



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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

Via E-mail

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Dear Mille Lacs Band Employees:

Aaniin. I'm excited to announce that the Band Assembly has ratified Commissioner of Natural Resources Kelly Applegate and Commissioner of Education Raina Killspotted to serve additional four-year terms. Both Kelly and Raina are incredibly accomplished, have demonstrated great dedication and service to the Band, and are fantastic leaders to have around. I am so grateful to have them on board for additional terms.

On a separate note, the Band Assembly denied my nomination of Darcie Big Bear to serve an additional four-year term as Commissioner of Administration. The Assistant Commissioner of Administration position is also now vacant. This means the Band will not be able to operate the Administration Policy Board.

To rectify this situation, I am working to nominate a new Commissioner of Administration and Assistant Commissioner of Administration. I am also in the process of searching for a new Commissioner of Health & Human Services nominee. Any documents requiring the signature of any of these vacant Commissioner positions should be routed directly to my office. When sending a document for my signature, please make sure to complete the enclosed memorandum and transmit to Deputy Assistant Darla Roache (darla.roache2@millelacsband.com).

In the meantime, please continue the great work you do every day for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. We are doing great things. The best possible service to our membership is our shared goal. Thank you for all you do!

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virgil Wind". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive