826.34 to fix various line items within the budget as submitted. (Enclosure #27)
28. **Community Development:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$5,710.16 for Inspector (104-1280) to move funds within the budget to help clean up year-end negative line items. (Enclosure #28)
29. **Community Development:** A budget transfer from CMD (104-1200) (\$14,825.65) and Earthworks (104-1310) (\$36,984.76) to Project Planning (104-1290), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$51,810.41 to increase the negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #29)
30. **Community Development:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$1,893,559.00 for BIA IRR Roads (104-1230). The funds will be used for the Band's Transportation Improvement Plan including all road construction projects, transportation planning and 50% towards funding the Roads Dept. (Enclosure #30)
31. **Community Development:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$11,597.83 for Roads Budget (104-1330) to move funds within the budget to help clean up year-end negative line items. (Enclosure #31)
32. **Community Development:** A budget transfer from Water/Wastewater (104-1300) to Solid Waste (104-1320), **for FY 2025**, in the amount of \$48,785.32 to cover the actual expenditures for Solid Waste fees for FY25 as submitted. (Enclosure #32)
33. **Chief Executive:** A budget revision for Chief Executive (102-2000) **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$99,000.00 to clean up negative line items within budget. (Enclosure #33)
34. **Administration:** A budget revision for District II Administration (107-2020) **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$274,477.30 to clean up negative line items within budget. (Enclosure #34)
35. **Administration:** A budget revision for Information Systems (107-2250) **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$49,200.00 to clean up negative line items within budget. (Enclosure #35)

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Greta Sorvik, HHS Finance  
Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development  
Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources  
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel  
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly  
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Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for BIE NAS School Facility Repairs (Dec. 2, 2025.)
2. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for ARP Act Funding 203-3265. (Dec. 3, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Fire Preparedness (251-5490) Appropriation Request. (Jul. 30, 2025.)
4. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, NRCS Obstruction Removal (251-NEW) Appropriation Request. (Dec. 3, 2025.)
5. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Transfer from Cultural Resources (251-5810) to DNR General (251-5300). (Dec. 8, 2025.)
6. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Transfer from THPO (251-5460) to Fisheries (251-5380). (Dec. 8, 2025.)
7. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Transfer from Cultural Resources (251-5810) to AIR-CAA103 Grant (251-5410). (Dec. 8, 2025.)

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9. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Transfer from THPO (251-5460) and Cultural Resources (251-5810) to Land Management (251-5950). (Dec. 8, 2025.)
10. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Gulf Hypoxia Grant (251-5780.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
11. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for DNR General (251-5300.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
12. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Forestry (251-5490.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
13. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Land Management (251-5950.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
14. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for PL 477 (281-6770.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
15. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for Tribal OEO (281-NEW.) (Oct. 30, 2025.)
16. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Aanji (281-NEW.) (Dec. 2, 2025.)
17. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Aanji-ABE Adult Education (281-6235.) (Dec. 9, 2025.)
18. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for NR Labor Pool (281-6100.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
19. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for NR Youth Employment (281-6420.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
20. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for Aanji Garage (281-6400.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)

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21. Memorandum from Angela Potter, HHS Executive Assistant, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Traditional Healer (222-4652.) (Dec. 1, 2025.)
22. Memorandum from Angela Potter, HHS Executive Assistant, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Appropriation for FPHR (225-NEW.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
23. Memorandum from Carmen Kalk, Executive Director of Human Services, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for AM Food Sovereignty (223-4475.) (Dec. 4, 2025.)
24. Memorandum from Rachel Shaugobay, Director of Family Services, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Families First Preservation Services (224-4790.) (Dec. 4, 2025.)
25. Memorandum from Angela Potter, HHS Executive Assistant, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Re-appropriation for D2 Remodel (308-0000.) (Dec. 1, 2025.)
26. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Re-appropriation for CMD Conference Room (313-0000.) (Nov. 24, 2025.)
27. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Transfer from CMD (104-1200) to Inspections (104-1280.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
28. Memorandum from Carla Dunkley, Compliance & Residential Project Manager, to Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, Budget Revision for Inspectors (104-1280.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
29. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Transfer from CMD (104-1200) and Earthworks (104-1310) to Project Management (104-1290.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
30. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for BIA IRR Roads (104-1230.) (Dec. 1, 2025.)
31. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision for Public Works Roads (104-1330.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
32. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Transfer from Water/Wastewater (104-1300) to Solid Waste (104-1320.) (Dec. 8, 2025.)
33. Chief Executive Budget Revision for 102-2000
34. Memorandum from Renee Johnson, D2 Program Administrator, to Virgil Wind, Chief Executive, Budget Revision for District 2 Admin (107-2020.) (Dec. 12, 2025)

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35. Memorandum from Keith Modglin, Director of Information Systems, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Information Systems (107-2250.) (Dec. 12, 2025.)