



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
June 7, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday June 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:13 am.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Kelly Johnson, Jaramy Gourneau and Ann'D Michalek.

**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 Johnson	Jeshua Estes	McKayla Estes	Sheryl Scott
Kamela Wilson	Belinda Joe	Mike Normile	Loretta Ryan
Marlo Langdeau	Janice Larson	Marilyn Langdeau	Shirley Crane
Tim Azure	Lance Witte	Wilma Wilson	Brian Wagner
Kiara Fire Cloud	Lucille Skunk	Fedelia Skunk	Irene Skunk
Josie Skunk	Bob Merritt	Sheldon Fletcher	Jera Brouse
Emily Flute	Emily Flute	Eunice Goodface	Leah House
DeWayne Goodface	Eyvonne Rekow		

**1. Close May 2023 Meeting**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the May 2023 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**2. Approve May 2023 Minutes**

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

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

**3. Request for Honorary Membership of One Individual**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Cheri Smith as an honorary member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

**4. Belinda Joe, Mike Normile Request**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk recognize and support the Wicasta-Wicasa Woyuonihan Ikikcupi (Men Take Back Honor) Sparks of Light Youth Run, October 7, 2023, Dignity Site, Chamberlain, SD. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**5. NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT (NAVRA)**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve sending a letter to Representative Dusty Johnson requesting support to the reintroduction of the bipartisan Native American Voting Rights Act. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

**6. 2023 Pow Wow Committee**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the budget for the 2023 Annual Pow Wow in the amount of \$209,540. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the 2023 Rodeo and Men's Softball Budget in the amount of \$27,019 (Men's SB) and \$45,000 (Rodeo). This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**7. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to amend the 2023-2024 School Calendar. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve and support the Special Education budget and assurances in the amount of \$1,187,460. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a grant application through the Office of Indian Economic Development for a Living Language Grant Program. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Verbal Concurrence was made approving Chairman Clyde Estes to sign a letter for the National Tribal Broadband Grant.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve a contract with Quill Solutions in the amount of \$125,300 for the purpose of internet service provider development. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 12:24 pm

Return 1:40 pm

### **8. Sheldon Fletcher Request**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Sheldon Fletcher's request for a Right-of-Way with a perpetual term at no cost along the edge of NE1/4NE1/4 T106R72. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

### **9. Request for Honorary Membership of Five Individuals**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Eyvonne Rekow's request for Vernon Rekow Sr., Jim Brouse, Dawn Middletent, Patricia Lundell, and Greg Miller to be honorary members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to honor six individuals for their exemplary service and dedication to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Cheri Smith, Vernon Rekow Sr., Jim Brouse, Dawn Middletent, Patricia Lundell, and Greg Miller. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **10. United States Army Corps of Engineers**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Dr. Brian Molyneaux, Cultural Resources Office, to liaise with the production unit on behalf of the Council in the development of the Lower Brule component of an informational video on the Mesonet program and provide the council with a draft of the final copy for approval. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Lewis Grassrope).

### **11. Request for Look Out Point Renovation**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve rehabilitation of the Lower Brule Lookout Point near the tribal administration office. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

### **12. Emily Flute, Eunice Goodface**

Ms. Flute asked questions about housing problems and potentially creating a waiver to get families in homes sooner.

No Action Taken.

### **13. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Closed Session 4:19 pm

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve seven (7) 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 three members for, one against (Fely Goodface) and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve one individual to relinquish their enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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



## **14. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

### Native Connections Program

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the Director's recommendation to hire Carla Iron Shooter for the position of Community Care Coordinator, with Carolyn LaRoche as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

### Partnership For Success

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Director's recommendation to hire Jessica Wilson for the position of Community Care Coordinator, with Carla Iron Shooter as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Director's recommendation to hire Taylor Moran for the position of Education/Disabilities Manager. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to readvertise the position of Education/Disabilities Manager. Motion was withdrawn.

Executive Session 4:51 pm

Return to Closed Session 5:04 pm

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to hire Joy Powers for the position of Education/Disabilities Manager, with Sharonna LeCompte as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Taylor Moran for the position of Education/Disabilities Manager, with Joy Powers as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one abstaining (Fely Good face) and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

### Elderly Nutrition Program

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to hire Emma Goodface for the position of Elderly Nutrition Director, with Amber Ziegler as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion failed with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Chris Skunk, Jewel Jandreau).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Yvonne Johnson for the position of Elderly Nutrition Director, with Dawn Johnson as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface), and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Merle Wilson and Joelle Battese for the two open positions on the Enrollment Committee. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion failed with the vote being two members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau) and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Merle Wilson and Emily Flute for the two open positions on the Enrollment Committee.  
Motion died due to lack of a second.

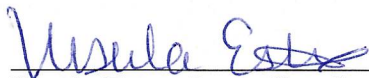
Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Merle Wilson for a position on the Enrollment Committee. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion failed with the vote being two members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau), and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Jewel Jandreau to approve Marlita Grassrope and Barbara Bad Horse for the two open positions on the Enrollment Committee. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Recess 5:52 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe