



## *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

*Office of the Chief Executive*

*Via E-mail*

January 2, 2026

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. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from Chief Executive (120-2000) (\$165,324.48) to Forestry (251-5490), and Wildlife (251-5540) (\$107,066.83), **for FY 2025**, to correct an over-budgeted Self-Governance amount that occurred during the previous biennium budget planning process as submitted. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Natural Resources:** A re-appropriation of Permanent Initiative Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Remediation Management (251-5350). These funds will be used to remediate properties when needed to prep for the trust application process. (Enclosure #2)
3. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$34,660.00 for Academic Enrichment (203-3395). These funds will be used to provide hands-on learning experiences related to engineering, educational field trips, STREAM supplies, and activities to support parent and community engagement. (Enclosure #3)
4. **Education:** An appropriation of Self-Governance Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for 21<sup>st</sup> Century (203-3340). These funds will be used for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century from Amendment Number 03 from BIA as submitted. (Enclosure #4)
5. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$53,807.74 for NASS Transportation (203-3260). These funds will be used for benefits, contract services, training, program supplies, utilities, and vehicle maintenance as submitted. (Enclosure #5)
6. **Education:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$95,000.00 for Pathways (202-3580). These funds will be used for Early Education to provide 6 weeks of summer school for the children in Head Start. (Enclosure #6)

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7. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$27,088.67 for Government Affairs (107-2260) to clean up negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #7)
8. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$22,230.84 for Urban Administration (107-2280) to clean up negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #8)
9. **Administration:** A Re-appropriation of **FY2025** unused LACTF Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$276,000.00 for Commissioner of Administration (107-2200). These funds were appropriated in FY2025 to cover the Optbit LLC contract for Phase I of the I.T. Modernization. The Re-appropriation will be used to pay out the contract in its entirety. (Enclosure #9)
10. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$17,583.02 for D1 Community Center Admin (107-2070) to clean up negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #10)
11. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from Chief Executive (120-2000) (\$98,886.59) to Commissioner of Administration (107-2200), **for FY 2025**, to correct an incorrect revenue source from the previous biennium budget planning process as submitted. (Enclosure #11)
12. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$54,795.25 for Commissioner of Administration (107-2200) to clean up negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #12)
13. **Natural Resources:** A budget transfer from Chief Executive (120-2000) (\$73,702.05) to Meshakwad District III Community Center (107-2050), **for FY 2025**, to add net revenue funds to cover expenditures within the budget where ghost cuts were made during the last biennium budget planning process as submitted. (Enclosure #13)
14. **Administration:** A budget revision, **for FY2025**, in the amount of \$134,411.00 for Meshakwad DIII Community Center (107-2050) to clean up negative line items as submitted. (Enclosure #14)

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CC:

Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources  
Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education  
Katie Draper, Director of Government Affairs  
Wahbon Spears, Urban Site Coordinator  
Meisha Oswaldson, Interim Site Manager  
Robert Livingston Jr., Meshakwad Site Manager  
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel  
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly  
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, CEO (102-2000) to Forestry (251-5490) and Wildlife (251-5540) Budget Transfer Request. (Dec. 12, 2025.)
2. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Remediation Management (251-5350) Appropriation Request. (Dec. 12, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Academic Enrichment (203-3395) (Dec. 9, 2025.)
4. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for 21<sup>st</sup> Century (203-3340) (Dec. 9, 2025.)
5. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for NASS Transportation (203-3260) (Dec. 9, 2025.)
6. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Pathways (203-3580) (Dec. 9, 2025.)
7. Memorandum from Katie Draper, Director of Government Affairs, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Government Affairs (107-2260) (Dec. 16, 2025.)
8. Memorandum from Wahbon Spears, Urban Site Coordinator, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Urban Administration (107-2280) (Dec. 18, 2025.)
9. Memorandum from Virgil Wind, Chief Executive, to Band Assembly, Appropriation for Commissioner of Administration (107-2200) (Dec. 18, 2025.)
10. Memorandum from Meisha Oswaldson, Interim Site Manager, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for D1 Community Center Admin (107-2070) (Dec. 18, 2025.)

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11. Memorandum from Virgil Wind, Chief Executive, to Band Assembly, Budget Transfer from CEO (102-2000) to the Commissioner of Administration (107-2200) (Dec. 18, 2025.)
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13. Memorandum from Virgil Wind, Chief Executive, to Band Assembly, Budget Transfer from CEO (102-2000) to the Meshakwad (107-2050) (Dec. 18, 2025.)
14. Memorandum from Robert Livingston Jr., Meshakwad Site Manager, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Revision for Meshakwad DIII Community Center (107-2050) (Dec. 12, 2025.)