

THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWENDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-02-42-24

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENERGY AND APPOINTMENT OF BAND REPRESENTATIVES

- 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" to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; 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 is committed to energy innovation and independence, and seeks to promote a sustainable and secure energy future for tribes and their neighbors; and
- WHEREAS, consistent with that commitment, the Band Assembly seeks appointment of individuals to serve as representatives of the Band on the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy ("TACE"), which is an inter-tribal council of tribal nations located within the State of Minnesota formed for the purpose of promoting meaningful consultation, effective collaboration, partnerships, policies, and legislation, regarding tribal energy issues; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly believes that the Band's participation in TACE is in the best interests of the Band, its members, and the tribal community; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has reviewed and supports in substantial form the TACE Governing Structure (By-Laws), last revised during a June 6, 2024, work group meeting, a copy of which is incorporated herein as Appendix A; and
 - WHEREAS, the Band shall retain its sovereign immunity in all respects notwithstanding its TACE membership status and representative appointments.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly lends its support to the Band's membership in the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy.

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2605 Chiminising Drive • Isle, MN 56342 (320) 676-1102 • Fax (320) 676-3432 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly accepts and supports in substantial form the TACE Governance Structure (By-Laws) incorporated herein as Appendix A.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly supports appointment of Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to serve as the Band's primary representative on TACE, and Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to serve as the Band's alternate representative on TACE, with both serving in those capacities until further action of the Band.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly, in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 20th day of November, 2024, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of _____ FOR, ____ AGAINST, ____ SILENT.

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

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

