



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 08-01-92-98**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A TRIBALLY-BASED WILD RICE TASK FORCE.**

- WHEREAS,** the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS,** since 1997, the Mille Lacs Band Department of Natural Resources wild rice managers have collaborated with the wild rice managers from the Minnesota Chippewa Bands of Red Lake, White Earth, Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, Grand Portage and the 1854 Authority to develop a tribal wild rice managers' work-group, the aim being to protect and enhance priority native wild rice lakes for members of those aforementioned Minnesota Chippewa Bands, and,
- WHEREAS,** Tribal work-group representatives of the aforementioned Bands and Ceded Territories have met with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioners, enforcement staff and management staff and have expressed interest in assuming authority for a pending native wild rice management proposal submitted to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources in the amount of \$490,000.00, and,
- WHEREAS,** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources recognizes and agrees to transfer the pending LCMR grant proposal and its delegated management and financial authority for native wild rice management from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to the aforementioned Bands, who will operate collectively as project partners, and,
- WHEREAS,** Band partners will carry out objectives of the proposal through a tribally-based rice management task force, and comprised of managers currently acting on the existing wild rice work-group, and,
- WHEREAS,** Respective Tribal Councils of Red Lake, Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, White Earth, Leech Lake, Grand Portage, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band the 1854 Authority; and non-tribal collaborators including the U.S. Forest Service, the Minnesota Waterfowl Association, and Ducks Unlimited have been appraised of the proposal transfer and the potential match requirement of \$100,000.00 in financial, technical and/or personnel commitment to the project in the event of funding in the approval by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, and,
- WHEREAS,** The Bois Forte Department of Natural Resources has consulted with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other aforementioned non-tribal collaborators currently listed on the pending proposal regarding continued collaboration on the project, and,
- WHEREAS,** All aforementioned Bands, non-tribal collaborators, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have expressed desire to proceed with the submission of a tribally-based proposal for native wild rice management to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, and,
- WHEREAS,** Aforementioned non-tribal collaborators willing to contribute technical and/or financial resources to the project will be invited to participate as members on the tribally-based wild rice task force, and,

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**WHEREAS,** The tribal work-group representatives have unanimously agreed that the Bois Forte Reservation will act as interim coordinator and fiscal agent for the revised, tribally-based proposal.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** That the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly does hereby approve and endorse delivery of a revised, tribally-based proposal in the amount of \$490,000.00 and entitled "Native Wild Rice Management Initiative" to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources for funding consideration; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that letters of support and/or resolutions from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, other non-tribal project partners, and Tribal Councils, and a descriptive endorsed by representatives of all participating Tribal Councils and associated tribal agencies describing alterations made to the proposal shall accompany the revised proposal and be available for review by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the Mille Lacs Band Assembly does hereby formally support the formation of a tribally-based wild rice task force that will, be implemented through the Mille Lacs Department of Natural Resources, identify and carry out tasks associated with sound management and enhancement of native wild rice basins indicated as priority management areas by the Minnesota Chippewa Bands participating in this effort.

**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, 1998 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 the Assembly

**IN CONCURRENCE,** with the action of the Band Assembly, I, hereunto set my hand to this resolution.

  
Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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