



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
March 1, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday March 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:07 am.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Arnold Sazue Sr.

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:

Sheryl Scott	Randy Seiler	Tim Azure	Sheldon Fletcher
Ben Janis	Dalton Grassel	Torey McGhee	Pudgy LaRoche
Rikki Middletent	Lydia Sazue	Jordan Pourier	Janice Larson
Ross Estes	Jennifer Flute	Lance Witte	Roquel Gourneau
Percy Estes	Bob Merritt	Daniel Goodface	Brian Molyneaux
Joe Grassrope	Brian Wagner	Everett Grey Owl	Bobbie Middletent
Michael Madsen	Marty Jandreau	DeWayne Goodface	Kristi Wolf
Waylon Black Crow	Brian LaRoche	Darrell Middletent	Jarrica LaRoche
Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk	Dawn Middletent	

1. Close February 2023 Meeting

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

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

2. Approve February 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the February 2023 minutes. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

3. Lower Brule Enrollment Program

Closed Session 10:11 am

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the recommendation from the Lower Brule Enrollment Committee to relinquish two individuals from enrollment with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. 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 the recommendation from the Lower Brule Enrollment Committee to enroll fourteen on reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the recommendation from the Lower Brule Enrollment Committee to enroll three off reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Open Session 10:59 am

4. Golden Buffalo Casino—Ross Estes

A request was made for a liquor license for the casino to sell beer and wine. Currently, the casino provides free beer to customers as a promotional tool. The last liquor license for the casino was 2009. The tribal council will look into the status of the liquor commission.
No Action Taken.

5. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Wildlife Department's recommendations for the 2023-2024 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping licensing guidelines. 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 the Lower Brule Wildlife Department's recommendations for the updated Lower Brule Wildlife Code Definitions. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

6. Morris Construction

Morris Construction was awarded the SDDOT project on Hwy 1806 to BIA 10. They currently need material and have proposed three borrowed sites on the Lower Brule Reservation to purchase "borrow material". Once completed they will reclaim and reseed the sites.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the three proposed borrow sites for Morris Construction to obtain borrow material for the SDDOT Hwy 1806 Project. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

7. Torey McGhee Request

Ms. McGhee addressed the council on the trailer house at the Cherry Ranch that her grandpa has lived in for years. The council had questions on the living condition of the trailer.
No Action Taken.

8. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the 2023-2024 Lower Brule School Calendar. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

9. TED/Higher Ed.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to support an increase in the Indian Student Equalization Program. 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 approve to request a one-time funding appropriation to forward fund the following Bureau of Indian Education Programs: Facilities Operations, Facilities Maintenance, Juvenile Detention Center Education, Johnson O'Malley Assistance Grants, Tribal Colleges and Universities Supplements, Scholarships and Adult Education, Special Higher Education Scholarships and Science Post Graduate Scholarship Fund. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

10. Sheldon Fletcher Request

Sheldon Fletcher, Marty Jandreau and Michael Madsen have started a Ranchers Group in Lower Brule (no official name yet). They would like to work with the tribal council by providing a rancher's point of view on various topics. A meeting will be scheduled for later this month.
No Action Taken.

11. DeWayne Goodface Request

Mr. Goodface addressed the council on Trust Funds, the current drug epidemic, and the Federal Government.
No Action Taken.

Recess 1:50 pm

Return 2:22 pm

12. BIA

A report was provided to the council on Notice of Violations that were sent out to lessees for non-payment as of March 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to allow a seven-day period for Cameron Middletent to respond to his Notice of Violation, after the seven days the agricultural lease will go to the second highest bidder.
Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to re-bid Agricultural Lease bid #22-001. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Lambert DeSheuquette's request to add Mandi Ziegler on to his residential lease. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

13. Darrell Middletent Request

Mr. Middletent and his family addressed the council on his employment with the tribe.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to reinstate Darrell Middletent as the building supervisor of the Lower Brule Tribal Building.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

14. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Court System

Motion was made by Jewel Jandreau to approve to hire Vincenza Middletent for the position of Care Coordinator/Data Entry Specialist under the Lower Brule Tribal Court, with Taylor Moran as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Native Connections Program

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to hire Kamela Wilson for the position of Director of the Native Connections Program. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Marlo Langdeau as the alternate for the position of Director of the Native Connections Program. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the recommendation of the Parent Policy Council to hire Haleigh Estes for the position of Teacher's Aide, and Katterra Middletent for the position of Lead Teacher at the Lower Brule Head Start Program. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

15. Other Business

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve a contract with Ron Estes as a home inspector under the Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) Program, with proof of license/certification. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve a contract between the Lower Brule Native Connections Program and JotForm Inc. for a computer software program. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

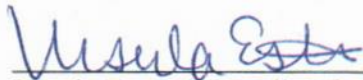
Motion was made by Cody Russell to cancel Cameron Middleton's agricultural lease due to non-compliance. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the lease agreement between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and Wells Fargo Bank, as amended, and hereby authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Wells Fargo Bank lease agreement. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Recess 5:48 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 1st day of March, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe