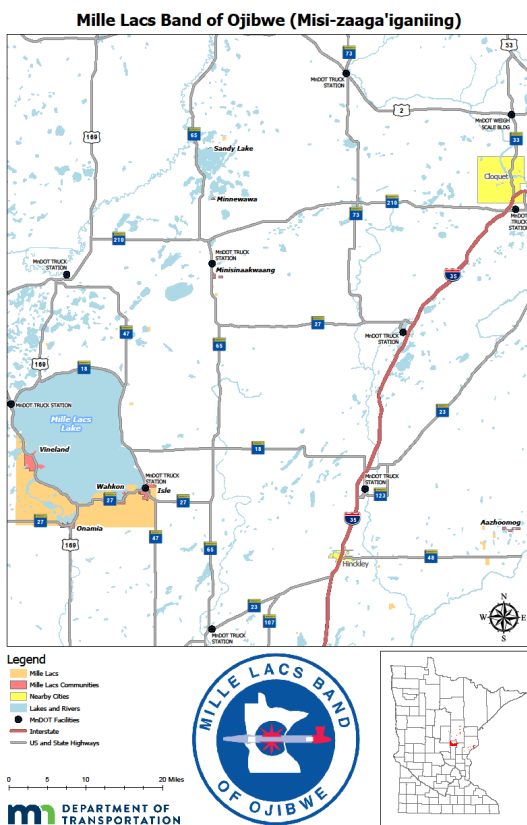




## Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

### Misi-zaaga'iganiing – “The lake that spreads all over” in Ojibwe

District 1 includes the main reservation area on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake. District 2 includes the communities in East Lake, Sandy Lake, and Minnewawa near McGregor as well as the community of Isle on the south side of Mille Lacs, which is called District 2a. District 3 includes the Lake Lena community near the St. Croix River east of Hinckley, as well as a large community of Band members living in Hinckley.



#### Tribal Government Center

43408 Oodena Dr  
Onamia, MN 56359

320-532-4181

[www.millelacsband.com](http://www.millelacsband.com)

#### Government Structure

- 5 Elected council members; Chief Executive, Secretary/Treasurer, 3 District Representatives
- Staggered Elections held even years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June, four year terms
- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution

#### Tribal Council

- **Chief Executive** – Melanie Benjamin
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Sheldon Boyd
- **District I Rep** – Virgil Wind
- **District II Rep** – Marvin Ray Bruneau
- **District III Rep** – Harry Richard Davis

#### Key Contacts

- **Director of Planning and Project Development** – Mike Moilanen, 320-532-7438  
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#### Mille Lacs Department of Community Development

The Community Development Department is in charge of construction projects, roads, and infrastructure, including water and sewer. <https://millelacsband.com/government/community-development>

- Self-governance realty program
- Land use permitting on tribal land

For more information visit: [mndot.gov/mntribes](http://mndot.gov/mntribes)

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## Geographical – Demographic Information

- **Size:** 61,000 acres
- **Citizenship:** 4,500+ enrolled members
- **Counties:** Aitkin, Mille Lacs, Pine
- **Government Headquarters:** Onamia

## Infrastructure Structure

- US Hwy 169 – 16.5 miles on reservation
- MN Hwy 27 – 20 miles on reservation
- MN Hwy 47 – 1 mile on reservation
- MN Hwy 48 – <1 mile on reservation
- MN Hwy 65 – <1 mile on reservation
- CH 15 – <1 mile on reservation
- CH 131 – 1/5 mile on reservation

## Truck Stations on or near Mille Lacs

- Aitkin
- Baxter
- Garrison
- Isle
- Little Falls
- McGregor
- Milaca
- Moose Lake (~30 miles from East Lake)
- Mora
- Pine City (16 miles from Hinckley)
- Sandstone (29 miles from Lake Lena)

## Communities of Mille Lacs

Community	MnDOT District	Infrastructure	Businesses and Areas of Interest
East Lake, non-municipal	3	MN Hwy 65	East Lake Community Center, East Lake Ceremonial Building, East Lake Assisted Living Unit, Conoco
Hinckley, municipal	1	MN Hwy 48 CH 15	MLBO District III Assisted Living, Meshakwad Community Center, Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel, Grand Casino RV Park, Grand Hinckley Inn, Grand Casino Hinckley Powwow Grounds, Grand National Golf Course
Isle, municipal	3	MN Hwy 27 MN Hwy 47 CH 131	Mille Lacs Family Clinic Isle, Chiminsing Community Center
Lake Lena, non-municipal	1	MN Hwy 48 CH 173	District III Ceremonial Building, Aazhoomog Clinic, Lake Lena Community Center, Conoco
Sandy Lake, non-municipal	3	MN Hwy 65	Big Sandy Lodge & Resort
Onamia, municipal	3	US Hwy 169 MN Hwy 27	Mille Lacs Government Center, Na Ah Shing Schools, Nay-Agh-Shing Ceremonial Building, Mille Lacs Assisted Living Unit, Community Center, Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, Iskigamizigan Powwow Grounds, Conoco, Eddy's Resort, Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel

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