



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
May 5, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday May 5, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:03 am.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Stephanie Bolman
Council Member: John McCauley
Council Member: Donovan Grassrope

Also Present:

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| Shana Harming | Ben Janis | Sheryl Scott | Jana Brouse |
| Christine Olson | Sean Wooster | Dalton Grassel | Faith Begay |
| Lance Witte | Brian Wagner | Tim Felicia | Chris Skunk |
| Shirley Crane | Julie Umberger | Mercedes Dominique | Wilma Wilson |
| Rianna Albers | James Two Bulls | DeWayne Goodface | |
| Quintin McGhee | Ivan Umberger | | |

1. Close April 2021 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the April 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

2. Approve April 2021 Minutes

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the April 2021 minutes. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

3. I.H.S. Update

A total of 8,855 COVID-19 tests have been completed. As of 4/29/21 a total of 1,368 COVID-19 vaccinations have been given; 636 were boosters. Staff pharmacist has completed all training and is back full time. Patient parking issues have been addressed and have improved.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Dr. Chad J. Carda for the position of Medical Director for the Lower Brule Ambulance Program. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

4. Road Blocks Resolution

Motion was made by John McCauley to add an ordinance enforcing road blocks for the safety of travelers. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

5. Golden Buffalo Casino Update

Reopening of the Motel and Restaurant is set for May 17, 2021. Currently there are 27 machines down; new machines are coming in. Quintin McGhee, General Manager, is in charge of making the final decision to bring back beer and smoking. The General Manager reports that all casino staff will be Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) certified.

6. Cultural Resources

The Tribal Website has been updated; 13 Tribal programs have been listed on the website so far. Tribal Council meeting videos will be posted on the website and linked to Youtube.com. The Elder Committee is underway; BIA is providing a list of all elders.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the donation of two buffalo from the Lower Brule Wildlife Program and two cows from the Lower Brule Farm to the Cultural Resources Program for the 2021 Pow-wow. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to authorize Public Information Officer Chris Skunk to interview and choose the members and alternates for the Pow-wow committee. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

7. Lower Brule Enrollment

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve three on reservation individuals to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

8. Lower Brule Personnel

Kul Wicasa Oyate Trading Post

Motion was made by John McCauley to hire Theresa Grassrope as the Executive Manager of the Kul Wicasa Oyate Trading Post. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one not voting-vote goes with the majority (Donovan Grassrope) and one not voting-vote not counting (Stephanie Bolman).

Lower Brule Corporation

Motion was made John McCauley to approve Bart Ness as a board member of the Lower Brule Corporation. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve William "Bill" Long Turkey as a board member of the Lower Brule Corporation. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting-vote not counting (Stephanie Bolman).

Lower Brule Farm Board

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Vaughn Big Eagle as a member of the Lower Brule Farm Board. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting-vote not counting (Stephanie Bolman).

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Todd Bolman as a member of the Lower Brule Farm Board. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Alternate Members

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve Shannon Cheney as an alternate member of the Lower Brule Farm Board. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve Larry Jandreau as alternate board member of the Lower Brule Corporation. This motion was seconded by John McCauley. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

9. BIA Requests

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve a home site lease request for Ronnie McCauley. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Julie Umberger's request for a home site lease modification to include changing the lease from Julie Brinkmeyer to Julie Umberger and a new legal description. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve adding Faith Begay as a co-lessee to Julie Umbergers home site lease. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

John McCauley left at 12:01 pm

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the Lower Brule Wildlife Program to lease an expired home site lease for use of a garden. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion and second were withdrawn. Tabled.

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to add Faith Begay to the I.H.S water and sewer list. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (John McCauley).

Recess 12:23 pm
Return 1:15 pm

10. Lower Brule Schools

CDC Grant—all interior lights have been replaced in both school buildings. New water fountains with bottle fillers will be installed. A new sound system and video display will be purchased for the gymnasium.

MS/HS sidewalks will be replaced in June 2021.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Foreman Sales & Service to purchase a 2019 Freightliner Executive Coach in the amount of \$146,000 with the approval of Lower Brule Finance Department. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (John McCauley).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Nate Neilan Construction to replace the basketball court at the MS/HS Complex in the amount of \$95,419.75. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (John McCauley).

11. Brian Wagner Update

A letter was sent from Representative Dusty Johnson, on behalf of Lower Brule and Crow Creek, supporting forward funding within the BIE's Post-Secondary Programs budget.

Pandemic (P-EBT) funding will hopefully begin for students who qualify, pending Department of Agriculture's approval.

12. Julie & Ivan Umberger Request

Home site requests were covered under BIA Requests. Requested an approach be added to home site; will work with Roads Department.

13. Lower Brule Wildlife

Concerning the dog issues in the community the leash law needs to be enforced and all necessary departments need to be involved to address this appropriately. Council requested that the Director of Wildlife submit a "dog plan" for council review.

14. DeWayne Goodface

DeWayne addressed the council concerning his continued payment for water. Council informed him that every household should be paying a water bill and that this matter will be further looked in to.

15. Elders Request

Marlene Crowe, Shirley Crane, Wilma Wilson, Josephine Skunk, Marlys Langdeau, Alfreda LeCompte and Mary Jane Gourneau have requested to use the old Boys & Girls Club building for Lakota learning and teachings. Council advised that they would have to work with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for building use.

16. Other Business

A request was submitted by Kyal and Kansas Middletent to use the softball field for a tournament on June 12th & 13th, 2021. Council agreed by concurrence to approve their request.

Recess 3:36 pm

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the actions and decisions of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council assembled in Regular Session with a quorum present on the 5th day of May, 2021.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe