

Commissioner's Order 16-84

Natural Resources

Commissioner's Order establishing policy for the use of vehicles by Natural Resources Programs.

WHEREAS- Band Statute 103E-MLC-1, Section 29 directs Commissioners of the Band to take such measures as are necessary to protect the well being of programs; and-

WHEREAS- the Natural Resources program does provide funds for the use of vehicles; and-

WHEREAS- the Natural Resources budget line item for gas and maintenance lacks accountability; and-

WHEREAS- the lack of accountability creates a threat to the well-being of the program.

NOW THEREFORE- by the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, hereby prescribe the following regulation for any vehicles using funds from Natural Resources programs.

Regulation
Use of Vehicles

1. Any vehicle which uses Natural Resources funds shall keep a daily operator log and activity.
 - a) Any gas, oil, and maintenance spends shall be logged; this will include amount, cost, date, odometer reading, and location.
2. Employees shall not use Band owned, leased, or rented motor vehicles, aircraft, or vessels for other than official purposes.
 - a) For the purpose of this section, the carrying of unauthorized passengers in Band owned, leased, or rented vehicles, aircraft, or vessels is not an official purpose.
 - 1) The carrying of passengers in emergencies threatening loss of life or property is authorized.
 - 2) Persons on official business, including contractors, collaborators, cooperators, grantees, permittees, prospective bidders, and volunteers are authorized passengers.
 - 3) When determined to be in the interest of the Band and provided that no additional expense is incurred, family members may accompany an employee on official trips as authorized passengers. The authorization must be made in writing, prior to the travel by a responsible line official. The authorizing

line official must determine and certify that the travel is for official business, and the transportation of the family members is for official purposes and in the interest of the Band.

An example of the use of this authority is the authorization of family members to accompany an employee, at no additional expense to the Band, on routine, but extend (exceeding two weeks), travel away from the employees official station. Another example is, in exceptional cases, where private travel is restricted, authorization to transport, at no additional expenses to the Band, employees and family members working and living in isolated locations.

The official authorizing the transportation of family members must consider the possibility of the appearance of misconduct, possible disruption in the conduct of Band business, and possible increased liability of the Band.

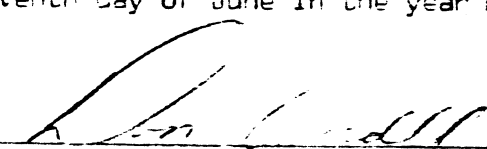
- b) Persons other than the official traveler may ride as passengers only in privately owned or privately rented vehicles, aircraft, or vessels when being operated on official business if it will not interfere with the performance of official duties.
- c) Conducting other activities enroute not related to official use of the Band owned or leased vehicle or aircraft is not authorized.

1) Any employee (driver, pilot, or passenger) in doubt as to whether the proposed use of a vehicle or aircraft will or will not constitute official use should discuss the matter with the unit supervisor. Questionable use should be avoided and how such use might appear in the eyes of others should always be considered.

- 3. Adequate precautionary measures are needed to prevent the loss, damage, or theft of Band property.

Whenever property is stolen or damaged through vandalism, a request for investigative assistance shall be made.

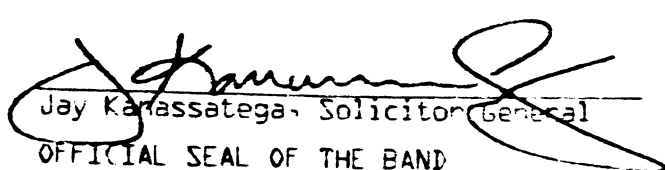
DATED, at Vineland, Minnesota this eleventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.


Don Wedll
Commissioner of Natural Resources

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