



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
June 3, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Thursday June 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:12 am.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Stephanie Bolman
Council Member: John McCauley
Council Member: Donovan Grassrope

Also Present:

Chris Skunk	Shana Grassel	Sheryl Scott	Bob Merritt
Quintin McGhee	Wilma Wilson	Spencer Estes	Stephanie Langdeau
Bessie Loudner	Lance Witte	Tim Felicia	Evelyn Charging
Yuma House	Justin Schmidt	Marilyn Whitney	Ben Estes
Debra Red Bird	Stephanie Red Bird	James Two Bulls	Sean Wooster

1. Close May 2021 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the May 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve May 2021 Minutes

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the May 2021 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Stephanie Langdeau—Softball Tournament (revised date)

Motion was made by John McCauley to correct the date of Stephanie Langdeau's softball tournament from June 3rd and 4th, 2021 to July 3rd and 4th, 2021. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

4. Ellen Durkin—Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve two hours administrative leave for Tribal employees who attend the Lower Brule Friendship House event on June 18, 2021. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

5. Memorial Softball Tournament Request

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the request by the family of Jordan Steele to hold a memorial softball tournament on October 2nd & 3rd, 2021. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

6. RV Park

A letter was submitted by Jacob Brouse. Council requests for Jacob Brouse to attend July 2021 meeting.

Tabled.

7. Immaculate Conception Donation Request

A reunion is set for August 20-22, 2021 in Fort Thompson, SD.

Vice Chairman Cody Russell will maintain correspondence until a final amount is requested.

Tabled.

8. Cultural Resources

The Tribal website will continue to be updated with new information and program information.

A YouTube channel has been set up to post the videos from the Council meetings.

The Elder Committee is in need of more members; 55 and older.

A budget for the annual fair was submitted: Powwow—\$106,990; Rodeo—\$25,000; Men's Softball—\$18,000; Women's Softball—\$13,650.

No Action Taken.

9. Golden Buffalo Casino Update

The General Manager has submitted to Council all past audits of the casino stemming back to 1999. The casino offers masks, gloves, face shields and hand sanitizer to patrons; wearing a mask is now optional.

No Action Taken.

10. Stephanie Langdeau Request

Stephanie submitted a request for council to banish Samantha LaRoche.

Tabled.

11. Spencer Estes Request

Attorney Randy Seiler will follow up.

Tabled.

12. Oacoma Project Application

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve submission of the revised and completed Application for Secretarial Determination for Gaming Operations to be allowed on Lower Brule Sioux Tribally owned Trust Land in Oacoma, SD to the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 12:36 p.m.

Return 1:21 p.m.

13. Lower Brule Housing Board Update

The Housing Board has been working on a new charter for approval, to include staggered three year terms. With the current charter only three and four year terms are eligible for chairman and vice chairman of the board.

The Housing Program Staff are operating under HUD guidelines with staggered days for employees due to COVID-19 pandemic.

ERAP Program; 116 applications have been processed and approved so far.

No Action Taken.

14. Lower Brule Police Department

Executive Session 2:08 p.m.

Return 3:23 p.m.

15. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve and authorize the Lower Brule School System to submit an application for the COPS Grant with an available amount up to \$500,000 over a period of three years. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid by Insight for the purchase of E-Sport gaming stations in the amount of \$12,299.68. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

16 Red Bird Consulting

A Native American owned and operated engineering company. They will collaborate with Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office and Lower Brule Cultural Resources Program to see what projects they can help with.

No Action Taken.

17. Lower Brule Enrollment

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve seven on reservation individuals for enrollment into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve one individuals' request for relinquishment 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. BIA

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to add Tory McCauley to Ronni McCauley's home site lease. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve renewing Lyndsey LaRoche Sr.'s home site lease for another 25 years. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Glen Eagle Thunders' request for a home site. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to add Ronni and Tory McCauley to the IHS water and sewer list. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to add Glen Eagle Thunder to the IHS water and sewer list. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

19. Other Business

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the attorney retainer agreement of Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel & Hinrichs, L.L.P. to be on standby and revisions may be made if and/or when this agreement is put into effect. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

20. Personnel

Lower Brule Counseling Service

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Ronalda Driving Hawk as the Receptionist for the Lower Brule Counseling Service. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Lower Brule Road Department

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Anthony Kennedy as the Diesel Mechanic for the Lower Brule Road Department. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion failed with the vote being three members for, two not voting (Donovan Grassrope, Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve hiring Philip Battese Sr. as the Diesel Mechanic for the Lower Brule Road Department. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

Motion failed with the vote being three members for, two against (John McCauley, Cody Russell).

Diesel Mechanic position will be re-advertised.

Scholarship Board

Three members were approved by Council Concurrence to sit on the Scholarship Board: Christian Skunk, Roquel Gourneau and Trish Lundell.

Executive Session 5:11 p.m.

Return 6:34 p.m.

21. Other

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve transferring American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in the amount of \$1,839,972.91 to the Lower Brule Golden Buffalo Casino for loss of revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic up to December 31, 2020. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve transferring American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in the amount of \$1,634,667.32 to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for loss of revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic up to December 31, 2020. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Recess 6:45 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 3rd day of June, 2021.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe