



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
January 4, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday January 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:19 am.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Roland Felicia, Tatonka Eagle Horse, and Cale Randall.

**Roll Call:**

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes  
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell  
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.  
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau  
Council Member: Chris Skunk  
Council Member: Fely Goodface

**Also Attending:**

Sheryl Scott	Randy Seiler	DeWayne Goodface	Tim Azure
Brian Wagner	Lance Witte	Boyd Gourneau	James Two Bulls
Sheldon Fletcher	Shaun Grassel	Kristy Wolf	Pam Skunk
Shirley Crane	Wilma Wilson		

**1. Close December 2022 Meeting**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to close the December 2022 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**2. Approve December 2022 Minutes**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the December 2022 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**3. Native Feed Program Request**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to send a letter of request for a Native Feed Program. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

**4. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the Lower Brule School to submit a grant application for the U.S. Department of Labor's Youth Build Program. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

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**5. Tribal Education Department**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign Impact Aid letters for the Lyman and Chamberlain School Districts. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize the Lower Brule Tribal Education Director and the Tribal Attorney to work together and pursue funds by working directly with BIA, BIE, and the South Dakota Senators and Representative. 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 Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Lower Brule Head Start annual grant application. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Lower Brule IDEA Child Count for December 1, 2022. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Closed Session 12:13 pm

Open Session 12:37 pm

Recess 12:37 pm

Return 1:25pm

**6. BIA**

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the request to remove Kristofer LaRoche from Charles Fuhrman's homesite lease, and to add Kristofer LaRoche to Lindsey LaRoche's homesite lease. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to add Raelynn Rodriguez to homesite lease #225-203-0227. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to modify Resolution #2020-131, LBHA Tiny Homes Project, from 10.00 acres to 20.00 acres. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to draw down carryover funds from the BIA-Lower Brule Agency in the amount of \$163,829.37 to apply to a 638 program(s), with a detailed budget to be provided to BIA. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

### **7. Shaun Grassel Request**

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve a request to drop Range Unit #4 lease rate to the tribal rate of \$7 aum. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion failed with the vote being three members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface), one against (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve renewing the lease for Range Unit #4 at a rate of \$58,000 a year for a term of ten years. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

### **8. Land Management**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to accept \$75,000 from Ceres Trust for land management planning. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to establish a Tribal Land Conservation Program. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Shaun Grassels' request for a contract to work on a tribal land management program, until the position can be advertised and filled. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Chris Skunk).

Recess 4:29 pm

Return 4:38 pm

### **9. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

#### **Boys & Girls Club**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to go with the Boys & Girls Club recommendation of hiring Desiree LaRoche for the position of Chief Professional Officer for the Boys & Girls Club with the following alternates, in order, McKayla Estes, Melissa Johnson, and Donovan Grassrope.

This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

#### **Golden Buffalo Casino**

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Sherwood Estes Jr. and Ross Estes as temporary co-interim General Managers of the Golden Buffalo Casino, until the position is filled. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to remove Quintin McGhee from all bank accounts pertaining to the Golden Buffalo Casino. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

KWO Trading Post

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to remove Kip Banks from all bank accounts pertaining to the KWO Trading Post. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**10. Other Business**

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to elect to participate in the opioid class action lawsuit—Five Settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Executive Session 6:00 pm

Return 6:30 pm

Recess 6:30 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe