

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 16-04-14-16

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS: DEPLOYMENT OF CLEAN ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS ON INDIAN LANDS – 2015 GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 2, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of social and economic conditions and quality of life for the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize the significance of long-term protection of the air, water, land, and natural resources that are treaty-protected for Band members and the opportunity to take action and leadership by incorporating renewable energy into the Band's energy use portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the Band fully supports the Department of Energy: Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs in it's efforts to direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, and programs that assist Tribes with energy development, capacity building, energy infrastructure, energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Band will install clean energy and energy efficiency solar power for the District I (Nayahshing) Community Center, District II (Minisinaakwaang) Community Center, District IIA (Chi Minising) Community Center, District III (Aazhoomog) Community Center, and Aazhoomog Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the Band is committed to the 50% cost share requirement which totals up to \$500,000.00.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive authorize and approve the submission of a 2015 grant application to the Department of Energy: Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs: Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive commit to 50% of the cost share requirement totaling up to \$500,000.00.

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 12th day of November, 2015 at Hinckley, 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.

Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of Assembly

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

Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND