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Two Lower Brule Sioux tribal councilmembers are petitioning a tribal court to stop the man who has taken over as acting chairman in place of the late Michael Jandreau.

Terry Pechota is an attorney for Councilmen Orville Langdeau and John McCauley. He says he expects the petition that demands recent actions by acting chairman Kevin Wright be invalidated to arrive at the tribal court Monday.

Since taking over, Wright has pushed for staffing changes and has urged the federal government to freeze fund transfers until sufficient oversight over the tribe's finances has been established.

The motion says Wright has been acting as chairman illegally and that his actions aren't valid.

Wright says the move is "ludicrous."

Langdeau didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. McCauley declined to comment.

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