

## Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Tribal Council Minutes February 1, 2023

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

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Marcia Peterson and Mariah Edwards.

# **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 Sheldon Fletcher Janice Larson Pam Skunk

Randy Seiler Lance Witte Wilma Wilson Ted Meyer

Tim Azure Brian Wagner Josie Skunk John Peterson Shaun Grassel Kimm Schweitzer James Two Bulls

# 1. Close January 2023 Meeting

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

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

## 2. Approve January 2023 Minutes

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

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

# **3. Arvol Looking Horse**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to recognize and support Chief Arvol Looking Horse as the Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe for the Oceti Sakowin Nation. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

# 4. Native Governance Project

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Native Governance Project Agreement. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

## 5. Range Unit #4

Motion was made by Cody Russell to rescind Resolution #2023-103. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died: Lewis Grassrope-against

Chris Skunk—not voting, vote goes with majority Fely Goodface—abstain Jewel Jandreau—for Cody Russell—for

#### 6. Society of Care

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Administrative Leave for employees who attend the Society of Care's Culturally Based Wraparound Training held February 8-10, 2023. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

#### 7. Lori Ziegler Request

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Lori Ziegler's request for a deferment on her lease payment until February 10, 2023, by close of business day. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Recess 11:03 am Return 11:22 am

## 8. IHS

The Lower Brule Indian Health Clinic now has a chief pharmacist on staff. Twice a month the clinic is open for walk-in diabetic visits and well child visits. Funding has been approved for a new dental building. No Action Taken.

#### 9. Lower Brule Schools

The middle school and high school teams earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Hand Games at the Dakota Oyate Challenge. The girls basketball team earned runner up and the boys basketball team earned first place.

Construction will begin Spring 2023 for a geothermal greenhouse. No Action Taken.

#### **10. Tribal Education Department**

The Impact Aid Application has been completed. No Action Taken.

Recess 12:28 pm Return 1:25 pm

## <u>11. BIA</u>

The BIA currently has two job openings: Realty Specialist, Realty Assistant. No Action Taken.

#### 12. Industrial Hemp Presentation-Ken Meyer, John Peterson

-Hemp grain is sold for approximately \$.55/lb.

-Hemp fiber is sold for approximately \$250/ton.

-Hemp can be used as flooring material.

-7 acres of hemp crop can build a complete house (flooring and walls). No Action Taken.

Recess 2:45 pm Return 2:52 pm Closed Session 2:52 pm

## 13. Lower Brule Personnel Department

#### Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to hire Roquel Gourneau for the position of Head Start Director. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died: Lewis Grassrope—abstain Chris Skunk—for Fely Goodface—abstain Jewel Jandreau—for Cody Russell—for

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve to hire Emma Goodface for the position of Head Start Director.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve to hire Emma Goodface for the position of Head Start Director. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion died: Lewis Grassrope-for

Chris Skunk—against Fely Goodface—for Jewel Jandreau—abstain Cody Russell—abstain

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to hire Roquel Gourneau for the position of Head Start Director. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion carried: Lewis Grassrope—not voting-vote goes with the majority Chris Skunk—for

Fely Goodface—abstain Jewel Jandreau—for Cody Russell—for

#### Human Services Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the recommendation of the Human Services Director to hire Barb Bad Horse for the position of Case manager, with Jennifer Flute-Miller as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

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

#### **Diabetes** Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the recommendation of the Diabetes Program Director to hire Jayton Spider for the position of Lifestyle Coach. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope,

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

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Tokala Estes as the alternate for the position of Lifestyle Coach. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

#### Alternates

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Emma Goodface as the alternate for the position of Head Start Director. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against (Chris Skunk).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Starr Traversie as the second alternate for the position of Case Manager. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**Finance Department** 

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the recommendation by the Finance Department to hire Marlita Grassrope for the position of Payroll Clerk. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

#### EPO-Solid Waste

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the recommendation from the Solid Waste Coordinator to hire Kenneth Goodlow for the position of Truck Driver, with Tevin Kersting as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

Recess 5:15 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

M. Dr. EAT

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary Lower Brule Sioux Tribe