



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Chief Executive

Via E-mail

October 16, 2025

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

Re: Appropriation Requests

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

1. **Administration:** Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds in the amount of \$862,077.63 for Child Support (107-2210). These funds will be used for the operation of the Child Support Program. The funds will cover the salary, fringe, program supplies, training/travel, and our case management system. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Administration:** Appropriation of Investment Income Funds in the amount of \$675,000.00 for Government Affairs (107-2260). These funds will be used to cover the cost of the Beehive Strategic Communications contract. (Enclosure #2)
3. **Natural Resources:** Appropriation of State Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,056.00 for Chronic Wasting Disease Grant (251-5355). These funds will be used to cover the cost of shipping lymph node samples for management of Chronic Wasting Disease. (Enclosure #3)

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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

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CC:

Ann Stafford, Director of Child Support
Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Ann Stafford, Director of Child Support, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, FY26 Appropriation Request – Child Support Grant Award FY26. (Oct. 14, 2025.)
2. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Investment Income Appropriation Request for FY26 Beehive Strategic Communication Service Contract. (Oct. 15, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communication Coordinator, Chronic Wasting Disease Grant (251-5355). (Oct. 15, 2025.)