



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

RESOLUTION 19-01-103-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MILLE LACS CORPORATE VENTURES TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM FY2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR WEWINABI CAPITAL PROJECTS AND 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER LOSSES

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 Assembly is authorized under 3 MLBSA sec. 2(b) to appropriate all Band revenue regardless of source; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly is also authorized under 3 MLBSA sec. 2(d) to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, formally requested an additional appropriation on March 12, 2020 to fund capital projects that were approved in FY2020 for:

Grindstone Laundry	\$64,158.00
<u>Super Stop Mound System</u>	<u>\$35,031.00</u>
Total	\$99,189.00: Ninety-nine thousand, one hundred eighty-nine dollars and no cents from FY2020 Economic Development Funds; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, formally requested an additional appropriation on March 24, 2020 to cover Wewinabi Operating Losses for the 1st and 2nd quarter due to the COVID-19 crisis that initiated travel restrictions and social distancing efforts which caused a significant drop in cash flow to businesses. Totals requested for FY2020 are:

FY2020, Q1 Actual	\$399,090.00
<u>FY2020, Q2 Forecast</u>	<u>\$375,000.00</u>
Total	\$774,090.00: Seven hundred seventy-four thousand, ninety dollars and no cents from FY2020 Economic Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby approves the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures expenditure listed hereinabove from the 2020 Economic Development Funds.

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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 25th day of March, 2020 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 to be affixed to this resolution.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly



March 24, 2020

The Honorable Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin
The Honorable Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd
The Honorable District 1 Representative Sandra Blake
The Honorable District 2 Representative Marvin Bruneau
The Honorable District 3 Representative Wallace St. John

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
43408 Oodena Drive
Onamia, MN 56359

Subject: Wewinabi Operating Losses – REVISED

Dear Distinguished Members:

We are requesting appropriation in the amount of \$774,090 from the Economic Development fund to cover 1st and 2nd quarter losses at the Wewinabi businesses.

As travel restrictions and social distancing efforts have become more widespread due to the COVID-19 crisis, our hotels are experiencing significant drops in demand with an uncertain duration, which puts the company in a situation of not having the available hotel cash flow to pay for the operations of the in-district businesses, as it typically would. The in-district businesses are community-focused, providing needed services and local jobs to the community. Throughout this crisis, they are managing their businesses as effectively as possible, but they are in need of this support.

Below is a breakdown of the negative distribution for FY2020, Quarters 1 and 2:

	FY20, Q1 Actual	FY20, Q2 Forecast	Total
Grand Market	-\$103,085	-\$92,000	-\$195,085
Grand Makwa Cinema	-\$3,270	-\$13,000	-\$16,270
Subway	-\$35,014	-\$38,000	-\$73,014
Super Stop	-\$63,144	-\$50,000	-\$113,144
ML Gas	-\$72,375	-\$102,000	-\$174,375
Grindstone Laundry	-\$122,202	-\$80,000	-\$202,202
Total	-\$399,090	-\$375,000	-\$774,090

Please contact me with questions; I can be reached at 532-8882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph S. Nayquonabe".

Joseph S. Nayquonabe
Commissioner of Corporate Affairs

CC: Ronda Weizenegger, COO
Shawn O'Keefe, CFO
Jodi Hyatt, Director of Finance Accounting
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance
Darcie Big Bear, Parliamentarian



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Subject: Wewinabi Capital Projects

Dear Distinguished Members:

We are requesting an appropriation for capital projects in the amount of \$64,158 for Grindstone Laundry. These projects include:

EMX Conveyor to be utilized with the current EMX feeder. This ergonomically correct conveyor will allow three stations to be open at one time and provide for a faster processing time. The project also increases safety for Associates when moving the washed sheets from the carts to the dryers. **Budget for this project is \$27,725.**

Brushes to be utilized with the existing Double Barrell ironing line. The brushes pull the sheets tight as they are entering the ironer to ensure the edges are flat, which dramatically increases the quality of the finished product. This purchase resolves an outstanding quality control issue. **Budget for this project is \$36,433.**

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Subject: Wewinabi Capital – Super Stop Septic System Repair

Dear Distinguished Members:

We are requesting an additional appropriation for the Super Stop Septic System Repair capital project in the amount of \$35,031. When the project went through permitting Mille Lacs County required the installation of a MBBR (Moving Bed Biofield Reactor) Pretreatment System as the drain field is close to drinking water wells and it does not meet setback requirements without the MBBR. Below is a breakdown of the bid comparisons:

	3/4/2020 Estimate	6/14/2019 Estimate	Variance
Mound System Rebuild	\$112,000	\$120,000	-\$8,000
MBBR Pretreatment System	\$39,800	\$0	\$39,800
Septic Design	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Permit	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0
Electric Connection	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Contingency	\$3,231	\$0	\$3,231
Total	\$164,781	\$129,750	\$35,031

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