



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 6, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday January 6, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:15 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:

Randy Seiler
Sonja McCauley
Trish Lundell
Tim Azure
Charles Donham (telephonic)
Ben Janis
Denny Law
Greg Olson
Lance Witte
Brian Wagner
Sadie Jandreau
James Two Bulls
Yuma House
Shawn Wooster
Wilma Wilson
Josie Skunk

1. Close December Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the December 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

2. Approve December Minutes

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the December 2020 minutes. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

3. Charles Donham—IDC Rate

Proposal made for the tribe's indirect cost rate. This needs to be presented to Deb Nies in the finance department.

No Action Taken.

4. Carla Michalek Request

Motion was made John McCauley to approve Carla Michalek and Ron Estes Sr. as honorary members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (carrying no benefits from the tribe). This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

5. Request for Sanitation Truck

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the purchase of a sanitation truck in the amount of \$190,460. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

6. Lower Brule Higher Education Program

The Secretary-Treasurer needs to work with the finance department to look for more funding.

No Action Taken.

7. Indian Health Services

Lower Brule has received 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to mobilize Eyvonne Rekow to help with communication and providing COVID-19 information between Indian Health Services and the tribal council. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

Motion died with the vote being: Stephanie Bolman and Marvin Grassrope Sr. for, John McCauley against, Donovan Grassrope and Cody Russell not voting.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to formally invite Eyvonne Rekow and James Driving Hawk to an Executive Session meeting with the tribal Council. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

8. Human Trafficking Task Force

Motion was made by John McCauley to authorize Wiconi Wawokiya Inc. and the Pathfinder Center to be designees to oversee the establishment of a Human Trafficking Taskforce. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

9. Lower Brule Wildlife Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the purchase of a 1 ton truck in the amount of \$44,615. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 12:20 pm

Return 1:04 pm

10. Golden West Update

Golden West is currently upgrading its Reliance exchange to Fiber-to-the-Home. This project includes a complete upgrade to the service area in Lower Brule. Golden West has also installed free Wi-Fi hotspots in communities throughout their service area, delayed non-payment disconnects, increased 2020 capital credit retirement and has continued installing essential broadband internet services to enable remote working, distance learning and telehealth services. No Action Taken.

11. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Division of Facilities Management Disposition Project to move forward with Option #3. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley approving the Native American Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program grant application. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley approving the Mental Health Awareness Training grant application. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

12. Brian Wagner Update

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve submitting a request for a One-Time funding appropriation to forward fund Higher Education Scholarships, Adult Education, Special Higher Education Scholarships, Science Post Graduate Scholarship Fund and Tribal College and Universities Supplement. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve submitting a request that BIE utilize the December 1, 2019 IDEA child count when calculating the tribe's IDEA Part B & C funding allocation that will be used to fund services from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

13. Lower Brule Head Start Update

Reopening plan set for January 25, 2021. No more than four children in a classroom.

Temperatures will be taken prior to children getting on the bus and face masks will be required. Classrooms and the bus will be sanitized twice a day.

No Action Taken.

14. BIA—James Two Bulls

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a deferment on lease payments until February 1, 2021 for Travis Thompson and Jay Langdeau. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve a home site request for Damon Johnson. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve a home site request for Dalton Grassel. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

15. Lower Brule Police Department—Update

Police Department is looking to direct hire two dispatchers.

Three correctional officers have been hired; awaiting start dates.

Officer Kicking Woman will be the school resource officer.

No Action Taken.

16. Lower Brule Personnel

Motion was made by John McCauley to hire Dalton Grassel for the Conservation Officer position with Lower Brule Wildlife. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

17. Executive Session

Motion was made by John McCauley to go into Executive Session at 3:58 pm. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Return from Executive Session at 5:05 pm

18. Appointing Point of Contact

Motion was made by John McCauley to appoint Ellen Durkin as the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe's Point of Contact with the South Dakota Department of Social Services and Child Protection Services. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

19. Extradition Request

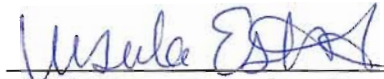
Motion was made by John McCauley authorizing the pending formal extradition request from Oklahoma to proceed through the tribal code. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Recess 5:08 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 6th day of January, 2021.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe