



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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ELECTION NOTICE

The Regular Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the MILLE LACS Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Band Assembly will be held on June 9, 2026, to fill the following position:

ELECTION DATE: June 9, 2026

POLLING PLACES:

GENERAL ELECTION BOARD

Baadwewidang Community Center
Community Room
P.O. Box 276
43500 Virgo Road
Onamia, MN 56359
320-532-7586 (800-709-6445, ext. 7586)
Email: deanna.sam@millelacsband.com

DISTRICT III:

LAKE LENA COMMUNITY CENTER
45749 Grace Lake Rd
Sandstone, MN 55072

URBAN:

ALL NATIONS CHURCH
1515 East 23rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

- General Election Board – is the Designated Polling Place for absentee ballot voting)

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE – 4 Year Term

Lionel Richey
Michelle (Shelly) Pomerleau

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised 12/16, 2026, which states the voting requirements.

Date: May 6, 2026


Joel Smith, Acting Executive Director

Section 1.6.

Voter Eligibility.

1.6(A). Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6(B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6(C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of

his/her enrollment, he/she may declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible voter does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.