

Survey Questions for District II Mille Lacs Band Members

Brief Background: It has always been understood and recognized by Mille Lacs Band law that the Mille Lacs Band is a confederation of several historical Bands in close proximity to Mille Lacs. Title 2, Section 1 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes states:

"All political powers of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians derive from the aboriginal rights of the Band comprised of the **Non-Removable Sandy Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, the Rice Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Snake River Chippewa Indians and the Kettle River Band of Chippewa Indians**, and the inherent and aboriginal rights of the people of the Band to self-government." Title 2, Section 1 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes.

For the past several years, a group of individuals primarily led by enrolled members of the Red Lake Nation, a few other individuals who are not enrolled, and Mille Lacs Band Member Michaa Aubid have been asking the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to support restoration of the Sandy Lake Band as a tribal government separate from Mille Lacs. The TEC adopted Resolution 64-20 two years ago supporting the efforts of the Sandy Lake Band *"as the Sandy Lake Band of Mississippi Chippewa continue their efforts to have their federal status restored."*

At the last TEC meeting on January 28, 22, Mille Lacs Band Member Michaa Aubid asked the TEC to support a resolution called *"Proposed 1/28/22 Restoration of the Sandy Lake and Rice Lake Reservation Boundaries"*. This discussion can be viewed at https://youtu.be/XZoZVc_S7IE . The proposed resolution was mailed in a packet to District II Band Members and is also available [here to review](#). The resolution will come before the Tribal Executive Committee for a vote on April 29, 2022, at Bois Forte's Fortune Bay.

Before the TEC votes on this issue that impacts District II Band Members, it is important that your opinions be heard. Surveys were mailed to District II Band Members but can also be completed on-line.

Please complete this survey as soon as possible so that Mille Lacs Band officials have District II Band Member feedback before the next meeting.

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