



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-03-22-25**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES WEST AND DERRICK NAUMANN TO THE NORTHEAST MINNESOTA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly elected legislative body for 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 has the authority 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, pursuant to 3 MLBS § (f), the Band Assembly has the authority to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic wellbeing of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band is a participating member of the Northeast Emergency Communications Board, a Joint Powers Entity formed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 403.39 and 471.59; and
- WHEREAS, a JPA creating the Northeast Emergency Communications Board was approved by the eleven counties, four cities, and three tribes comprising the Board, including the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the current JPA provides for membership by counties and cities within HSEM Region 2; and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has amended Minnesota Statute 471.59 to provide authority for federally recognized Indian tribes to participate in Joint Powers Agreements; and
- WHEREAS, the Northeast Emergency Communications Board further requires members to the Emergency Communications Board be appointed by their respective governing boards.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly nominates James West, Chief of Police, as the primary representative and Derrick Naumann, Deputy Chief of Police, as the alternate representative for the Northeast Minnesota Communications Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement and Emergency Communications Board Appointment Form is attached as part of this Resolution.

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 16th day of April, 2025 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.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



**Sponsor: District III Representative**