



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the MILLE LACS Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Band Assembly will be held on March 31, 2026, to fill the following positions:

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 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)

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DISTRICT I:

COMMUNITY CENTER

43500 Virgo Road

Onamia, MN 56359

DISTRICT II:

EAST LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

46666 State Hwy 65

McGregor, MN

ISLE COMMUNITY CENTER

2605 Chiminishing Drive

Isle, MN

DISTRICT III:

LAKE LENA COMMUNITY CENTER

45749 Grace Lake Rd

Sandstone, MN 55072

URBAN:

ALL NATIONS CHURCH

1515 East 23rd Street

Minneapolis, MN 55404

- (District I – is the Designated Polling Place for absentee ballot voting)

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

MEMBER RESERVATIONS • BOIS FORTE • FOND DU LAC • GRAND PORTAGE • LEECH LAKE • MILLE LACS • WHITE EARTH

NI-MAH-MAH-WI-NO-MIN "We all come together"

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CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER – 4 Year Term

Suzanne Wise (Aazhinangookwe)
Megan Ballinger
Sheldon Boyd Sr. - Incumbent

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE – 4 Year Term

Harvey Goodsky Jr.
Raina Killspotted
Michael Aubid
Thomas Benjamin

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE – 4 Year Term

Wallace St. John Sr.
Michelle (Shelly) Pomerleau
Maria Costello
Wanetta Thompson (Waabishkaanakwadookwe)
Weylin Davis (Niigaanigwaneb)
Lionel Richey

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

Date: February 20, 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.