


2020 ELECTION GUIDE

MILLE LACS BAND
OF OJIBWE





BOOZHOO!

The primary election is almost here, and the Band's Legislative and Executive branches want to inform you about the candidates and the voting process. Please read this guide to help you make your decision on March 31.

DATE AND TIME

MARCH 31, 2020, 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

POLLING PLACES

District I Nay Ah Shing (Vineland) Community Center
District II Minisinaakwaang (East Lake) Community Center
District IIa Chiminising (Isle) Community Center
District III Aazhoomog (Lake Lena) Community Center
Urban Area: All Nations Church, 1515 East 23rd St., Minneapolis

CANDIDATES

The order of candidates in this guide follows the primary ballot.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE


Curtis Kalk, Wanetta Thompson, Melanie Benjamin (incumbent), Carolyn Beaulieu, Tania Aubid, Ronald Davis.

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE

Valerie Sam-Harrington, Nicolas Shaw, Virgil Wind, Ginger Weyaus, Sandra Blake (incumbent).

For questions regarding the election or to receive an absentee ballot, please contact Election Judge Deanna Sam at 320-279-0178.

If none of the candidates receive more than 50 percent of the vote in the March 31 primary, a General Election between the top two primary finishers will be held on June 9.



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal Election 2020 - Candidate Forums

Mille Lacs Band members are invited to candidate forums to learn more about individuals running for Chief Executive and District I Representative. Dinner will be provided. Forums are anticipated to last for 2 hours. District I and Urban forums will be for Chief Executive and District I Representative. All other forums will be for Chief Executive only.

Urban/All Nations Church: Monday, March 9 - 5pm
District IIa Community Center: Tuesday, March 10 - 5pm
District I Community Center: Wednesday, March 11 - 5pm
District II Community Center: Thursday, March 12 - 5pm
District III Community Center: Friday, March 13 - 5pm

For election-related questions, contact the Mille Lacs Band Election office: 320-279-0178

For more information about the candidate forums:
Government Affairs office: 320-495-5006 or
Legislative Branch office: 320-532-7586

ELECTION CALENDAR

For the complete 2020 election calendar, including deadlines for challenges, recounts, and appeals, please see millelacsband.com/news/2020-election-calendar.

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Any questions or concerns about this guide can be addressed to Brett Larson at 320-237-6851.

CURTIS KALK NAY WE CHI GE SHIK

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE



Aaniin,

My name is Nay we chi ge shik, Eagle Clan and a descendent of the Martin Clan (Keg gwe dosay). My given name is Curtis Kalk. I served in the U.S. Marine Corp for 4 years, and worked for the

federal government for 13 years. I have held various positions within the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the past 20 years. The highest positions I have gained experience from are, The Commissioner Of Natural Resources from 2000-2010, Secretary / Treasurer from 2010-2014, currently and most importantly from the 6th – 12th graders at our Nay- Ah- Shing school, they are truly our future.

My pledge is to lead a fair and consistent government.

As Mille Lacs Band Members, what you have to share with me is very important. I look forward to hearing your ideas to make our communities a better place to live. We need to look at all of our spending, whether it be corporate spending or government spending. Our programs need to be evaluated, our housing policies and home loan programs need to change. The waiting list for homes, whether home loans for purchase, or rental homes, is very backed up. There must be changes made that will meet our needs in a realistic and timely manner. Elder renovation grants/loans are 3-5 years out, this is unacceptable! We need our programs to operate more efficiently.

Also, employees that provide services will be trained to be more professional and courteous to the Band members they serve. Change for a better future depends on your vote, a vote for the fairness and consistency that I pledge.

I will pursue every legal effort to stop functioning with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT). Recent efforts by some of the MCT tribes/nations show they have no regard for the Mille Lacs Band. We need to operate separately as a true sovereign nation without infringements by other tribes/nations. The MCT has some tribes/nations wanting to benefit from our prosperity, and have us live by their rules. This we do not need to tolerate. We can adopt our own constitution to live by!

As your Chief Executive, I will represent who we are as anishinaabe people with kindness, wisdom, humility, honesty and pride. I will always be mindful to represent our culture and traditions, as good neighbors, friends to each other, good stewards of our land and resources, and I will always be mindful of what we leave behind for our children with respect. These are the fundamental bases for which I will serve, and as I have served for the past 20 years.

I want to visit as many households as possible during this campaign season to discuss your thoughts on making our government programs and communities a better place.

Please feel free to contact me by phone: 320-982-0241 or email at kalkforchief@gmail.com With your support we can make these changes a reality.

WANETTA THOMPSON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE



Boozhoo, my name is Wanetta Thompson. I am running for Chief Executive.

Are you happy about how our government is serving you? Do you feel the programs and services are meeting your needs? Are

you living your best life? Every band member will answer these questions differently. What could I do to help you answer yes to all three of those questions?

My parents are Myron and Cheryl Garbo. My grandparents were John Jr. and Nancy Ann Garbo and James Beaulieu Sr. and Georgianna Day. I currently live in Hinckley with my husband Anton Thompson, we have been married for 25 years. We have three daughters: Laikora, Kyrah, and Tourrie. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business. On March 29, I will have worked at Grand Casinos for 29 years! I have been serving as the Assistant General Manager at Grand Casino Hinckley since October 2017.

I am looking for an opportunity to utilize the experience I have gained in the past 28 years while working at Grand Casino and bring back the knowledge I gained while attending college. My dream is that every Band Member is "living their best life!" I will do my best to help facilitate that by ensuring accountability, efficiencies, and effectiveness of the programs and services we offer. I am ready to serve my tribe. I want what is best for you.

One goal I wish to accomplish is to ensure our programs and services our tribe offers are what

we need and want. With my direction and help, the Executive branch cabinet and staff will work hard to make necessary changes to our programs and services. We will do this by listening to what you want, listening to what you think, and listening to truly understand the needs of our people! After we complete the analysis of the programs and services; we will complete a strategic plan with specific timelines for completion. Accountability is one of my principle beliefs! I am accountable for results and I thrive on holding people accountable to produce those results.

Please provide me this opportunity and I will use everything that I learned while working at the casinos to help make a positive impact in our government.

If you have any questions or want to set up a time to meet please call or text me at 320.336.9192. You can email me at elect.wanetta@gmail.com. You can find me @ [elect.wanetta](#) on Face Book, Instagram, or Twitter. I will respond as soon as possible. Miigwech!

Please join me for some real conversation and a delicious Dawn Day's Fry Bread Taco!

District 1 – VETS Club in Onamia – March 22 @ 4pm-6pm

District 2 – TBD – March 21

District 2A – IREC – March 15 @ 12pm-2pm

District 3 – Hinckley Community Room (Library) – March 15 @ 6pm-8pm

Urban – Little Earth (Gym) – March 14 @ 12pm-2pm

Vote Wanetta Thompson for Chief Executive!

#electwanetta

MELANIE BENJAMIN MAHNDAAMIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE (INCUMBENT)



Boozhoo! Mahndaamin indizhinikaaz, Melanie Benjamin indigo. Ever since I first ran for Chief Executive in 2000, the greatest privilege of my life has been being elected and re-elected as your

Chief Executive every four years since.

I'm from Aazhoomog, am the daughter of George Staples and Frances Reynolds, and am a Drum Society Member. I earned my B.S. in Business Administration at Bemidji State, and my Master's in Education from UMD. Throughout my life, my inspiration has been my mom, thirteen siblings, son Clayton and daughter-in-law Candace, and beautiful grandchildren. Band Members are my greatest source of strength, and our beautiful culture is what sustains me.

I was first hired by Chief Executive Arthur Gahbow in 1989 as Commissioner of Administration, and continued in that role under Chief Executive Marge Anderson until 1997. Our elders taught me that sovereignty is our sword and shield, and true leadership is holding yourself accountable to high moral and ethical standards, despite what others may try to do or say about you. I strive to bring integrity to every duty, large and small, and lead with competence and compassion.

I've been especially proud of our achievements together these past four years. In 2016, we stood together after the county revoked our law enforcement agreement, never giving into county demands that we deny our reservation's existence. We fought hard legal and policy battles while Band Members rose

up as New Warriors, fighting together to protect our families against criminals and drug dealers who invaded our reservation. We sued the county, we protested, held smudge walks and ceremonies, and fought in St. Paul and Washington D.C. Finally, our law enforcement agreement was reinstated in 2018. Just weeks ago, history was made when the State announced it agrees with the United States that our reservation boundary was never diminished. Many generations of Band Members dreamed of this day and it finally arrived.

Our platform these next four years is very aggressive. Together, we will continue our progress of improving our facilities, diversifying our economy, and expanding language and culture programs. With zero percent interest home loans, more Band Members are homeowners than ever before. We are leading Indian country with exciting food sovereignty and climate change initiatives, our college graduation rate is growing, Nay Ah Shing is on the way to becoming the immersion school our elders dreamed of, and we are making progress in the battle against addiction.

These next four years, we will increase Band Member employment by 50% with new jobs, hiring policies, and a Band Member salary scale. Elders will continue to be our priority, along with safety and wellness for all. All Band Members currently on the waiting list will have a home within two years, we will partner with local schools to improve educational offerings for our children, and build a leadership initiative to support emerging leaders. Together, we can achieve all this and more.

I humbly ask for your vote on March 31. Miigwech!

CAROLYN BEAULIEU OZHAAWASHKOGIIZHIGOOKWE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE



Greetings Mille Lacs Band Members. I am asking for your vote on March 31, 2020 to serve the next 4-year term as Chief Executive for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. I have over 21 years of experience working for

various departments of the Band. I spent 10 years at the Corporate Commission. For 5 of those years, I worked in Band Member Development where the goal of my department was to increase Band member hiring, retention and promotions at our casinos and corporate businesses. I then served as the Assistant Commissioner and Commissioner of Administration under the Honorable Marge Anderson. In that capacity, I worked to redesign the Department of Labor to provide better services and opportunities for Band members to seek desired training and employment. While I was the Secretary Treasurer, I worked on changing the dynamics of Tribal Employment Rights by initiating the Bill that moved the TERO Commission from under the Executive Branch to a stand-alone entity that is supposed to be enforcing Tribal Employment Rights at all of our businesses. It is always been my passion to help Band members work toward self-sufficiency. Employment is a major part of self-sufficiency and so is healthcare, housing, childcare and transportation. Within the first 100 days in office, I'll be rolling up my sleeves to work directly with my cabinet members to create

a comprehensive plan for improving areas within the Bands departments. Although, I have ideas of what needs to be done, the commissioners and I will seek additional input from Band members served by these departments. I will also consult with employees in every area to make sure that we get an in-depth perspective on how we can improve services. We can have an **Addict Intervention Program** to help our family members struggling with drug use get immediate treatment. I consider our Band owned businesses, Mille Lacs Band family owned businesses. That's why it makes sense to practice what I call, **Absolute Band Member Priority** in hiring, training, and promotions at all our businesses. We can do better at fixing up the boarded-up houses in our communities and make them available for the hundreds of Band members on the waiting lists. We can make sure that our Family Services department is not violating Band members rights by taking children and not allowing suitable family members to care for them. There are so many other priorities that need attention. Space is limited for this message so please contact me via phone at 218-251-0062 or through my **Face Book page: Elect Carolyn Beaulieu for Chief Executive 2020** to learn more about my platform. Our casinos have been around for almost 30 years and we shouldn't have this much suffering. All Band members deserve opportunities for education, jobs, housing, healthcare and other services, no matter where they live. We can do this now! VOTE BEAULIEU 2020! Miigwech. **Carolyn Beaulieu**

TANIA AUBID BIIDWEWEGIIZHAGOOKWE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE



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anishinaabedoog.
Biidwewe-
giizhagookwe nin
dezhinikaaz
Bakwaa
Manomin nikaan
Minisinaakwaang
odoonjibaa.

Hello I am Tania
Aubid from District

2 East Lake, Minnesota area, 51yrs old,
4/4 fullblood, for which I consider as an
“endangered species”.

I grew up in a family that knows their
American Indian studies background, as
well as growing up within our Big Drum
Societies. Recently, I have been certified as
a Para archeologist with the Tribal Historical

Preservation Office, Mille Lacs Band and
the State of Minnesota. I hold a 1st Degree
Black belt in the Japanese art of Shorin Ryu
Karate. This achievement has led me into the
Combative Sports Industry for 12 years as a
Boxing/MMA inspector, within the Mille Lacs
Band Department of Athletic Regulation.

I have spent more than a decade going up
against corporations that intend to destroy
our Lands, Water, Air and Food sources.
With my experiences, I am very interested
in having the Declaration of Rights of
Indigenous People's becoming a legal binding
document for Our People. A continuation of
Protection and Preservation of Our resources,
something our Ancestors carried on for our
future generations of Anishinaabeg.
Miigwech!

Photo by Tom Olmscheid

RONALD DAVIS NAHAHBUNWAY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE

Anin Ronald Davis, Chi-Ininii, NahAhbunway Indiizhiniikaaz. Ahzhii moog aayzhabyaan Anishinabe Ogiichidaa. I am 52 years old I have hunted, fished and gathered within our ceded territory since the age of 15 yrs. Old. So you could say I've practiced protecting our treaty rights for 37 years. As a young man growing up, coming with my mother (Martha Davis) niimiiding in Ahzhiimoog to pray at big drum ceremonies in all three districts but mostly ahzhiimoog but also attended college at Mpls Comm. College I'm currently putting together a bustle to become a traditional dancer but was a Grass dancer for 10 yrs in Contest pow-wows. I was a golden Gloves boxer for 17 yrs and was 5 time National Indian boxing Champion. I participated with the Indigenous Games as a boxer and coached the 19-21 age mens basketball team and won the Gold medal. I am also a published poet you can find my poem in a book in the library of congress called between the raindrops; the title "Modern Warrior."

I was a senior case manager for a non-profit organization in minneapolis I've volunteered at the four winds school and was later hired as a para-professional/drum co-ordinator all for Native youth and families. I moved back home in 1999 and was hired at the hinckley casino and learned how to deal black Jack for a year; but soon realized I needed more involvement so I moved to construction. There I started helping build different structures alongside other band members both men and

women with an extensive list to include my help as a carpenter from 2002-2015 the hotel expansions in Mille lacs and Hinckley the Assisted living Complex in Dist. III the Marathon gas station in Dist. III the Gateway clinic in DIII the parking ramp, and Industrial laundry in District I. Enough about me but my slogan comes from a interpretation of my name and that is "protecting our spirit of tomorrow" first to change the direction that of our government. Because ours is the same as the United States.

Carl Marx once said to have true communism first you must take the peoples land rights, break down the family unit and also take there religion. If that sounds familiar your right. It is of the utmost importance that our existance as an Ojibwe nation change this assimilation of what we have been prograded to believe and stop blindly accepting this as the right way. It is 2020 Our ancestors deserve better representation for all the hardships they have gone thru were dual citizens but we don't have to be reminded twice as many times and to be treated like 2nd class citizens that not what dual-citizenship is suppose to be its not to assimilate the same type of government. It's to remain sovereign but also be able to vote and protect America but to continue to protect our way of life we must redefine and draw the line of our sovereignty.
ChiIninii Nahahbunway Miigwetch

VALERIE SAM-HARRINGTON DIBIKWE

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE



Aaniin Dibikwe Indizhinikaaz Migizi Indoodem. My name is Valerie Harrington. I am engaged to Daniel Wind Jr. Jointly and proudly we have three children: Mariah, Kaitlin, Kevin, and our granddaughter Myla. My parents are Kimberly Sam and

Brad Harrington. My grandparents are Roberta Davis, Leonard Sam, Agnes Pendegayosh, and Hoyt Harrington. My great-grandparents are Stary and Frank Skinaway.

I humbly request your support for the District I Representative position. I have lived and worked on the reservation my entire life. Education is important to me and I earned my Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota in Tribal Administration & Governance. I have been a dedicated hard-working employee for our tribe in Small Business Development, Energy/Emergency assistance, and Financial Specialist in Child Support Enforcement. My most recent experience is Chief Communications Officer with the Legislative Branch. I am a Native Nation Rebuilder Cohort 10 #BID. I serve on MLB Tribal Employment Rights Office and MLB Women Empowering Women in Indian Nation Boards. I am a treasurer for Redbrick group. I am a member of Sober Squad. This education and experience are not only what I bring as a candidate. I am running for District I Representative to give back to our Tribe. I grew up in Mille Lacs and witnessed the transition to where we are today.

As your District I Representative I will work for a safe and drug free community. Better access to programs and services for tribal members living on and off the reservation. Assist employees that don't qualify for services due to wages.

Fairness, transparency, accountability, and equality in tribal government. Value and listen to community members and empower our people. Build a stronger community foundation. Create a committee of youth, adult, and elder community members to ensure that all members are represented and needs are met. Get input on decisions being made that affect us. Perform my duties in the best interest of our tribe. Be open and honest in my decision making for our future.

- * Ensure we know our culture and feel a part of the community.

- * Continue receiving the benefits we currently receive, while bettering the process.

- * Use language and culture in our meetings, events and activities.

- * Host broadcasted community meetings in D1 and Urban that have agendas the community decides.

- * Enhance program performance in areas of concern to Tribal members.

- * Propose changes to various challenges in Family Services, Addiction and Housing.

Be accessible and accountable, my door will always be open. I will bring our ideas and concerns to the table.

I have ideas and solutions to better our government, however it's not about me. It's about you. It's about us. It's time our voice is heard. It's time for a new generation of leadership. It's time for change. It would be an honor to represent you. Please vote Valerie Harrington for District I Representative March 31, 2020:

It's my priority to listen to elders, adults and youth community members.

Facebook: @elect.Valerie

Email: elect.valerieharrington@gmail.com

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NICOLAS SHAW

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE



My name is Nicholas Shaw, I am the son of Carolyn Beaulieu and Michael Shaw, grandson of Delores (Boyd) Hegland.

I reside here in district 1 with my Wife Arielle, our three daughters (soon to be 4), two

dogs and two cats.

I've worked for The Mille Lacs Band for a total of 15 years, starting with stocking the shelves at the Grand Market at the age of 14 to my current position with Grand Casino Mille lacs for the last 6 years as the Audio Visual & Digital Marketing Coordinator. I have an A.A from Central Lakes College and also a double Major B.A. in Marketing and Management from the College of St Scholastica. I am confident that I can bring all my educational and job experiences into this position and be an exceptional leader for our community.

Growing up running for any form of the tribal government was never really a dream of mine. It wasn't until recently that I realized that I have started taking a strong interest in how our community currently is, how it could be improved, and ways that we can help out our fellow band members. I am proud of the vast improvements that the Mille Lacs Band has made since I was a child, but I feel that we have become stagnant in what we can do for the community. We could be more proactive in

creating reasons for the community to come together more often. My wife talks about how she would go to cooking classes with her Mother as a kid. I feel like we can bring classes like that back and more. Have weekly family activity nights so we have things to do as a community.

One of the big things I think about is the safety of our people. I have wondered for years why we never took the time to add sidewalks and street lights to all of District one. Our people shouldn't have to choose walking in the middle of the road or in the dirt to go their neighbors. They shouldn't need a flashlight to walk at night. Our parks should have regular repairs and cleaning to insure that our children are safe when they go play. These safety improvements will improve our overall pride in our community and help create jobs for our people outside of the Casino and MLCV.

I would like to introduce a bill that would get funding to teach our culture and language at Onamia schools where over half the population is indigenous. As well as continuing to make strides to incorporate our language into our everyday lives. I would improve communication with, as well as the reliability of, the D1 office. My door will always be open.

I understand that I will be a young representative if elected, but with my education, experience and ideas; I believe I'm the best person for the job and am ready to lead our community with a new era of leadership!

VIRGIL WIND WAAGOSH

DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE



Fellow Band Members,

My name is Virgil Wind; I was adopted by my grandparents the late Sonny and Dorothy Wind at very young age. They moved my brother and I to the Mille Lacs Band reservation where

I grew up and still call home. The time spent with my grandparents formed me into the person I am today, they taught me respect, honor and love. I proudly carry these values!

Throughout the course of my life; I have been many things, I have been an orphan, addict, problem child, father, spouse, school board chairman, local Indian parent committee member, businessman and a great friend to many. As an independent contractor for over twenty-five years I've had to be extremely self-motivated while setting high standards for my team; construction and project management taught me the importance of differing perspectives, meeting timelines and managing budgets. As the Onamia Public School chairman I have learned valuable lessons on leadership; one of the most important aspects of this work has been empowering people and bridging communities, something I hold in high regard. I value every lesson I have learned along the way as they made me who I am today, a resilient and compassionate leader.

In the last couple of weeks I have had the honor of visiting with nearly 150 band members from district 1. From these visits a thought came to mind, I want to see band members thriving not merely surviving! As leaders I believe that it is our responsibility to

help band members dream their best dreams while empowering each other to be the best that we can be. The laws that we write need to always empower band members to thrive in this world no matter which path we choose. We need to get back to this philosophy!

Top priorities

Community Input
Revitalized sense of Pride and Culture
Family Preservation
Youth Empowerment
Educational Enhancement
Fiscal Responsibility
Teamwork
Band Member Development
Employment Opportunities

If chosen to be one of the voices that make and push forward positive change, my promise to you is to always be approachable, always listen and always make the best decisions based on the best interest of the band member. I promise to always hold myself to the highest of standards. If you know me or know of me then you know that this is not a decision that I have taken lightly. I believe that all the trials in life have forged me into the right person to represent all Band members. I have made my share of mistakes over the years and I am not above anyone else. It is these mistakes and choices that have made me who I am today. If given the opportunity to represent you I will do so with the utmost integrity while always keeping future generations in mind.

I Invite and welcome anyone to reach out about anything at anytime. My phone number is 320-630-1428. Or by Virgilwind@gmail.com

Thank you for your time. A voice for all!

GINGER WEYAUS NIIGAAANIGAABAWIKWE

DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE



Boozhoo District
I Community!
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indizhinikoz, Ginger
Weyaus indigoo.
I am a mother,
grandmother and
a lifelong member
of the District 1
community.

We need to build a
community that our

children and families can thrive in and be proud of. We need to create a strong foundation for our young families to help them become strong and resilient.

I have dedicated my life to serve the people. I bring integrity, honor and dignity to any position I hold. I will be honest and truthful in my decision making as your representative.

I have a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Scholastica. I have worked in tribal government for 20+ years, off and on since the age of 14. My education and work experience has helped me to understand the various issues impacting our community. I will use this knowledge to create positive change and make our future brighter for the next generations.

Our Ojibwe language and culture is the backbone to our survival. The top priority I would really like to create is a Cultural Preservation Endowment fund to support all cultural programming for our future generations. Funding for cultural preservation should not be fought over every two years during the biennium budget. This fund would support the education and cultural programs for our children and families. Our Ojibwe Immersion classrooms and teachers need to be funded through the 12th grade. Wouldn't it be awesome to have our children be fluent Ojibwe speakers!

As a Nay Ah Shing graduate myself, I

support the Education program also. All my grandchildren attend Wewinabe, Abinoojiiyag and the Niigaan program. The teachers are dedicated and care for our children. The schools teach our children our Ojibwe values and beliefs.

Important issues that need to be addressed immediately are:

- Homelessness in our community
- Lack of Long Term Care services for our elders
- Boarded housing in our community
- Lack of continuation of Ojibwe immersion classrooms beyond 1st grade
- Lack of support for our people in recovery
- Lack of family preservation efforts for our children
- Lack of public transportation
- Unnecessary taxation on our per capita payments
- Lack of communication on local issues in our community

We can work together to figure out solutions that we can implement! My vision for District 1 Representative is to be your voice on the issues and create plans with you to address these issues immediately! I want to hear your solutions on our issues we face everyday. Your voice and your ideas are important!

I don't want to sit by and watch four more years go by and nothing changes. We, as D1 people, need to stand up and vote for change! I can be the voice you need to make a difference for you and your families!

Voting is your right and your vote really matters! As a band member, you are given this opportunity to choose the candidate who best represents you. Please vote for me for District 1 Representative on March 31, 2020.

Miigwech!

SANDRA BLAKE MISKWAANAKWADOOKWE

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE



Boozhoo gakiina awiia,

Miskwaanakwadookwe
indizhinikaaz, miinawa
Sandra Blake indigo.

I was born and raised in
this community and it is a
great honor and privilege
to serve you as your
District Representative.

With your support, I'll
continue to work for you,
your family, and all Band
Members in District I.

I have always been
fair, truthful, trustworthy, and impartial in carrying out
the duties of the office I hold. I've proven my leadership
through Experience that you can count on in working closely
with all other Government Officials and in supporting our
community.

I understand the hardships that families and individuals
face through my own personal experience and trauma and in
times of emergency, I am there for you.

- Proven Leadership.

A. Served 16 years in office as your District Representative.
4 full terms.

4 Secretary Treasurers, 5 District Representatives, many
Band Commissioners and 3 Chief Executives.
I've Proven my ability to work with other elected and
appointed officials on mutual and compromising issues and
situations.

My style of leadership is one of Mnaadendimowin (respect),
Gwekwaadiziwin (honesty), Debwewin (truth), miinawaa
Aakwade'ewin (bravery/courage).

B. I am very approachable by community members and
humble in my service to you.

- Experience you can count on.

A. Noteworthy projects I have been a part of.

Grand Market. A service for our community.
Wewinabe Early Education Building. To accommodate a
growing population.
Mino Biimaadiziwin to address homelessness in emergency
situations.

Elder Supplemental Income Program. To ensure Elders are
taken care of.

Appropriated dollars to establish the Urban Office and
Woodlands Bank to bring needed services to our Urban
Relatives.

These programs benefit our community in providing jobs and
services.

B. I have a firm understanding of our Band Financials.

Revenue Allocation Plan
Financial Investments and Investment Policy
Long Term Savings
Permanent Initiatives
Minor Trust
Circle of Health
Elder Supplemental Income Program
Band Budgets
Stimulus

Currently Band Assembly is working on an Audit on our
financial investment structure and investment process.

Working to provide a grant to Onamia School to support
Anishinaabeg Students.

C. Band Statutes.

Making our Communities Safe ordinance set.

Working toward Developing a Revisor Office

Current Titles

Child Protection

Title 16. Corporate. Structure.

Amended Judicial. Increased Associate Judges to

accommodate increased case load in Judicial system

Amended Personnel Policy. Anishinaabe Leave for Tribal
Members to attend ceremony.

- Community.

A. Host Community events. July Picnic, Back to School,
Halloween party, Holiday Dinner.

B. Support Community groups. Family fundraisers, Drum
and Dance, Sober Squad, Men's and Women Gatherings.

C. Support our Drum Society

Administer and work with Committee in

August Traditional Pow wow

New Year Sobriety Pow wow

D. Zaagidiwin. Love/Compassion.

I'm there with you. I've experienced pain and trauma.
When I see hardship, I Assist however I can in emergency
situations with gas or a room close to any regional

Emergency trauma center.

E. Culture and Traditions are the foundation of my way of
life.

Traditional activities include

Niimi'idiwin

Midewi

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CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE – 4 Year Term

Valerie Charissa Sam-Harrington
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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, 2020 to fill the following positions:

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised December 9, 2019, which states the voting requirements.

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 2020

Date: February 20, 2020

POLLING PLACES:

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POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m. **POLLS CLOSE:** 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON – 4 Year Term

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