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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Swears In Five Newly Elected Officials
Swearing in ceremony officially begins new term for Secretary-Treasurer, two District Representatives and two School Board members

Onamia, Minn. – The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe swore in five newly elected officials on Tuesday, July 8. Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu was sworn in as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, David "Niib" Aubid as District II Representative and Harry Davis Jr. as District III Representative. All three will serve four-year terms as members of Band Assembly. Two new Nay Ah Shing School Board members were also sworn in; Joe Nayquonabe Sr. and Richard Dunkley will represent Districts I and III, respectively.

The official swearing in ceremony was held at the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Event Center in Vineland, Minn. All five officials were elected on June 10, 2014. Associate Justices Brenda Moose and Clarence Boyd presided over the swearing in of the newly elected officials.

“Congratulations to Secretary-Treasurer Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu, District II Representative David Niib Aubid, and District III Representative Harry Davis. Each of them brings valuable experience and knowledge to the Band government from previous government positions,” said Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band. “I look forward to working together with the new Band Assembly to continue to improve the lives of all Band members. Miigwech to all who stepped forward to run for office, which takes tremendous courage. I’m so proud of everyone who offered their service to the Band.”

Secretary-Treasurer Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu
Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu has a long history of involvement with the Mille Lacs Band government prior to her election as Secretary-Treasurer. She began in 2001 as an executive assistant to the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs and then as associate director in the Band Member Development Department. She has also served as Commissioner of Administration and most recently as area relations/special projects coordinator for the Band’s Government Affairs Department. Carolyn earned a Master’s Degree in Tribal Administration and Governance from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Shaw-Beaulieu will also serve as Speaker of the Assembly.

Representative David ‘Niib’ Aubid
David ‘Niib’ Aubid was sworn in as District II representative, which includes East Lake, Minnewawa, Sandy Lake, Aitkin and McGregor and Isle. Aubid has lived in the East Lake village of District II for the
vast majority of his life. For the past four years, Aubid has taught at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, prior to which he taught for 16 years at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He served as District II representative from 1974 to 1978 and as Commissioner of Administration from 1984 to 1989. Aubid received an Associate’s Degree from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College with a specialty in Ojibwe Language and a degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota-Duluth with a minor in linguistics.

**Representative Harry Davis**

Harry Davis was sworn in to represent District III which includes the Hinckley and Lake Lena communities. He previously served as a District III representative and was first elected in 1998. During his tenure, he focused on improving the lives of Band members through housing, education and employment opportunities at the Band’s enterprises. Prior to becoming a District III representative, Davis was Lead Slot Technician at Grand Casino Hinckley. He has also coached the Lake Lena Boxing Club. Davis resides east of Hinckley on the Mille Lacs Reservation.

**Nay Ah Shing School Board**

Joe Nayquonabe, Sr. and Richard Dunkley, both incumbents, were sworn in to serve on the Nay Ah Shing school board. Located in District I of the reservation, the Nay Ah Shing schools provide education to students in preschool through grade 12.

**About the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe**

Mille Lacs Reservation is located in east central Minnesota and is the perpetual home of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (www.millelacsband.com). More than 2,300 of the Band’s 4,300 members live within reservation boundaries. The Band supports its members with a variety of services for economic, social and cultural advancement, including health services, early childhood and youth centers and economic development planning.

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