

OJIBWENDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 15-03-185-13

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (MPCA) AND THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT (DNR/E).

- 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, the Band Assembly acting pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 has the authority to enact laws which promote the general welfare of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (MLBO); and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of the physical, social, and mental well-being of their Communities; and
- WHEREAS, in May 2011, MPCA (as lead agency), DNR/E and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) jointly applied for the ESEPA Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring grant to monitor and better characterize through modeling the Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in the Phillips Communities (PAH study), with additional monitors both upwind and downwind of the neighborhoods, with AQS Site 27-095-3051 (Mille Lacs) located at the Iskigamizigan Powwow Grounds serving as the downwind site; and
- WHEREAS, on June 18, 2012, the award letter was issued to MPCA leading to discussions regarding formal JPA language; and
- WHEREAS, on October 17, 2012, the Interagency Agreement between MPCA and MDH for the PAH study was fully executed; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band officials have reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement and are in support of the Band's participation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby authorize the Commissioner of Natural Resources to sign the JPA on behalf of the Band.

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BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby execute this agreement.

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 12th day of February, 2013 at Aazhoomog, Minnesota by a vote of FOR; AGAINST, SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Curt Kalk, Speaker of the Assembly

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

Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive