



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 07-02-12-97**

**A RESOLUTION ISSUING RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO THE WRIT OF LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY**

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, On January 31, 1996, the office of the Secretary-Treasurer issued a Writ of Legislative Inquiry into the Operations and Management of the Mille Lacs Reservation Housing Authority in light of complaints from constituent band members residing in all three districts; and,

WHEREAS, a Legislative Inquiry was held February 15-16 and March 7, 1996. An approximate total of 24 hours of testimony was taken from the operation personnel, the Mille Lacs Reservation Housing Authority as well as from the work crew; and,

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly appointed Kevin C. Quigley of St. Paul, Minnesota as Special Hearing Officer and on August 15, 1996, a 35-page hearing officers' report was received by the Secretary-Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly was instructed, on August 27th 1996 in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Band Assembly to issue final recommendation, based on the findings of the Hearing Officers report as well as the recommendations of the Administration Policy Board in its August 5, 1996 Special meeting minutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby issue the following recommendation(s) to be implemented effective immediately which shall expire until such time as the requirements of this resolution are met:

1. The MLRHA shall comply with 12 MLBSA (the Housing Authority Statute) as well as Band Policies on budgeting and contracting in the expending of Band revenues.

- all financial reports, project reports, rental/ mortgage collections, and minutes shall be submitted monthly to the office of Chief Executive and Secretary/ Treasurer.
- The MLRHA shall be required to hold Public meetings in all districts.
- The MLRHA shall require the Executive Director to participate in all budgeting processes as a member of the Administrative Policy Board.

2. The MLRHA shall develop, ratify and implement all pertinent policies and ensure that all such policies are posted for public scrutiny at all Housing offices and be published in the Band Newsletter or other resource guide. Such policies shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Personnel policies
- Programs/guidelines
- Elder guidelines
- Tenant/Home buyer responsibilities

- Complaint/Appeals process
- Maintenance policies/ priorities
- Training and development programs for certification/ employment requirements
- Compliance/Rent collection policies

3. The MLRHA shall employ personnel capable and qualified in the following positions:

- Executive Director
- Construction Supt./Foreman
- Inspector-electrical/plumbing/General housing
- Legal counsel-
- Resident Services Full-time Advocate
- Core Maintenance crews in all districts
- Inventory Procurement specialist
- Bookkeepers

4. The MLRHA shall develop guidelines to encourage the development of Band-member owned construction companies.

5. The MLRHA shall develop a minimum-standard Housing Code which shall be implemented upon ratification by the Band Assembly.

6. The MLRHA shall continue to process applications on the Home Mortgage Program with the following provisions.

- funds shall be kept separate and not be co-mingled with other Housing funds
- shall abide by OMB policies
- program/guidelines shall be developed and published

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MLRHA shall continue to make monthly reports to Band Assembly and develop and publish guidelines and policies regarding the Home Loan program and the Elderly /Renovation program and MLRHA shall comply with all the provisions of this resolution and the MLRHA shall comply with all requirements outlined in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the MLRHA shall be funded conditionally on a continuing resolution basis until the Band Assembly is satisfied that the conditions of this resolution have been met.

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 legislator being present held on the 31st day of October, 1996 at Vineland, 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 Assembly to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Chief Executive for Concurrence.

  
David Matrious, Speaker of Assembly