



# *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

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

*Via E-mail*

August 22, 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 Transfer Requests

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

1. **Natural Resources:** Permanent initiative funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 to budget 251-5990 for the purchase of the Garrison Inn & Suites property located at 9243 U.S. Hwy 169, Garrison, MN. This property acquisition is classified as commercial/hospitality with 4.5 acres, the structure is a 2-story hotel containing 40 hotel guest rooms, laundry room, main lobby, breakfast room, pool/spa room and a large parking lot. The property is currently in foreclosure status with Woodlands National bank. Community development and Health and Human services have plans for use once the Mille Lacs Band takes possession of the property subject to approval. The purchase agreement between the Mille Lacs Band and Woodlands National bank agreed upon \$700,000 plus the cost of property tax proration, real estate broker compensation and closing costs bringing the total to \$750,000.00. Attached is the budget revision, potential acquisition list, AW Research Lab Well Water coliform - E coli and nitrate analysis report, Garrison Inn and Suites 2015 property tax information, maps of Garrison Inn and Suites, Estimated Settlement Statement, Braun InterTech Domestic Well Water Sampling and Analysis, AW Research Lab Well Water Lead Analysis report and the Leines Hotel Advisors Inc. property listing. (Enclosure #1)
2. **MLB Delegates:** Budget Transfer from Government Affairs (107-2260) to MLB Delegates (107-2261) in the amount of \$28,012.00 to continue the MLB Delegation work, and finalizing the Constitution Conventions. (Enclosure #2)

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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

**Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to the Band Assembly**

**Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision Requests**

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CC:

Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources  
Michele Palomaki, MLB District 1 Delegate & Treasurer  
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 Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation of Permanent Initiative Funds for Real Estate Budget (251-5990) (Aug. 19, 2025).
2. Proposed Resolution adopting the FY 2025 TIP RSA RFA
3. APB budget submission – garrison Inn & Suites
4. 3243 Hwy 169 estimated Settlement Statement
5. Lead Test
6. AW Research Lab Report
7. Property Tax Info
8. Map
9. Results Summary Letter
10. Leines Hotel Advisors – Property for Sale
11. MLBO Real Estate Viewer – Garrison Inn aerial view
12. MLBO Real Estate Viewer – Garrison Inn
13. Potential Acquisition Checklist
14. Memorandum from Michele Palomaki, MLB District 1 Delegate & Treasurer, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Budget Transfer from Government Affairs (107-2260) to MCT Delegate Committee (107-2261) (Dated Jul. 1, 2025; received Aug. 17, 2025).