



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-03-35-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MILLE LACS BAND DNR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

- 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 § 3(f), the Band Assembly has the authority to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 MLBS § 1 *et seq.*, the Band Assembly has determined that participation in state programs that promote conservation and enhancement of the environment and natural resources for Band members is a priority; and
- WHEREAS, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (“LCCMR”) offers the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (“ENRTF”) to support innovative ideas for environment and natural resources projects that could provide multiple ecological and other public benefits; and
- WHEREAS, participation in the Commission’s Fund aligns with the Band’s goals to protect and improve the environment and natural resources for the benefit of Band members; and
- WHEREAS, the Band seeks \$900,000.00 for Identifying flooding hazards on Mille Lacs Tribal Lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly supports the above referenced project and authorizes the submittal of a proposal for funding of this project on behalf of the Band to the LCCMR in response to the 2026 ENRTF Request for Proposal.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if funding is awarded, the Band Assembly agrees to accept the award and may enter into an agreement with the state of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The Band will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations and any additional conditions stated in the grant agreement and the approved LCCMR work plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly understands that grants from the ENRTF are generally paid out on a reimbursement basis. The Band has the financial capability to pay for project expenses prior to seeking reimbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly certifies none of the current principals of the Band have been convicted of a felony financial crime in the last ten years. For this purpose, a principal is defined as a public official, a board member, or staff that would have the authority to access or determine the use of ENRTF funds, if awarded.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and work plans as necessary and Charles J. "Charlie" Lippert, Air Quality Specialist, is authorized to implement the project on behalf 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 29th day of May, 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 to be affixed to this resolution.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND




Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Sponsor: District I Representative