



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

RESOLUTION 20-02-36-22

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SHERBURNE COUNTY
ACQUISITION OF FUTURE PARKLAND PROPERTIES THAT HOLDS
SACRED CULTURAL MEANING TO THE OJIBWE CULTURE**

- 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, the Band’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Commissioner of Natural Resources have played a critical role in guiding Sherburne County on its acquisition of future parkland property (“Property”) that holds sacred meaning to the Ojibwe Culture; and
- WHEREAS, the Property is also held sacred by the Dakota Culture; and
- WHEREAS, the County has demonstrated a strong desire to be culturally responsive and has adopted a spirit of inclusivity throughout the planning process; and
- WHEREAS, Sherburne County has deferred to the Band’s cultural perspective as to how best respect the sacredness of the Property; and
- WHEREAS, Sherburne County has requested the Band’s partnership on a Minnesota Historical Society Heritage Partnership Grant to conduct a Traditional Cultural Property Survey; and
- WHEREAS, the relationship that has developed stands in contrast to what the Band has experienced with other local units of government; and
- WHEREAS, the significance of a county and tribal government working cooperatively should be upheld and serve as a model for similar collaborative activities elsewhere.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly fully supports Sherburne County's efforts to protect the Property through public ownership.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, the Band Assembly supports Sherburne County's funding request(s) to entities or agencies outside the Band for developing public space in appropriate locations on the Property.

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 14th day of September, 2022, at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 3 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