



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
February 3, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday February 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:16 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	Josie Skunk
Lisa Heth	Wilma Wilson
Kasey Cadwell	Sadie Jandreau
Vicki Ziegler	Jason Rouillard
Barb Bad Horse	Stuart Langdeau
Carmen Allerie	Jeannie Thompson
Elaine Thompson	Suzanne Kennedy
Alicia Garrick	Quintin McGhee
Tim Azure	Shirley Crane
Lance Witte	Christine Olson
Brian Wagner	Kim Schwietzer
Logan Moeller	Celia Toles
Rianna Albers	

**1. Close January 2021 Meeting**

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the January 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**2. Approve January 2021 Minutes with corrections**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the January 2021 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

**3. Approve Angelica Edwards—Women’s Basketball League**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Angelica Edwards to oversee a women’s basketball league. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made Stephanie Bolman to approve Angelica Edwards to oversee a women’s basketball league upon consultation with the Lower Brule Tribal Health Department, signed waivers releasing the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of any liability and waiving the \$100 fee to use the Lower Brule Community Center gym. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**4. Approve William J. “Bill” Long Turkey’s Lease Renewal**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve renewing lease #22-FE4-1520, Karlen Exchange Tract #3 for a ten (10) year term at the same rate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**5. John Jay College Support Letter**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve collaboration with John Jay College of Criminal Justice’s “Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment and Case Review in Indian Country” project. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

**6. Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains grant application to the US Department of Justice Tribal Violence Against Women FY21 in the amount of \$500,000 for two (2) years. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

**7. Project SAFE Update**

Project SAFE will be hosting a series of webinars, group activities and support groups for teen girls 12-18 years old. Those who attend online and complete the session will receive a gift card for their participation.

No Action Taken.

**8. Lower Brule Courthouse**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule Courthouse’s application for FY21 SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response Grant in the amount of \$220,000 for two (2) years.

This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

**9. Approve Travis LaRoche Request**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve Travis LaRoche as a temporary live-in caretaker of the men’s homeless shelter. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

**10. Elaine Thompson Lease Request**

Tabled. Need further information.

**11. Robbie Estes Request**

Tabled. Request can be directed to Lower Brule Farm.

**12. Leander Gourneau Jr. Lease Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve adding Boyd Gourneau to Leander Gourneau Jr. leases (Range Unit #5-1222, Ag lease #122-005-1525, Ag lease #122-030-1424). This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**13. Delight White Light Deferment Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Delight White Lights request for a deferment on lease payments (#343-123-052-1424) until March 5, 2021. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

**14. Karen Jones Request—IHS Water and Sewer list**

Motion was made by John McCauley to add Karen Jones to the IHS water and sewer list for services. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**15. Lower Brule Head Start Update**

The Lower Brule Head Start plans to move to Phase 2 on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A maximum of 23 students will be in the building; 6-8 students per classroom.

No Action Taken.

Recess 12:13 pm

Return 1:06 pm

**16. Red Tail Express & Lakota Foods Update**

Red Tail Express—bus storage building will have eight stalls, two will be heated. There are currently four (14 passenger) buses and two vans. Buses run from 7 am to 5 pm; they are not transporting people from house to house due to COVID-19. The cost per ride is \$1; elderly and disabled are not charged a fee.

Lakota Foods—began in 2007 under the Lower Brule Farm Corporation. They sold microwave popcorn, raw popcorn and popped popcorn. Old equipment began to break down and could not be fixed. Orders are still filled for Hy-Vee and through the tribal website.

EDA Planning—six BIA owned homes have been deemed excess. Awaiting finalized report and renovation of homes before transferring to the tribe.

No Action Taken.

**17. Face to Face Enterprises Request**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to deny Face to Face Enterprises grant request in the amount of \$125,000. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

**18. Lower Brule Schools**

The school is currently at Phase 1. There is a recommendation for a 4-day week hybrid model for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to finish the school year; this will be determined in March. Summer school will be a seven week program (9 am-2 pm) focusing primarily on reading and math.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the contract submitted by Neilan Construction to replace the elementary basketball court and playground in the amount of \$54,727.33. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the 2021-2022 calendar for the Lower Brule Schools. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**19. Brian Wagner Update**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) waiver. This motion was withdrawn. More information will be provided at the next council meeting.

No Action taken.

**20. Indian Health Services Update**

New hire for patient registration. LPN and lab tech positions are still available.

Total COVID-19 tests are 4,362. Total vaccines given including boosters are 438 doses.

No Action Taken.

**21. Lower Brule Health Department Update**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to go into Executive Session at 4:02 pm. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

4:22 out of Executive Session

**22. Golden Buffalo Casino Update**

The casino needs to generate more revenue; will open up 25 more machines. The drinking and smoking ban will stay in effect until further notice. The casino will continue to work with the CDC in regards to COVID-19 precautions.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to amend the previous curfew order of midnight and extending the curfew to 2 a.m. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

### **23. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve enrollment for eight (8) on reservation individuals. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve enrollment for one (1) off reservation individual. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve two (2) individuals request for relinquishment. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

### **24. Lower Brule Housing Authority Update**

The five housing units being repaired under the cares act funds are 90% completed.

Housing Authority will delegate one person to sit on the homeless shelter committee to assist in writing policies and user agreements.

New housing board members will be sworn in.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule Housing Authority to use and maintain the car trailer that has been parked in the Administration Building parking lot. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **25. Personnel**

#### **Facilities Management**

Motion was made by John McCauley to hire Vaughn Big Eagle for Administrative Assistant in the Facilities Management Department. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one opposing (Stephanie Bolman) and one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

#### **Cultural Resources**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to hire Chris Skunk for Cultural Resources/Public Information. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

#### **Red Tail Express**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to hire James Michalek for Red Tail Express Driver. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

### **26. Executive Session**

Motion was made by John McCauley to go into Executive Session at 5:47 pm. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

6:42 pm out of Executive Session

**27. Request to Great Plains Area Indian Health Services**

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to request Great Plains Area Indian Health Services to release the Lower Brule COVID-19 data summaries and vaccination data to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Health Authority and Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

**28. Other Business**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the establishment of an Incident Command System (ICS). This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the establishment of an All-Hazards Emergency Operation Center (EOC). This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

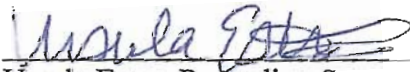
Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the authorization of an Emergency Response Plan. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Recess 6:54 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe