

## Ordinance 33-20

An Ordinance of Supplemental Appropriation for Adult Band Member Supplemental Economic Payments from Unspent Net Revenues and Long-Term Savings Funds for the month of May 2020 in the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020.

The District II Representative introduced the following Bill on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

### Preamble

It is enacted by the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for the purpose of authorizing an Adult Band Member Supplemental Economic Payment for the month of May 2020 of Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020. The World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, a novel coronavirus, a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia. Also, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Minnesota declared Minnesota to be in a "peace-time State of Emergency" and the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota are rising daily. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised that older adults and people with certain underlying health conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, heart disease or other chronic diseases are at increased risk of fighting COVID-19. On March 15, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-03, the Chief Executive declared a State of Emergency for the Non-removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians "the Band" in response to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Minnesota and United States. Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs were closed effective 4 pm March 16, 2020, as a proactive measure to slow the spread of COVID-19. On March 25, 2020 the Governor of Minnesota, through Emergency Executive Order 20-20, directed Minnesotans to Stay at Home. Also, on March 25, 2020, the Chief Executive, through Executive Order 2020-05, issued a Stay at Home order for all persons enrolled with the Band, or any other federally recognized tribe, residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Band.

As a result of the closure of Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs, there will be no distribution coming from the casinos, to the Band, in the month of April 2020. Per the Net Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, 35% of Net Gaming Revenues are allocated to Band members in the form of per capita payments. The majority of per capita payments are made to Band members in the month following the Band's receipt of distributions from the casinos. Therefore, no Net Gaming Revenue funds will be available for per cap payments for the month of May 2020. Additionally, Per capita payments paid to Band members for the first five months of the fiscal year are at 45% of Net Gaming Revenues, or over budget by 10 percentage points.

It is recognized that taking no action would create financial hardship and increased stress for many Band member families, at a time when so much concern and uncertainty already exists. During these unprecedented times and circumstances, Band Assembly choses to exercise its authority under 3 MLBSA sec. 2(b) to appropriate all Band revenue regardless of source; and 2(d) to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band.

## Title I

Section 1: Unspent Net Revenue and Long-Term Savings Funds: Adult Band Member Supplemental Economic Payments. The Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes expenditures for Adult Band Member Supplemental Payments from Unspent Net Revenues and Long-Term Savings Funds for the month of May 2020 of the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020.

Section 1.01: The Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditure of: One million one hundred thousand and no cents (\$1,100,000.00) of Unspent Net Revenues; and Three million eight hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred and no cents (\$3,821,500.00) of Long-Term Savings Funds for Adult Band Members. The Adult Band member payment is set at One thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$1,500.00) each (18 years and older, on May 1, 2020); a maximum of: Four hundred sixty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$466.50) may be intercepted for Child Support purposes, and Child Support notice requirements are waived for this Economic Stimulus payment, which amends the **Total Fiscal Year 2020 Mille Lacs Band Tribal Operations** to read: Eighty-nine million, one hundred twenty-eight thousand, one hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-four cents (\$89,128,117.94).

Section 1.02: The Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditure of supplemental funds for the following:


<b><u>Fiscal Year 2020</u></b> <b>Supplemental Economic Distribution</b>	<b><u>Supplemental</u></b>	<b><u>Total Amended Amount</u></b>
Of FY2020 Unspent Net Revenues Funds	\$1,100,000.00	
Of FY2020 Long-Term Savings Funds	\$3,821,500.00	
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2020 Unspent/Net Revenue Funds</b>		<b>\$6,312,734.86</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2020 Long-Term Savings Funds</b>		<b>\$3,821,500.00</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2020 Mille Lacs Band Tribal Operations</b>		<b>\$89,128,117.94</b>

Section 1.03: All funds appropriated are maximum fund amounts and shall not be exceeded.

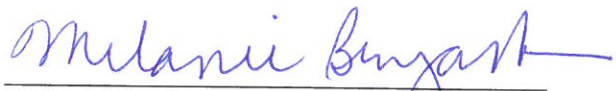
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Introduced to the Band Assembly on this  
Seventh day of April in the year  
Two thousand twenty.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this  
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Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED  
Date: April 7, 2020

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

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