



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
March 6, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday March 6, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:21 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Fennette Middletent, Phylis Swift Hawk, Geraldine Black Dog, and Candace James.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil “Cody” Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Fely Goodface (absent)
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:

Ben Estes	January Thompson	Ben Thompson	Adam de Hueck
Loretta Ryan	Janice Larson	Lance Witte	Fedelia Skunk
Emily Flute	Eunice Goodface	Fely Goodface	Pam Flute
Dayle James	Rikki Middletent	Jera Brouse	Alexis Estes
James Two Bulls	Waylon Black Crow	Ben Janis	Isaac Johnson
Nathan Thomas	Susan Quilt	McKayla Estes	Vicki Ziegler
DeWayne Goodface	Sheryl Scott	Elaine Thompson	Wilma Wilson
Josie Skunk	Emma Goodface	Avery Thompson	Daniel Goodface
Bobbie Middletent	Leah House	Bessie Goodface	Flora Crane
Lydia Skunk	Crystal Middletent	DJ Middletent	Damon Johnson

1. Close February 2024 Meeting

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the February 2024 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

2. Approve February 2024 Minutes

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the February 2024 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

3. Funeral Assistance Policy

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the proposed Funeral Assistance Policy. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

4. January Thompson Request

Ms. Thompson addressed the council about a snowplow damaging her vehicle. She requested reimbursement of a tow bill in the amount of \$690. The tribal attorney will look into the insurance claim.

No Action Taken.

5. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll eight (8) on reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll three (3) off reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to relinquish one (1) individuals' enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

6. South Dakota Continuum of Care

Motion was made by Cody Russell to join the South Dakota Continuum of Care. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

7. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the bid from Lower Brule Employment Enterprise in the amount of \$118,013.90 to renovate a trailer for teacher housing. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to choose to P.L. 93-638 Tribal/Federal Contract to complete the Lower Brule Day School Generator Replacement Project, Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the letter. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

11:31 a.m. Closed Session

11:59 a.m. Open Session

8. Lower Brule Higher Education Program

Spring 2024 Semester: forty-three (43) applicants were eligible and approved for funding; two (2) graduate students were eligible and approved for funding; five (5) applicants were ineligible; thirteen (13) incomplete applications. Checks will go out to the schools the first week of April.

12:13 p.m. Recess

1:28 p.m. Return

9. BIA

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to add Janelle Estes-Gayton to the Light House Church lease. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to renew six (6) expired Agricultural Leases for a period of one (1) year at a rate of \$6 per acre. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

10. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Lower Brule Wildlife Department's recommendations for the 2024-2025 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Guidelines. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

12. Vicki Ziegler

Ms. Ziegler addressed the council on Fely Goodface's temporary suspension from her position on tribal council.

No Action Taken.

13. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 4:07 p.m.

Lower Brule Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve hiring Starr Traversie for the position of Caseworker. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Joseph Skunk as the alternate for the Caseworker position. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Lower Brule Human Services Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve hiring Marlene Crowe for the position of Director of the Human Services Program. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

2024 Election Board

Chris Skunk—Orville “Red” Langdeau
Lewis Grassrope—Shirley Crane
Jewel Jandreau—Lydia Skunk
Cody Russell—Fedelia Skunk
Clyde Estes—Valerie LaRoche

2024 Election Board Alternates

Trudy Hood
Bob Merritt
Jason Goodface
Vicki Ziegler
Lori Ziegler

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the above listed individuals for the 2024 Election Board, and alternates. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Lower Brule Finance Department

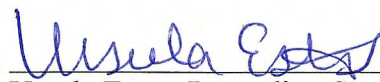
Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring Joseph Skunk for the position of Purchasing/Inventory Clerk, with Stephanie Jones as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring William “Pooh” Ziegler for the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Recess 5:32 p.m.

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 6th day of March, 2024.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
March 11, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Monday March 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 2:45 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Fely Goodface (absent)
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:

Ben Estes Adam de Hueck

1. Other Business

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to terminate the contract with Sherwood Estes Jr. as the General Manager of the Golden Buffalo Casino. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve an official request for an Economic Disparities Data Study. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Recess 3:29 p.m.

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 11th day of March, 2024.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe