



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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

Via E-mail

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To Mille Lacs Band Members:

There is an upcoming vacancy on the Gaming Regulatory Authority (GRA) Board of Directors for a term ending September 1, 2028. According to Title 15, section 302(b)(1) of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes, the Chief Executive is required to nominate two individuals to serve in this position. **I am therefore seeking Band members who are interested to serve the Mille Lacs Band in this capacity.**

According to Title 15, section 302(c), qualified nominees will have a "high moral character and integrity; who have a reputation for being honest, fair, and objective; and who are recognized as possessing sound judgment." Qualified nominees will also have never been "convicted of a felony or any gambling-related offence" and cannot be "employed by any gaming enterprise, nor may they gamble at any gaming enterprise or gaming operation." Finally, upon ratification by the Secretary-Treasurer, a qualified nominee will be required to undergo a criminal background check prior to being sworn in.

The GRA Board's purpose is to ensure that "all Gaming Activities on Band Lands are carried out in compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Band Gaming Laws, the Compacts and other applicable law" (15 MLBS § 304). Duties of GRA Board members include attending regular meetings once or twice per month and the occasional special meeting. Board members are compensated at the rate of \$400.00 per meeting, but not to exceed \$800.00 in one month.

If you are interested in being nominated for this position, please e-mail Research and Policy Analyst Kiana Morrison at kiana.morrison@millelacsband.com by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 23, 2026. In your e-mail, please include your resume and a letter of interest detailing your background and relevant experience.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virgil Wind". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe