

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Tribal Council Minutes April 2, 2025

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday April 2, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:02 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Kimberly Flute, Robert Ross, and Goldie Never Misses A Shot.

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:

| Jessica Schaeffer | Jay Miller | Heather Collins | Sonny Ziegler |
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| Natural Helpers Group | Ben Janis | Brian Wagner | Bill Long Turkey |
| Daniel Goodface | Claudia Ziegler | Connie Bad Horse | Anne Whitney |
| Lance Witte | Isaac Johnson | Jim Langdeau | DeWayne Goodface |
| Bugsy Thompson | Fedelia Skunk | Lydia Skunk | Waylon Black Crow |
| Russell Felicia | Tim Azure | Shenan Atcitty | Wilma Wilson |
| Josie Skunk | Eunice Goodface | | |

1. Close March 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve closing the March 2025 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve March 2025 Minutes

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the March 2025 minutes. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

3. Natural Helpers

Jessica Schaeffer and the Natural Helpers provided information on what they do in helping the community and fellow students in need.

No Action Taken.

4. Lower Brule Tribal Court

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services with George Johnson DBA Johnson Pochop Law Office. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

5. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the Lower Brule Wildlife Department's Proposed 2025-2026 Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping recommendations for General Licensing. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

6. Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to accept P.L. 93-638 funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Streamflow Gaging in the amount of \$32,716.00. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

7. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the change order addendum to the original contract for Aaron Swan & Associates in the amount of \$160,000.00. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the purchase agreement between the Lower Brule Schools and Lee Gourneau for the Brule Hills Trading Post building in the amount of \$85,000.00. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

8. Tribal Education Department

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve modification to the Head Start Policy related to staff discipline and appeals. 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 Parent Policy Committee's recommendation to decrease the Head Start count from 60 to 43 children. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve a three-year 638 contract to be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Education for the Lower Brule Tribe's Education Technical Assistance. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve Administrative Leave for the 16th Annual Community Fair on May 2, 2025. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

9. Lower Brule Daycare Program

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Lower Brule Daycare Application Verification and Approval list. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 12:05 p.m. Return 1:07 p.m.

10. BIA

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve Daryl Middletent Jr.'s request to modify his residential lease to a term of 50 years. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

11. EDA-Tim Azure

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize payment to KLJ for technical writing done for the RAISE grant application. 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 Change Order No. 3, at no cost to the owner and No. 4 in the amount of \$1,303.74. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Dakota Drywall & Stone for work on the six BIA homes. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Mr. Azure also presented on a 2025 SEDS plan to look at housing, health, education, economic development, infrastructure, business development, and natural resources. This includes SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).

12. Coalition of Larger Nations

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve to join the Coalition of Larger Nations and appoint Chairman Boyd Gourneau as the representative with Marlo Langdeau as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

13. Chief Financial Officer Update

CFO Ziegler reported that the general ledger update should be completed in the next few days. No Action Taken.

14. Tribal Manager Update

The tribal manager gave an update on programs, tribal insurance claims, and progress on 105L program work.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club to surplus an old washer and dryer set. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to accept funds from OJJDP-Mentoring Native Youth for the Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club in an amount up to \$25,000.00. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

15. Dakota Indian Foundation Request

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve to support the Dakota Indian Foundation in their request to Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for a grant to assist their Foundation. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

16. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 3:19 p.m.

Red Tail Express

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve hiring Joseph Skunk for the position of Administrative Assistant for Red Tail Express. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve hiring Rozlyn Anderson for the position of Front Desk Receptionist for the Boys & Girls Club. 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 approve hiring Sherwood Estes Jr. for the position of Unit Director for the Teen Center. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Parent Policy Committee's recommendation to hire Antoinette Johson for the position of Cook at the Head Start Program, with Melinda Johnson as the alternate.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve hiring Brent Charger for the position of Director of the Head Start Program. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

17. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Agtegra in the amount of \$14.97 per acre for CRP weed spraying. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from Millborn in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of seeds for food plots. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from CHS River Plains in the amount of \$26,850.00 for the purchase of chemicals for pre and post weed treatment for food plots. 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 approve the bid from Millborn in the amount of \$66.80 per acre for the purchase of grass seed for grassland restoration. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from AA Motorsports LLC in the amount of \$23,424.00 for the purchase of a 2025 Polaris. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 4:18 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 2nd day of April, 2025.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe