



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
September 6, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday September 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:09 am.

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:

Donnie Moore	Todd Bolman	Sheryl Scott	Martha Coleman
Lydia Sazue	Avery Thompson	Kelli Buscher	Mary Jane Gourneau
Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Joel Bich	James Two Bulls
DeWayne Goodface	Tim Azure	Matt Gunderson	Troy Swee
Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk		

1. Close August 2023 Meeting

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve closing the August 2023 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve August 2023 Minutes

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

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

3. Travis LaRoche Request

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve a one-year extension on the homesite lease for Travis LaRoche. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

4. Constitutional Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the proposed amendment 1.) Preamble, to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

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.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the proposed amendment 4.) Constitution, Article IV—Elections—Section 3(d) to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the proposed amendment 5.) Constitution, Article VI—Powers of the Tribal Council—Section 1(a) 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 failed with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the proposed amendment 6.) Constitution, Article VI—Powers of the Tribal Council—Section 1(r) 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 failed with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the proposed amendment 7.) Constitution, Article VI—Powers of the Tribal Council—Section 1(s) to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the proposed amendment 8.) Bylaws—Compensation, to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the proposed amendment 9.) Bylaws—Ordinances and Resolutions, to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the proposed amendment 3.) Constitution, Article IV—Elections—Section 1, to go before the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Members for the opportunity to vote on this amendment. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion failed with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk, Cody Russell).

5. Banner Associates

Information was provided to the Council on drought vulnerability with an assessment along the Lower Brule Reservation line.

No Action Taken.

6. Lower Brule Wildlife

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Lamb Motors in the amount of \$49,318 for the purchase of a 2023 ¾ ton 4x4 pick-up. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

7. Lower Brule Farm Board

An update was provided to the Council on cattle numbers, potential job openings and questions on the process of hiring employees.

No Action Taken.

8. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Charles Cuny, CCuny Tribal Nations Independent Consulting LLC, \$10,000, and Emery Isburg, \$9,000, as facility consultants for the Lower Brule School Project. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

9. Tribal Education Department

No Action Taken.

10. BIA

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve to renew the Lower Brule Wildlife Department's leases at the same rate for a period of one year while the land assessment is being completed. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Recess 2:34 pm

Return 3:09 pm

11. IT Request

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the bid from AMG in the amount of \$9,136 for the purchase of a facial recognition time clock. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

12. Lower Brule Commodity Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to the bid from Clark Paving LLC in the amount of \$94,897.16 for the purpose of repaving the Lower Brule Commodity parking lot. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

13. Lower Brule Tribal Court

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the grant application for Tiwahe Reducing Recidivism in the amount of \$100,000. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

14. Alta Grassrope Request

Ms. Grassrope requested assistance from the tribe, with concerns about potentially becoming homeless. The Secretary-Treasurer will look into this matter.
No Action Taken.

15. DeWayne Goodface

Mr. Goodface provided information on treaties, treaty rights and tribal enrollment to the Council.
No Action Taken.

16. Kenna Theragood Request

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Kenna Theragood's written request for a one-year extension on her homesite lease. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

17. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve seven on reservation individuals to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made Chris Skunk to approve two individuals to relinquish their enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

18. Farmers National Company

Matt Gunderson and Troy Swee provided a Rangeland Assessment they completed on the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.
No Action Taken.

19. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 5:26 pm

Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Head Start recommendations to hire three full-time teachers' aides, Summer Estes, Neoma Michalek, Alise Harrison, and one part-time teachers' aide, Kaylee Wells. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion failed with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Chris Skunk, Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve hiring three full-time teachers' aides, Summer Estes, Alise Harrison, Riley LaRoche, and one part-time teachers' aide, Kaylee Wells. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring Gabriel Fletcher-Neikirk for the position of Nutrition manager. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Lower Brule Tribal Manager

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring William "Pooh" Ziegler for the position of Tribal Manager. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve hiring Tamara Grove for the position of Tribal Manager, with William "Pooh" Ziegler as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Lewis Grassrope).

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Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk).

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Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk).

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Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Chris Skunk).

Lower Brule Tribal Health Board

Motion was made by Cody Russell to accept the Health Boards recommendation for Jessica Schaeffer to work in the mornings for Partnership for Success and in the afternoons as the mental health counselor for adults. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being: Lewis Grassrope—Abstain, Fely Goodface—Abstain, Jewel Jandreau—For, Cody Russell—For, Chris Skunk—Not voting-vote goes with the majority.

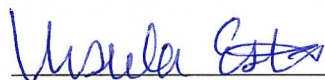
Naha

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the following individuals for the volunteer Naha Board: Cody Russell—Merle Wilson, Lewis Grassrope—Sharon Fire Cloud, Chris Skunk—Diane Grassrope, Jewel Jandreau—Nancy Big Eagle, Fely Goodface—Shavonne LeCompte. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Recess 6:32 pm

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 September, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
September 11, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Monday September 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 9:41 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:

Jason Rouillard

Tim Azure

Wilma Wilson

1. Lower Brule Housing Authority

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the grant application for the ICDBG Grant for FY-2023. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against.

2. Lower Brule Rural Water

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve authorize a tribal executive signature authority to sign off on all task orders (invoices) associated with the Lower Brule Water Treatment Plant upgrade. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

3. RAISE Grant

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to submit a grant application for the RAISE Planning Grant to resurface BIA 5 and BIA 10 roads, if awarded. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

4. Other Business

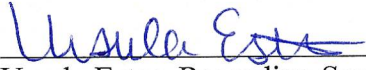
Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve to drug test all newly appointed board members who are under any of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Boards and Committees, all current board members are subject to random drug testing. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Recess 11:48 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 11th day of September, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
September 18, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Monday September 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:49 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:

Ramona Johnosn Winter Driving Hawk Wilma Wilson Tim Azure
Bert Bucher Tamara Grove

1. Lower Brule Daycare

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve a temporary supplemental pay increase to the Daycare Staff, with current evaluations to be included. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

2. Secretarial Election

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to request the Secretary of Interior to conduct a Secretarial Election for qualified voters to vote for or against the proposed amendments. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Golden Buffalo Casino

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Sherwood Estes Jr., General Manager of the Golden Buffalo Casino, authorization to conduct all banking matters on behalf of the Golden Buffalo Casino at the First Dakota National Bank. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

4. Office of Justice Services

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes the authority to sign off on the Tiwahe Reducing Recidivism Grant funding. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes the authority to sign off on the Safety Access to Tribal Facilities Grant funding. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

5. Eastern Red Cedar Control

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes the authority to sign off on the Operating Costs of the Eastern Red Cedar Control program. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

6. Streamflow Gaging Grant

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes the authority to sign off on the Streamflow Gaging Grant funds. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

7. Grasslands Tribal Youth Program

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes the authority to sign off on the Grasslands Tribal Youth funds. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

8. Boyd Gourneau Request

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Boyd Gourneau to use the old bleachers from the school, Mr. Gourneau will dispose of the unsalvageable material. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

12:23 p.m. Jewel Jandreau left the meeting.

9. Lower Brule Tribal Court

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to ban Jordan Pourier from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for a period of five years. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, one absent (Jewel Jandreau), one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

10. Tamara Grove

Tamara Grove provided her background information and projects she has worked on at the state level, her grant writing and business management skills.

No Action Taken.

Closed Session 1:43 p.m.
Open Session 2:19 p.m.

11. Opioid Settlement

Motion was made by Cody Russell to elect to participate in the settlement with McKinsey & Company, Inc. and authorize the Tribe's opioid litigation counsel to submit the tribal participation form on the Tribe's behalf. This motion was seconded Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Jewel Jandreau).

12. Steel Building

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a down payment of a pre-engineered metal building. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion died with the vote being three members for, one against (Fely Goodface), one absent (Jewel Jandreau).

Recess 2:29 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 18th day of September, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
September 28, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Thursday September 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 2:18 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

1. Lower Brule Housing Authority

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize the Lower Brule Housing Authority to apply, submit, and administer on behalf of the Tribe, an application for the FY-2023 ICDBG Grant and approves the Sub Recipient Agreement. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Recess 3:00 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 28th day of September, 2023.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe