



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
August 5, 2026**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday August 5, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 9:06 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Ramona Johnson, Richard Medicine Eagle, and Kenny Madison.

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:

1. Close July 2026 Meeting

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve closing the July 2026 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

2. Approve July 2026 Minutes

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve July 2026 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 9:09 a.m.

Lower Brule Community Center

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Jerard Bad Horse for the position of full-time lifeguard/monitor/janitor, with Ian Grassrope as the alternate. 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 hire Alice McBride for the position of part-time lifeguard/monitor/janitor, with Ian Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to hire Bailey House for the position of caseworker, with Jane Big Eagle as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Community Health Representative (CHR) Program

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Candida Estes for the position of community health representative, with Marlita Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to hire Jane Big Eagle for the position of community health representative, with Lucy Sargeant as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Commodity Program

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to readvertise the position of nutrition education informationist. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Lower Brule Tribal Court

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to readvertise the position of bailiff/process server. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Open Session 9:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to rescind Resolution #202-047. 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 additional guidelines for employment applications: incomplete applications will not be presented to the tribal council; Tribal Council will meet within one week of the closing date of job announcements. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

4. Tribal Health Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the contract between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

5. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Guest Electric in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the purchase of a walk-in freezer. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent

6. Lower Brule Human Services Department

The Human Services employees addressed council on general assistance guidelines. Council directed the Tribal Manager to work with the Director on moving forward with implementing the General Assistance Guidelines previously approved by the council.
No Action Taken.

7. Tribal Census 101-Michelle Wildcat

Ms. Wildcat introduced herself and gave a overview of what the tribal census is and how it helps tribes.
No Action Taken.

Recess 11:02 a.m.

Return 11:23 a.m.

8. Rangel Construction

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the contract between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and Rangel Construction for a nursing home project, to include the additional clinic option with a startup cost of \$2.2M. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

9. TED

Motion was made by Cody Russell requesting in-person meeting and consultation between the Bureau of Indian Education, Great Plains Tribal Leaders, Tribal Education Leaders, and Tribally Controlled School Representatives to address longstanding educational concerns impacting Native students in the Great Plains region. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to document the Tribe's support for Senate Bill 4869, The Indigenous Students Excel Through Parity Act of 2026. 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 request for the Bureau of Indian Education to schedule negotiated rule making on Indian School Equalization Program. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

10. Lower Brule Daycare

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Electrowatchman, Inc., in the amount of \$32,252.59 for the purpose of updating their security system. 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 bid from Riverview Chevrolet in the amount of \$30,254.00 for the purchase of a Chevrolet Trailblazer. 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 have Lower Brule Employment Enterprise be the general contractor for the construction of an addition to the Daycare. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

11. Lower Brule Head Start

A monthly update was provided to the council.

No Action Taken.

12. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Riverview Chevrolet in the amount of \$69,354.00 for the purchase of a suburban. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to request BIE to transfer real property to the Tribe and establish clear ownership. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the elementary, middle and high school 2026-2027 Student Handbooks. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Employee Handbook. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the payment of the non-discounted portion of e-rate funding year 2026 network equipment and services for the Lower Brule School District.

This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Recess 12:25 p.m.

Return 1:33 p.m.

13. BIA

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Probate Effort Agreement. 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 Jewel Jandreau's request to turn over residential lease #2251841136 to Lawrence Flute Jr. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve Elaine Thompson's request to renew two of her expired agriculture leases for the period of 12/1/25 to 11/30/30, at the same rate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Marlo Langdeau).

14. Tribal Attorneys

Motion was made by Cody Russell to support the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Big Bend and Fort Randall Dam Equitable Compensation Act. 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 move forward on the deferred revenue case. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Recess 3:05 p.m.

Return 3:22 p.m.

15. CFO Update

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the donation request to the Golden Buffalo Casino for the 2026 Annual Fair and Rodeo in the amount of \$23,000.00 (\$20,000.00 for the free carnival, \$1,000.00 powwow, \$1,000.00 rodeo, \$1,000.00 softball). This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

16. Tribal Manager Update

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Carryover Funds to be used for equipment. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the sole source bid from SUNFLO LiquidTek in the amount of \$146,160.00 for the purchase of a Shallow-Flo Mixer (aerator). 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 the Lower Brule Law Enforcement Police Commission Codes. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

17. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the bid from Platte Implement in the amount of \$67,200.00 for Great Plains Native Seed Drill. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

18. EDA

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve Task Order #2411-01116 for Master Stormwater, Master Sanitation, and Wastewater Planning. 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 the Comprehensive Safety Plan Task Order #2611-110602-2. 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 #2411-01783-1 BIA Intersection #10. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve BIA Shoulder Funds. 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 DOT Federal Highway TIGER Grant funds. 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 accept BIA-Great Plains Natural Resource funds in the amount of \$8,850.00. 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 the Task Order overseeing the construction of Indian Health Services homes. 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 award a construction contract to the Lower Brule Construction Company, LLC to build the Indian Health Service homes. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

19. Other Business

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the FPIC (Free, Prior, and Informed Consent) contract on a case-by-case basis. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

20. IT Department

Tristan Fire Cloud provided an update on the current assessment of the IT Department.
No Action Taken.

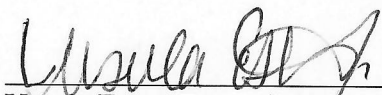
21. Ben Janis

Mr. Janis requested permission to sell beer during the 2026 Rodeo.
Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to deny Mr. Janis's request to sell beer during the 2026 Rodeo.
Motion died due to lack of a second.

Recess 4:21 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 5th day of August, 2026.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
August 12, 2026**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday August 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 9:12 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

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: Wilma Wilson, Josie Skunk

1. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Sandy LaCroix for the position of director. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Jessica Wilson for the position of teacher. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire the following individuals for teacher's aides: Alise Harrison, Hailey Estes, Kim Wilson, and Pam Flute, with LaCosta Byington and Miriam Touche as the alternates. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

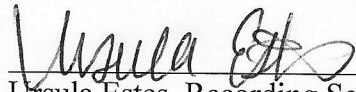
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Joelle entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Recess 9:45 a.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 12th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ursula Estes", is written over a horizontal line.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
August 21, 2026**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Friday August 21, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:01 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

Roll Call:

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

Also Attending: Wilma Wilson, Josie Skunk

1. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Courthouse

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Charles Brave for the position of Bailiff/Process Server, with Marlita Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Marty Jandreau).

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Jessica Wilson for the position of Clerk of Courts/Court Administrator, with Vincenza Middletent as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one not voting with the vote going with the majority (Marlo Langdeau), and one absent (Marty Jandreau).

Recess 10:31 a.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 21st day of August, 2026.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe