

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 20-03-07-23

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PINE COUNTY BROADBAND **DEPARTMENT** THE U.S. **FUNDED** BY **PROJECT** DEVELOPMENT RECONNECT RURAL AGRICULTURE-CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED **THROUGH PROGRAM SPENDING**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly elected legislative body of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally recognized Indian tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions; 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 Assembly recognizes the importance and purpose of access to broadband and internet connectivity for adequate public access to existing services offered by the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly recognizes that the Band is not required to commit cost-sharing monies or in-kind resources.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly does hereby authorize and approve the portions of Pine County's Broadband Project funded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Reconnect Program funded through Congressionally Directed Spending, which crosses tribally owned lands in District III and, more specifically, the community known as Lake Lena, for the purpose of building broadband infrastructure that will improve the quality of life, create more responsive participation in critical functions of government and civic leadership, provide business productivity and growth, and ensure long-term community growth for the Lake Lena community.

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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, held on the 1st day of March, 2023, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 3 FOR, AGAINST, SILENT.

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

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



Sheldon Boyd Speaker of Assembly