



LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE
MINUTES
April 4, 2018

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on April 4, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:01 AM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.
The Meeting being dedicated to ones we have lost in the past month:

Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Members Present:

Chairman Boyd Gourneau
Vice-Chairman Darrell Middletent
Secretary/Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr.
Council Member Clyde Estes
Council Member Donnie Moore
Council Member John McCauley

Also Present:

Tribal Manager- Lee Brennan

BIA - Kristy Wolf, Shaun Woster

Janet Traversie

Janet Larson

LB Tribal Attorney -Tara Adamski

Personnel-Josie Skunk

Police Department- Chief Yuma House, Donovan Grassrope, Tim Felecia

Wildlife Director – Ben Janis

Schools – Dan Shroyer

Enrollment -Maryls Langdeau

Susie Short Bear

Elaine Thompson

Vaughn Big Eagle

Bob Merritt

Vern & Matt Brakke

Health Board- Shirley Crane, Christy Olsen

1. **Approve to Close March Tribal Council Meeting**

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the March 2018 Tribal Council Meeting. This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote being: Darrell Middletent for, Orville Langdeau Jr. for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

2. **Approve March 2018 Minutes**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the March Minutes.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

3. **Info-School Report –March/April**

4. **Approve LB School Purchase Charter Bus**

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve the recommendation from the school to purchase the new charter bus from Thomas Foreman's (who was the low bidder).

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

5. **Update-11th Annual Lower Brule Community Fair April 13, 2018**

6. **Approve Declaration of Good Standing of the Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club**

Motion was made by Clyde Estes to declare the Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club is in good standing.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

7. **Approve LBST FY 2011-2013 CDA CSC Short Fall Claims-Hire Donham CPA \$12,000 to Negotiate Special Rate**

Motion was made by Darrell Middletent to approve to hire Donham CPA for \$12,000 to negotiate the FY 2011-2013 CDA CSC Short Fall Claims and to take \$12,000 out of the first payment.

This motion was seconded John McCauley.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not vote.

8. **Approve EPO Office Purchase Truck for the Solid Waste Program**

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the EPO Office to purchase a truck for the Solid Waste Program (Purchasing process was followed).

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

9. **Authorize Chairman Boyd Gourneau to Speak on Behalf of the LBST at the 150th Anniversary of the 1868 Treaty at the Fort Laramie Celebration**

Motion was made by John McCauley to authorize Chairman Boyd Gourneau to speak on behalf of the LBST at the 150th Anniversary of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie Celebration

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

10. **Approve Re-establishment of the Lower Brule Drug Task Force**

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve to re-establish the Lower Brule Drug Task Force and request AA Program take the lead and also to submit monthly reports to the Tribal Council.

This motion was seconded by Clyde Estes.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

11. **Approve Appointment to Health Board-Arnold Sazue & Mary Jane Gourneau**
 Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the recommendation received from the Lower Brule Health Board to appoint Arnold Sazue and Mary Jane Gourneau to the Health Board as the community representatives.
 This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent absent, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.
 Motion carried with vote being four members for, none opposing, one absent and none not voting.

12. **Approve Change 401(k) Provider from Aspire to John Hancock Retirement Plan Services & Retirement LLC**
 Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to change the 401(k) Provider from Aspire to John Hancock Retirement Plan Services & Retirement LLC.
 This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.
 Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

13. **Approve Appointment to Health Board-Tonya Derall**
 Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve the recommendation received from the Lower Brule Health Board to appoint Tonya Derald to the Health Board.
 This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley not voting, Donnie Moore for, and Clyde Estes for.
 Motion carried with vote being four members for, none opposing, one absent and one not voting.

14. **Approve Submission of BIA Reserved Treaty Right Lands Proposal**
 Motion was made by Darrell Middletent to approve the submission of the BIA Reserved Treaty Right Lands Proposal.
 This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.
 Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

15. **Approve Placement of Kaylynn Smith on Lindsey LaRoche Homesite Lease**
 Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the placement of Kaylynn Smith on Lindsey LaRoche Homesite Lease
 This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.
 Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

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16. Lower Brule Police Department Update- Chief Yuma House, Donovan Grassrope, Tim Felecla

17. Approve Hire-Sharonna LeCompte Headstart Teacher/ Room A

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the recommendation from the Parent Policy Committee to select Sharonna LeCompte as the Headstart Teacher/ Room A.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for, and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

18. Approve Enrollments-12

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the recommendation from the Lower Brule Enrollment Committee to enroll the following individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe:

1. Scarlett R.M. Ziegler
2. Dorene L.L. LaRoche
3. Melanie Ziegler
4. Jack Jerome Wilson
5. Matthius Kings-Lee Johnson
6. Lyric Lee Legend Driving Hawk
7. Oakless Riata Langdeau
8. Lana Michael Coleman
9. LaMya Leighton LaRoche
10. Leighton LaRoche III
11. Wesleigh A.W. McGhee
12. Zachariah Parker

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore

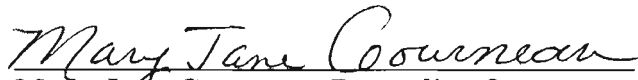
Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for, and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

There being no further business, the Tribal Council Meeting recessed at 11:24 AM.

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 quorum present on the 4th day of April, 2018.


Mary Jane Gourneau, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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March 30th, 2018

To: Mr. Dan Shroyer, Mr. Lee Brannan, and Lower Brule Tribal Council
From: Lance L. Witte
Re: School Status Report – March – April

It has been a great month of March highlighted by academic accomplishments and athletic success. Important - BIE and U.S. Department of Education will be visiting April 9th – 12th. The visit is related to fiscal audits and school program review. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this month's meeting as I am leading an AdvancEd Accreditation Review at the American Horse School as I was requested to lead this review. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 605-461-8586.

Enrollment and Staffing

- **Enrollments** have maintained, actually gaining six students in the past couple of weeks.
- We are looking to **restructure the teacher salary schedule for 2018-19**. We will eliminate the incentive bonuses as our staff has improved and this is no longer needed for most (\$2,500 - \$500 per category inclusive of attendance, lesson plans, community engagement, performance, student performance,) if these basic requirements are not met, the teacher will be put on a plan of improvement and will be non-renewed if improvements are not made. We will add the savings from these bonuses to the base salary, to be more competitive with surrounding public schools to attract and retain high-quality teachers.
- **ES Staffing** – We anticipate at least one opening and have interviewed and offered the position, we are hoping to have this teacher secured this week. We had several student-teachers from SDSU visit and are in discussion of hosting them next school year.
- **MS/HS Staffing** – We anticipate most of the staff to return next school year. We have a couple of positions that will be eliminated for efficiencies and cost savings. I plan to be the Superintendent- Secondary Principal-Athletic Director with a Assistant-Principal/teacher and Assistant Athletic Director/teacher. A secondary school our size needs these positions to be multi-faceted, as we cannot afford to have these roles stand alone.

Curriculum and Instruction

- **Smarter Balance Assessment – State Testing** – this testing has been completed at the ES and continues at the MS/HS.
- **Elementary Students – focus on reading**. We have seen much improvement with Elementary reading scores throughout the year. Improvements have happened through a number intervention strategies including continued emphasis placed on Reading Plus by Mrs. Middletent, improvements to the ES Library made by Mr. Gorneau, implementation of Accelerated Reader, small group work led by our reading interventionist – Mrs. Jackson under Mr. Pata's leadership. We plan to share data with you next month to highlight growth.
- **Lower Brule Research Institute** – The new hoop garden structure has been damaged by the wind, Mr. Riter is working to fix the structure. The shop class is constructing new raised beds.
- **Lower Brule Science Fair** was held last week. Many community member were engaged serving as judges. Mr. Riter will take students to the Regional Science Fair in Rapid City the end of this week.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** – were held this past Thursday and we had a good turnout. Following Conferences, Lakota Bingo was played and a meal was served in honor of the Easter holiday.

- **E-Rate** – BIE consortium was unable to include us this year due to the Federal budget issues, but next year looks promising. Through the negotiation process, the Goldenwest quote has been lowered substantially to be closely aligned with what public schools are paying for these services.

Activities


- **Lower Brule Sioux Basketball Team** made it to the first ever State Tournament in 46 years. Getting to the State Bs Boys Basketball Tournament was an exciting time for the Kul Wicasa. The community support was very encouraging. The boys finished in 7th place.
- **SDHSAA** – I expressed concerns to the SDHSAA regarding the treatment of our fans at regional and state competitions, especially elders being asked to move seating due to designated areas. Days following the State tournament, the Office of Civil Rights visited, and Mr. Shroyer and I expressed these concerns to a gentleman from the OCR.
- **Spring Sports have begun.** Track and field has started and look forward to our first meet this week.
- **Summer workouts and leagues** have started to be organized. I believe will be able to host a basketball league here in Lower Brule this summer. It will be good for our kids participation and cut down on travel.
- **Lower Brule Talented and Gifted** students held a community Easter Egg Hunt this past Saturday. 295 elementary aged students participated in this fun-filled event.

Facilities

- Ms. Moore is writing a grant to the Shakopee Tribe for **summer youth workers** again this summer. We are hoping to expand the number of employees.
- **Charter Bus** pricing is included in this report. I would recommend we order a charter bus soon in order have it before the start of the school year.
- **Football Field** – I have written to the Redskins organization regarding our field turf grant. I am predicting by the lack of response, that we did not get the grant. I am going to begin planning on restoring our field this spring. This project may require the help of an agronomist or turf expert to get this in shape for the season. We will be starting on this project this month.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me 605-461-8586.

Sincerely,



Lance L. Witte - Superintendent of Schools