



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-03-32-25**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A SUBAWARD CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE MILLE LACS BAND DNR AND THE MINNEAPOLIS  
FOUNDATION REGARDING THE GREAT LAKES THRIVING  
COMMUNITIES EPA GRANT**

- 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 EPA Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grant (“Grant”), administered by the Minneapolis Foundation (“Foundation”), provides for the retaining of a climate specialist, selection of a long-range climate model, purchase and distribution of air pollution sensors, air purifier workshops, and a contract with the Minnesota Well Owners Organization for private water-well care and water sampling; and
- WHEREAS, the Foundation selected the Band’s DNR Environmental Programs to be sub-awarded Grant funding and requires an agreement (“Contract”) signed by the Band’s DNR Commissioner before the sub-award can be made to the Band; and
- WHEREAS, Section 17a of the Contract contains a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in which the Band agrees that an action could be brought in Minnesota District Court in Hennepin County; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 MLBS § 5(a) and (b), only the Band Assembly, through resolution, may waive the sovereign immunity of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 24 MLBS § 2(b), Band officials, such as the DNR Commissioner, may not individually consent to waiver; and

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WHEREAS, the Band's DNR wishes to agree to the Contract's terms and conditions under which the DNR will carry out agreed upon activities and responsibilities in fulfilling the goals of the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Grant period is effective through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has reviewed the Contract between the parties and finds it satisfactory and in the best interests of the Band, including the noted limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly hereby ratifies and expresses its support for the Band to agree to the Contract.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 2 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.

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**Sponsor: District II Representative**