



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 20-02-30-22**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RUM RIVER COMPREHENSIVE  
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly-elected legislative body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally-recognized Indian tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(d) and 3(f), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band and to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 1(m), a “resolution” is defined as “a formal expression of the opinion, will, or intention” of the Band Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, a portion of the Upper Rim River Watershed Area is situated within the Band’s reservation and the Band’s Department of Natural Resources has the authority to manage the Band’s natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Band’s Department of Natural Resources strives to work cooperatively and collaboratively with other governmental agencies with which it shares an interest in maintaining, managing, and protecting natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, under the authority of Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, certain counties, through their respective Boards of Commissioners, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Lower Rum River and Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organizations, formed a joint powers entity pursuant to the *Joint Powers Agreement for the Implementation of the Rum River Comprehensive Water Management Plan* (“JPA”), a copy of which is attached hereto; and
- WHEREAS, the name of the above-described entity is the Rum River Watershed Partnership (“Partnership”); and

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WHEREAS, each of the Partnership entities exercise water management authority and responsibility within the Rum River Watershed Management Area, a geographical area consisting of those portions of Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Sherburne Counties and within the Band's reservation that drain into the Rum River watershed as depicted within Exhibit A of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, in order to become a party to the Partnership, each entity must agree to adopt the JPA and agree to be bound by the terms of the JPA, evidenced by its governing board's agreement to become a party; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling the duties and obligations of the Band's Department of Natural Resources, its Commissioner desires to become party to the JPA in order to work cooperatively with other governmental bodies, monitor and participate in activities and projects that will both protect the Band's sovereignty and benefit the Band and the Upper Rum River Watershed Area; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Band entering into the JPA, the Band's Department of Natural Resources representative will have a seat, with voting power, on both the Partnership's Governing Board and the Implementation Planning Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the Band to ratify the *Joint Powers Agreement for the Implementation of the Rum River Comprehensive Water Management Plan*, allowing the Department of Natural Resources to become a party to the Rum River Watershed Partnership.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



Sponsor: District I Representative