# Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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

*Via E-mail*

September 19, 2025

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

Re: Recommendation of Contracts

Aaniin. In the absence of an Administration Policy Board quorum, I am exercising my authority under 4 MLBS §§ 2 and 6(d) to recommend the following contracts for ratification:

1. **Administration:** Contract with Holland & Knight, LLP., in the amount of $325,000.00 to provide federal lobbying services to the Band. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

2. **Administration:** Contract with Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen, in the amount of $125,000.00 to provide the Band's state lobbyists in St. Paul, MN. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

3. **Administration:** Contract with Rotunda Group, in the amount of $113,000.00 to provide the Band's state lobbyists in St. Paul, MN. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

4. **Administration:** Contract with Red Circle Agency, in the amount of $200,000.00 to provide public relations, communications, and website management/maintenance. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

5. **Administration:** Contract with KAGR/Storehouse, in the amount of $100,000.00 to provide public relations, communications, message development, and crisis media management. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

6. **Administration:** Contract with Lockridge Grindal, Nauen, in the amount of $20,000.00 to manage the Band's Political Action Committee ("PAC") expenditures and ensure compliance with campaign finance board reporting requirements. Contract end date is September 30, 2026.

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Jamie Edwards, Senior Advisor of Government Affairs
Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Jamie Edwards, Senior Advisor of Government Affairs, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator – Government Affairs Contract for Fiscal Year 2026.
2. Administration Contract with Holland & Knight
3. Administration Contract with Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen
4. Administration Contract with Rotunda Group
5. Administration Contract with Red Circle
6. Administration Contract with KAGR/Storehouse
7. Administration Contract with Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen (PAC)