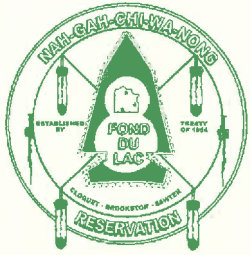


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Fond du Lac Band Receives Energy Award For Outstanding Biomass Thermal Project

Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa, MN, January 6th 2020 - The Fond du Lac Band recently received an energy award from Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass at the seventh annual national Bioenergy Day in the Midwest for its' outstanding thermal project at the Sawyer Community Center. The award acknowledges the Band's effort and dedication in advancing biomass thermal heating in the region.

The project provides wood heat to the Sawyer Community Center, which lowers the use of fossil fuel and carbon dioxide costs and uses local waste wood. The Brookston Community Center and housing area is in the process of being designed to utilize wood heat also.

Fond du Lac was nominated for the award in October by two Steering Committee members of *Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass*, which is a network of thermal biomass advocates working to increase awareness and usage of renewable biomass for heat.

"We are looking for every opportunity to be good stewards, the biomass thermal project and other energy initiatives at Fond du Lac are all part of the Band's effort to reduce the region's dependence on propane and fuel oil for thermal energy," said Bruno Zagar, Environmental Specialist and Energy Projects Manager for the Band.

"Fond du Lac's initiatives make good business sense as energy efficiency saves money in the long run but more importantly, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and protecting the planet for our children and their children. Many tribes in the Midwest are progressive and creative in developing and implementing renewable energy initiatives, I'm really proud of the work being done by the Band", added District II Representative Bruce Savage.

About Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band (Nagaajiwanaang; where the water stops) is one of six Chippewa Indian Bands that make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The Fond du Lac Reservation was established by the La Pointe Treaty of 1854.

Archaeologists, however, maintain that ancestors of the present-day Chippewa (Ojibwe) have resided in the Great Lakes areas since 800 A.D. The Band includes 4,200 members.

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