Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 7, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:08 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Richard Goodface and Emmett Sawalla.

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: Sheryll Scott Jason Goodface Bill Ziegler Ben Estes Wilma Wilson

1. Close September 2026 Meeting
Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve closing the September 2026 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

2. Approve September 2026 Minutes
Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve September 2026 minutes. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

3. Jason Goodface Request
Mr. Goodface requested extending the current housing board members terms by two years.
No Action Taken.

Recess 10:30 a.m.

CERTIFICATION

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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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Tribal Council Minutes
October 7, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 2:10 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

Also Attending:

Bill Ziegler	Russell Felicia	Leah House	Brian Wagner
Pam Flute	Jeshua Estes	Dayle James	Crystal Middletent
Chason Middletent	Lance Witte	Lydia Skunk	Waylon Black Crow
Fely Goodface	Bessie Loudner	Stephanie Langdeau	DeWayne Goodface
Eunice Goodface	Carrie Flute		

1. Select Chaplain
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope, Sr to approve the nomination of Cody Russell as the Chaplain for the Tribal Council. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

2. Select Sargeant at Arms
Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the nomination of Marvin Grassrope Sr. as the Sargeant at Arms for the Tribal Council. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

3. Remove/Add Signatories
Motion was made by Cody Russell to remove Marty Jandreau and Marlo Langdeau as signers from the Wells Fargo Bank accounts. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to add Marvin Grassrope Sr. and Loretta Ryan as authorized signers for the Wells Fargo Bank accounts. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to remove Marty Jandreau and Marlo Langdeau as signers from the First Dakota Bank accounts. 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 add Marvin Grassrope Sr. and Loretta Ryan as authorized signers for the First Dakota Bank accounts. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

4. 638 Recontract

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to request through BIA to re-contract all active, existing, additional, and one-time funding for 638 programs for FY2027. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

5. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve the conceptual design for the 2026 school campus master plan. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve the bid from Riverview Chevrolet in the amount of $30,154.00 for the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Trailblazer. 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 to change the SPED policy for the evaluation process to be 60 school days instead of 60 calendar days to align with the Bureau of Indian Education. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the MOU with Rosebud Concrete for a period of three years, with annual evaluations. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

6. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 3:21 p.m.

Red Tail Express

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to hire Trey Skunk for the position of alternate bus driver. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Ash Grassrope for the position of herd manager. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Human Services Department
Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Marlita Grassrope for the position of office worker, with Trevor Fire Cloud as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Head Start Program
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to hire Courtney St. Cloud, Sariah Chavez, Reanna Ziegler, and Tori-Anne Odegard for the position of teachers' aide, with Peggy Estes for the position of teacher. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Boys & Girls Club
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to hire Jeshua Estes Jr. for the position of unit director, with Caleb Tsatoke as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to hire Christina Yates for the position of part-time youth development professional, with Alexa Harmon as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to hire Caleb Tsatoke for the position of front desk. This motion was seconded by Loretta Ryan.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve the budget for the annual New Years Eve Pow wow in the amount of $7,670.00. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 4:24 p.m.

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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 8, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Thursday October 8, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 2:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

1. Fely Goodface Request

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve the budget request for the Kul Wicasa Ospiya Veterans Pow wow in the amount of $15,000.00. This motion was seconded by Loretta Ryan.
Motion died with the vote being two members for, one against (Kamela Wilson), and two abstaining (Cody Russell, Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve a $10,000.00 donation for the Kul Wicasa Ospiya Veterans Pow wow. This motion was seconded by Loretta Ryan.
Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Cody Russell, Joelle Battese, Kamela Wilson).

2. BIA

Closed Session 2:53 p.m.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Danielle LaRoche's request to transfer her homesite lease #225-244-1035 to Darrell LaRoche. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve tract T956 to DJ Middletent. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

3. CFO Update

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to cancel Jim Langdeau's default agriculture leases and grazing permits. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to request an extension of time for completion of the FFR's for all contract and grants with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

4. EDA
Motion was made by Joelle Battese to proceed with the renovation of the remaining three BIA homes 332, 334, and 335 and establish a contingent budget of $250,000.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize a contract with tribally owned construction company owned and managed by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
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 TMK Landworks, LLC. in the amount of $6,500.00 for the purpose of cedar tree cleaning. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

6. Lower Brule Diabetes Program
Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Push, Pedal, Pull in the amount of $6,906.20 for the purchase of exercise equipment. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 3:49 p.m.

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Ursula Estes

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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Tribal Council Minutes
October 16, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 16, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 11:32 a.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell (absent)
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

1. Lower Brule Pow Wow Committee
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve the budget for the 2026 Veteran's Pow Wow in the amount of $23,475.00. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

2. Other Business
Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to remove the tribe's majority interest tracts from range units 25 and range unit 28. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

3. ICWA
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to appoint Lydia Skunk for the HB 1232 Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee for a two-year term. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

4. Golden Buffalo Casino
Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to accept the monthly donations from the Golden Buffalo Casino in the amount of $10,000.00 per month for the period of September 1, 2026 through September 1, 2027. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Recess 11:41 a.m.

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 21, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 21, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 4:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

1. Lower Brule Housing Authority

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to furlough the Lower Brule Housing Board members temporarily until the Housing Authority becomes financially stable. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to appoint the tribal council to the Housing Board temporarily until the Housing Authority becomes financially stable. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 4:42 p.m.
Return 4:48 p.m.

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve to co-sign an operating loan to secure funds from First Dakota Bank. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 4:51 p.m.

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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 26, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Monday October 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 1:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

Also Attending:

Jennifer Eastman	Sarah Kills In Water	Bobbi Chauncey	Melissa Gabriel
Bill Ziegler	Sonja McCauley		

1. Other Business

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to authorize a contract with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe 638 Programs Staff Capacity Building Training. 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 proposal for one-time funding to BIA. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russel to recontract all 638 programs, to replace the previous resolution. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 2:30 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 26th day of October, 2026.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 30, 2026

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Friday October 30, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:54 a.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr. (absent)
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Loretta Ryan

Also Attending:
Bill Ziegler RF Buche Tim Azure

1. Buches Gus Stop
Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve $5,000.00 worth of gift cards from Buches Gus Stop in the amount of $25.00 each and restricted to fuel and inside purchases, excluding tobacco products. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to pay $20,716.55 toward signage cost. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Recess 11:02 a.m.

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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 October, 2026.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe