



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 3, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday January 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:10 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Norma Grassrope and all the enrolled members we have lost in 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Also Attending:

Adam de Hueck	Ben Estes	Kaitlyin Young Blood (telephonic)
Susan Quilt	Lance Witte	Brian Wagner
Loretta Ryan	Kim LaRoche	Avery Thompson
Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk	Mary Jane Gourneau
Tim Azure		

1. Close December 2023 Meeting

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the December 2023 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve December 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the December 2023 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Lower Brule Propane

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Fischer, Rounds and Associates for insurance coverage of the Lower Brule Propane Plant in the amount of \$25,488.64. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

4. Kaitlyn Young Blood Request

Ms. Young Blood provided information on the Affordable Connectivity Program (government program) to help qualified families obtain free Android tablets equipped with 4G internet powered by T-Mobile for up to five years. Ms. Young Blood will be in the community sometime in February 2024.

No Action Taken.

5. Lower Brule Judicial Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Judicial Committee's recommendation to hire Sandy Steffen for the position of Tribal Court Prosecutor. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Tabled.

6. Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to utilize \$2,000,000.00 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for the construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant, if allowable under the ARP 2021 funding guidelines. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion carried with the vote being two members for, one against (Fely Goodface), and two not voting—votes go with the majority (Lewis Grassrope, Jewel Jandreau).

7. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Lower Brule Employment Enterprise in the amount of \$48,553 to construct a geothermal greenhouse. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

8. Tribal Education Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Lower Brule IDEA Child Count for December 1, 2023. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to request a One-Time special appropriation to forward fund all education funding for the tribe. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

9. Kim LaRoche

Ms. LaRoche made a request for financial assistance. Secretary Treasurer Fely Goodface will look into this.

No Action Taken.

10. Lance Witte, Adam de Hueck—Golden West Agreement

Closed Session 1:25 p.m.

Recess 1:49 p.m.

Return 2:47 p.m.

11. Tribal Manager Update

An update was given on the new facial recognition time clocks and repairs of the tribal administration building.

Mary Jane Gourneau gave an update on the lagoons and the need for a wastewater treatment plant.

No Action Taken.

12. Lower Brule Roads Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Department of Roads and Transportation Policy and Form for Assisting Motorists and Pulling Vehicles during the Winter Months. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

13. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 4:31 p.m.

Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Parent Policy Council's recommendation to hire Iren Grassrope for the position of Cook, with Adam Moran as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

14. Lower Brule Enrollment

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll ten (10) on reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface), and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the proposed Amendment 2.) Constitution, Article II—Membership, to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 5:14 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 January, 2024.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 5, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Friday January 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:46 a.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
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:

Adam de Hueck	Ben Estes	Susan Steffen (telephonic)
Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk	Tim Azure

1. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve a contract with Susan Steffen for the position of Tribal Court Prosecutor.

Motion was withdrawn.

A meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve to hire Ben Estes as the Tribal Manager. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to appoint Heather LaForge as interim director of the Lower Brule Community Center. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Other Business

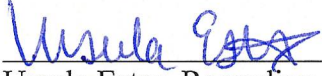
Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign GSA-Public Buildings lease agreement for fifteen (15) years with a five (5) year incremental Operations Cost Adjustment for office and parking space described as BIA Offices at 190 Oyate Circle. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

Recess 12:48 p.m.

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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
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**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 11, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Thursday January 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 4:23 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
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:
Adam de Hueck Ben Estes

1. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve a contract with Susan Steffen for the position of Tribal Court Prosecutor, with a two-year contract. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against (Fely Goodface).

2. Other Business

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the Lower Brule Tribal Health Department to oversee the medical assistance portion of the Tribal Emergency Assistance funds. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to suspend Tim Azure without pay. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Chris Skunk, Cody Russell).


Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve a \$300 disbursement to all tribal members from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Chris Skunk, Cody Russell).

Recess 6:12 p.m.

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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 30, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Tuesday January 30, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 3:42 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

Roll Call:

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

Also Attending:
Adam de Hueck Ben Estes

1. Other Business

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize and approve the request for extradition by the State of South Dakota and recognizes and honors the request and waiver for Lucille Mexican. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Jewel Jandreau).

Recess 3:54 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 30th day of January, 2024.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
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