BIOGRAPHY: John D. Johnson, Sr., Tribal President, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

President Johnson is a long-time member of the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council. He has served the tribal membership since 2013, with a one-year hiatus in 2018. He is currently in his second consecutive term as the Tribe's President. Previously, he worked for many years for the Tribe as a skilled mechanic before entering self-employment in the same role. He was also the Vice-Chairman during his years of service to the Tribe. President Johnson is a tireless advocate for tribal treaty rights on behalf of all tribal nations serving as the Chairman of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). GLIFWC is made up of 11 Ojibwe Tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan that reserved hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the 1836, 1837, 1842, and 1854 Treaties between these Tribes and the United States government.

President Johnson is an avid hunter, fisherman and gatherer, and is a teacher of youth cultural activities, in his free time. He is currently raising two grandsons with his wife over the past twelve years. His passion is being available to attend ceremonies and taking an active role in serving his community of Waswaagoning, in any capacity, where he is needed.