



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 17-02-10-17

A RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF MILLE LACS BAND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE SUBCOMMITTEES UNTIL A FORMAL PROCESS IS ADOPTED

- 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, the Band is one (1) of the six (6) Ojibwe Bands forming the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (“MCT”); and
- WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the MCT are the Tribal Executive Committee (“TEC”) and Reservation Business Committees (“RBC”) of each Ojibwe band that includes the Band Assembly and Chief Executive of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant Article V Section 1(i) of the Revised Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the TEC shall have the power to delegate any of the constitutional authorities to committees, officers, employees, or cooperative associations, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated authorities; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 1 Section 1(d) of the MCT Bylaws, the President of the TEC shall assume general supervision of all officers, employees and committees of the TEC and, as delegated, take direct responsibility for the performance of such officers, employees and committees; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 (d), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, on November 2, 2016, members of the Band Assembly became aware that the MCT Executive Director confused the Band Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Executive by insinuating that only TEC officers sit on the Legislative Subcommittee; and
- WHEREAS, members of the Band Assembly were not asked if they were interested in sitting on any subcommittee nor were they able to provide any comments or feedback on the appointments or structure of the subcommittees; and

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WHEREAS, on November 3, 2016 the MCT Executive Director admitted at an all RBC meeting that the document he shared with the TEC stating that officers sit on the legislative subcommittee, was never adopted nor was there a formal process for the appointment of members to the subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, as of today, the TEC has not formally adopted a process or structure for the subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly does not support a confusing system that can be manipulated, and does not support the MCT Executive Director having authority to appoint members to the subcommittees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Band Assembly opposes the lack of formal process for appointments and structure of the MCT subcommittees; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, the Band Assembly suggests the following appointments to the subcommittees from the Mille Lacs Band until a formal structure and appointment process is adopted by the MCT TEC based on input and support from all six (6) RBCs through a formal resolution from each respective Band.

Subcommittee Appointment:

Carolyn Beaulieu, Secretary-Treasurer: remain on Legislative

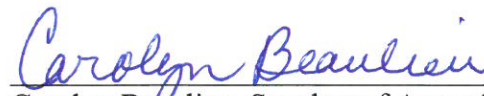
Carolyn Beaulieu, Secretary-Treasurer: new on Finance (Housing and Economic Development)

Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive: remain on Natural Resources

David "Niib" Aubid, District II Representative: new on Human Services/Education

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 10th day of November, 2016 at Nayahshing, 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 the Assembly.



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND