



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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

Via E-mail

February 13, 2026

Paul Sam, Corporate Board Member (District I)
Jennifer Gahbow, Corporate Board Member (District II)
Julie Dunkley-Ziegler, Corporate Board Member (District III)
Bradley Harrington, Corporate Board Member (At-Large)
Bernida Humetewa, Corporate Board Member (At-Large)

Re: Requests for Information

Dear Corporate Board Members:

Aaniin. I am writing to make four requests for information.

- 1) Given the ongoing public speculation about Makwa Global's contracted relationships, it is crucial that the Band's elected officials have a full understanding of what types of business operations the company is engaged in. Although I am aware that the company's contracts with the U.S. government are publicly available at <https://www.usaspending.gov>, I do not believe I have adequate information about any sub-contracts or partnerships Makwa Global may have entered into to help carry out its work for the government. Therefore, I am kindly requesting that the Corporate Board provide the Band's elected officials a comprehensive summary of all contracts, agreements, partnerships, and memoranda of understanding that Makwa Global has entered into since obtaining its 8(a) certification in 2020.
- 2) I have received some concerning reports about the state of Lake Leaf Cultivation. I therefore request that a comprehensive summary of Lake Leaf's business operations be provided to the Band's elected officials, including a timeline explaining how Lake Leaf started, all the successes and challenges along the way, and a forecast of where the company is headed. Please also describe where Lake Leaf is at from a financial standpoint compared to what its initial projections were.
- 3) I request that the Corporate Board provide a year-end report for all of 2025 as well as a fourth-quarter report. I believe this will provide us all with a more complete understanding of where MLCV is at, as well as its current challenges.
- 4) I request a brief assessment of the challenges posed to the Band's gaming operations by both sweepstakes gaming and prediction markets.

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If possible, I prefer to receive the requested information no later than Friday, February 27. I also prefer that this information be packaged into a presentation for early March. (As of now, I am available on March 10.) Please contact Deputy Assistant Darla Roache at **darla.roache2@millelacsband.com** for scheduling purposes. Miigwech for your timely consideration of these requests for information.

Sincerely,



Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Band Assembly

Gilda Burr, Commissioner of Administration

Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General

Chad Ambroday, MLCV General Counsel and Board Secretary