



Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

Chairman Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer Robert Abramowski
District I Wally J. Dupuis District II Brad Blacketter District III Roger M. Smith, Sr.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fond du Lac Hosts Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

Fond du Lac (FDL) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, MN (February 3, 2023) – Earlier this week, FDL welcomed Governor Tim Walz to the Reservation. During the visit, the Governor met with the Band’s Tribal Leaders and staff. In the hour-long visit, direct funding for Tribal Nations was discussed at length.

FDL Tribal Leaders encouraged the Governor to see funding from an indigenous perspective. “It is imperative to give direct funding to Tribal Nations within the state of Minnesota; this will give FDL—or Tribal Nations—the ability to assess the Nation’s needs and have the flexibility to address them,” says FDL Secretary-Treasurer Robert Abramowski.

Governor Walz committed to disaggregating the proposed budget and follow up with the Band to discuss specific breakdowns.

<Picture attached: Governor Walz visits Fond du Lac Tribal Leaders in Cloquet, MN. Pictures left to right: District III Representative Roger Smith Sr., Governor Tim Walz, Secretary-Treasurer Robert Abramowski.>

Contact: Rita Karppinen | RitaKarppinen@fdlrez.com | 218-878-7596

About Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Nagaajiwanaang, “Where the Water Stops,” is the name of the homelands of the Fond du Lac Band at the time of the 1854 Treaty. We retained this name in Ojibwemowin for the present-day Fond du lac Reservation that was established under the 1854 La Pointe Treaty. Nagaajiwanaang (Fond du Lac Band) is one of the six Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. There are three districts that make up the Fond du Lac Reservation: Bapashkominigong (Cloquet), Gwaaba’iganing (Sawyer), and Ashkibwaakaaning (Brookston). Today, our Band includes over 4,200 members. We have always been, and continue to be, a proud sovereign Ojibwe nation. We uphold all of our rights retained and agreed to within the 1825, 1826, 1837, 1842, 1847, and 1854 Treaties.