



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
November 10, 2020**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday November 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:08 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:**

Chief Yuma House  
Special Agent Tino Lopez  
Angelica Edwards  
Suzanne Kicking Woman  
Randy Seiler—telephonic  
DeWayne Goodface  
Darla Langdeau  
Ramona Johnson  
James Two Bulls—telephonic  
Tonya Derald  
Jessica Schaeffer  
Lance Witte  
Brian Wagner  
Nick Palecek  
Wes Estes  
Nathan Herman  
Brian LaRoche  
Ben Janis  
Robbie Her Many Horses  
Wilma Wilson  
Larry Jandreau

**1. Close October Meeting**

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

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

## **2. Approve October 21, 2020 minutes**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve October 21, 2020 minutes. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

## **3. Police Department Update**

Tribal Council honored Angelica Edwards for completing correctional officer training and Suzanne Kicking Woman for completing police officer training; both were presented with tribal blankets.

John McCauley and Clyde Estes will be the liaisons between tribal council and the police department.

Lower Brule has always been short staffed of police officers. At one point when LB was fully staffed, officers were dispatched to other tribes.

It takes approximately 4-6 months to hire a dispatcher, without people applying for this position it has made it hard to bring dispatch back to Lower Brule.

## **4. Elderly Program Update—DeWayne Goodface**

The Elderly Center has had black mold for awhile; no attempt has been made to clean this up or renovate the area.

Meal delivery begins around 10:30 am with approximately 80 meals being delivered. Council recommended the meals to elderly who are at home be delivered first.

There is a need for two vehicles and two drivers for all meals to be delivered on time.

No Action Taken

Recess 12:28 pm

Return 1:15 pm

## **5. Lower Brule Day Care—Reopening Plan**

Director will work with Department of Health for all precautions to be in place for a tentative reopen date of December 7, 2020. A maximum of six (6) kids will be accepted based on previous parent meeting and sign up list.

No Action Taken.

## **6. BIA—James Two Bulls**

BIA is working to get to Phase 2 where 70% of employees would be back at work. This depends on current covid-19 cases in the area.

No Action Taken.

## **7. One Fire Associates Contract**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the continuation of One Fire Associates Contract with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **8. Boys & Girls Club Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Boys & Girls Club request to purchase a new van in the amount of \$33,920. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

### **9. Lower Brule School Update**

Lakota Nation Invitational has been cancelled.

A virtual Veterans Powwow will be held on November 11, 2020.

Lakota Bingo is offered via Zoom.

Covid-19 testing will be completed for athletes during basketball season.

Council gave permission to Brian Wagner to push harder to obtain the following funds as soon as possible: Higher Education, Infant and Toddler (Birth to 5 years), Adult Vocational, BIE and BIA.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the change of the school calendar for Christmas break to begin December 18, 2020. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

### **10. Lower Brule Propane Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the purchase of a new propane truck from Tank & Engineering in the amount of \$157,033. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

### **11. Self-Determination Construction Contract**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Self-Determination Construction Contract by and between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **12. Lower Brule IT Program Update—Wes Estes**

The long distance phone call billing needs to be addressed by finance.

There is the possibility of collaborating with another tribal IT department.

IT recommended switching to Office 365 for tribal email.

No Action Taken.

### **13. Lower Brule Wildlife Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the purchase of an ATV through the Special Project Herd Development Grant. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

A discussion took place between an enrolled member and councilmember pertaining to the rights of an enrolled member to hunt on leased land vs. the rights of a lessee to regulate access to certain hunters. Tribal council will schedule a meeting to further discuss and resolve this matter to include: enrolled members/hunters, lessees, BIA, Lower Brule Wildlife and tribal council.

#### **14. Lower Brule Personnel**

##### **Lower Brule Commodity Program—Warehouse Distributor Position**

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve hiring Joseph T. Grassrope for the position of Warehouse Distributor at the Lower Brule Commodity Program. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

##### **Lower Brule Wildlife Program—Conservation Officer Position**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Frederick B. LaRoche for the position of Conservation Officer at the Lower Brule Wildlife Program. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion dies with the vote being three members for, one against (Marvin Grassrope Sr.) and one not voting (Stephanie Bolman).

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve hiring Duffy Ducheneaux II for the position of Conservation Officer at the Lower Brule Wildlife Program. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

Motion dies with the vote being three members for, two against (John McCauley, Cody Russell). This position will be re-advertised.

##### **Lower Brule Housing Board Positions**

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Tim Feliciano for a one (1) year term on the Lower Brule Housing Board. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Evelyn Charging for a two (2) year term on the Lower Brule Housing Board. 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 Starr Traversie for a three (3) year term on the Lower Brule Housing Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Bessie Loudner for a four (4) year term on the Lower Brule Housing Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve Ben Thompson for a four (4) year term on the Lower Brule Housing Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Marilyn Whitney for a two (2) term on the Lower Brule Housing Board to replace the council member seat on the board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**15. Lower Brule Facilities Request—Larry Jandreau**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve BAS contract in the amount of \$49,800 to upgrade the ventilation and temperature control in the Lower Brule Administration Building. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**16. Lower Brule Head Start Request**

Tabled.

**17. Lower Brule Finance Department—Hazard Pay**

Tabled.

**18. Checkpoint workers—letters submitted**

Tabled.

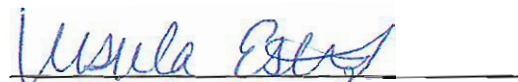
**19. Karil Harmon—letter submitted**

Tabled.

Recess 5:05 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe