

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 351-02

A Commissioner's Order establishing the creation and permanent protection of designated wetland within the Mille Lacs Reservation.

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians is a signatory and successor to the Treaty of 1837, 7 Stat. 536, and the Treaty of 1842, 7 Stat. 591, and the Treaty of 1855, 10 Stat. 1165, and

WHEREAS, Band Statute 1062-MLC-50, Section 3 directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to protect all natural resources of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, and

WHEREAS, many wetlands have been subject to development pressure, and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has restored a degraded wetland for the purpose of developing a Wetland Mitigation Bank in Township 43 north, Range 27 west, Section 28 and 29 of Government Lot 4 and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (see enclosed map)

WHEREAS, the Wetland Mitigation Bank consists of over 14 acres of wetland credit that may be used for mitigating wetland impacts for future development

WHEREAS, the mitigation bank credits will be prioritized for use in the respective sub-watershed, watershed of the respective bank location as described.

WHEREAS, mitigation for wetland impacts that occur outside the sub-watershed, watershed of the respective Wetland Mitigation Bank can not be mitigated using these respective Wetland Mitigation Bank credits

WHEREAS, projects that impact wetlands outside the sub-watershed, watershed of the respective Wetland Mitigation Bank must be mitigated on-site or in as close proximity to the site of wetland impact as possible

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered that projects that impact wetlands in the sub-watershed, watershed of the Wetland Mitigation Bank need to first be approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources and in some cases the U.S. Corp of Engineers prior to using credits from the Mille Lacs Band Wetland Mitigation Bank

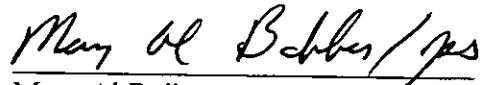
DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this 27th day of August in the year two thousand two.



Curt Kalk,
Commissioner of Natural Resources

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM,
EXECUTION AND NUMBERING



Mary Al Balber,
Solicitor General

OFFICAL SEAL OF THE BAND