



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
December 3, 2025**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday December 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 9:07 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Travis Long Fox, Marvin Thigh, and Thomas Barlise.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marty Jandreau
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Marlo Langdeau

Also Attending:

Bill Ziegler	Wilma Wilson	Lydia Skunk	Bob Merritt
Christine Olson	Shirley Crane	Stephanie Bolman	Michelle Chmela
Jewel Jandreau	Leah House	Loretta Ryan	Ben Ganje
Lewis Grassrope	Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Elaine Thompson
Rikki Middletent	Bobbie Middletent	DJ Middletent	Darrell Middletent
Alexis Jones	Alyssa Jones	Larry Jandreau	Avery Thompson
Craig Adams	Jesse Bear Runner	Ben Estes	Tim Azure
Yuma House	Houston Rouillard	Mark Van Norman	Shenan Atcitty

1. Close November 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve closing the November 2025 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve November 2025 Minutes

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve November 2025 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Henry Sales in the amount of \$420 per panel for the purpose of free-standing panels for buffalo corrals. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

4. Lower Brule Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Riverview Chevrolet in the amount of \$47,179.00 for the purchase of a 2026 Silverado Pickup Truck. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

5. Lower Brule Enrollment

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee and enroll three on-reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee and enroll three off-reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee and approve three individuals' requests to relinquish their enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

6. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 9:30 a.m.

Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire Nancy Big Eagle for the position of Director, with Theresa Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Lower Brule Daycare Program

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve to hire Xairin Eagle Chasing for the position of Childcare Supervisor. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Kamela Wilson).

Road Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the recommendation to hire Darrell Michalek for the position of Equipment Operator, with Jami Johnson as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Kamela Wilson).

Head Start Program

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to approve hiring Beulah Duran and Tyronne Ziegler for the position of Teacher's Aides, with Margaret Wilson as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

Open Session 10:07 a.m.

7. Stephanie Bolman-Cannabis Committee

An update was provided to the council on the progress made by the cannabis committee.
No Action Taken.

8. IHS

An update was provided to the council on clinic departments and that there is currently a hiring freeze.

No Action Taken.

9. Ben Ganje

An update was provided to the council on 105L programs for the tribe.
No Action Taken.

10. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from the Howard Johnson Hotel in the amount of \$27,735.00 (\$120 per room) for the purpose of hotel rooms for students during the Lakota Nation Invitational in December 2025. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

11. Tribal Education Department

An update was provided to the council on TED and higher education.
No Action Taken.

12. Elaine Thompson

A request was made for her lease renewal. Council informed her that this will be presented by BIA with all other leases up for renewal.
No Action Taken.

13. Leah House, Lewis Grassrope, Loretta Ryan

A request was made for council to rescind their decision to 638 the BIA Police and IHS.
No Action Taken.

Recess 12:21 p.m.

Return 1:33 p.m.

14. Tim Azure-EDA

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve of paying C. Eagle Construction for demolition work they performed on the tribal administration building-BIA Offices. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the New Market Tax Credit draft resolution. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Task Order 2411-00936-1 Amendment #2. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the tribal planning office to submit a 2025 Community Development Block Grant application. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

15. BIA

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to renew Agriculture leases that expired November 30, 2025. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion failed with the vote being three for, two abstaining (Marlo Langdeau, Kamela Wilson).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the request to reassign Bart Ness's Agriculture Lease #123-019-2232 to Randy Jandreau for the remainder of the term. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Bailee Langdeau's homesite request for a period of one year. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Executive Session 3:00 p.m.

Open Session 3:38 p.m.

16. CFO Update

Finance software is going well with directors' use.

No Action Taken.

17. Tribal Manager Update

Update on all tribal programs was provided to the council.

No Action Taken.

18. Other Business

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to honor traditional marriages conducted in Lakota ways. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to advertise the position of tribal court prosecutor. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve Hank Fast Wolf's request to automatically renew his Residential Lease for an additional 50 years. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve a temporary community curfew to go in effect immediately, 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on weekdays, and 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on weekends, until the apprehension of the suspect involved in the recent shootings in the community. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Recess 5:27 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 3rd day of December, 2025.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe