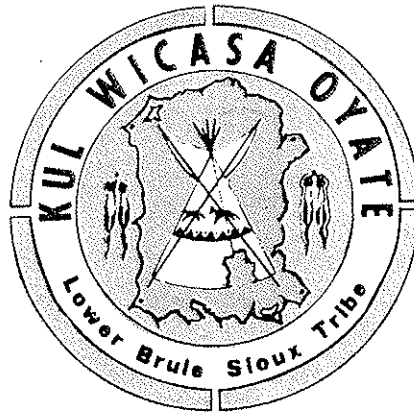


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August 18, 2015

TO: Mr. Kevin Wright, Vice-Chairman and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council
FROM: Orville C. Langdeau, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer, Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council
SUBJECT: August 17th, 2015 Letter from Kevin Wright to Lee Brannan

I am writing this letter in response to the above cited letter to Mr. Lee Brannan from Mr. Kevin Wright. As the Secretary/Treasurer of the Tribal Council I would like to take a moment and remind all of the Council Members of the commitment that we as a Tribal Council made to each other during the July 9th, 2015, Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting held at the temporary Tribal Court House - "After the two attempts to fill the vacant Tribal Chairman's seat, Vice-Chairman Wright asked the Tribal Council if they thought that they could move forward together as a Tribal Council. All Tribal Council Members responded in the affirmative." As a Council Member I thought that we were going to work together to make important decisions that affect the Tribe and our membership.

The letter written by Vice-Chairman Wright to Mr. Brannan violates that agreement in my opinion and contains many inaccuracies as to who was responsible for the Tribe losing a grant in the amount of \$498,000. In fact, Ms. Kati Grounds was the presenter during the August 5th, 2015 Tribal Council meeting and stated several reasons for not getting the grant. One of the reasons was the letter that you, Mr. Wright wrote to Mr. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, telling him to freeze all federal funding to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and this led to our inability to execute a Cooperative Agreement that would have provided the \$498,000 grant to implement the Land Buy-Back Program on our Reservation. Though we did not get this grant, we have not lost our ability to continue with the Land Buy-Back Program, it will simply be implemented by the Office of the Special Trustee, but the benefits and opportunities for our Tribal Members will be the same.

I object to you arbitrarily taking it upon yourself, without the necessary Tribal Council action to authorize you to terminate Mr. Brannan, in a fashion that disregards his employee rights and the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. I am hereby advising that you do not have any authority to act on this or any other termination without a resolution or Letter of Concurrence duly signed by the requisite 4 positive votes of the Tribal Council to accomplish your goal.

Sincerely,

Orville C. Langdeau, Secretary/Treasurer
Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council

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