



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
December 8, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday December 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:08 am.

The opening prayer was led by John McCauley and dedicated to April Flute and Anita Grassrope.

**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:**

Chris Skunk	Shana Grassel	Randy Seiler	Tonya Derald
Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Roquel Gourneau	Logan Moeller
Wendy Kroupa	James Two Bulls	Sean Wooster	Kim Schweitzer
Tim Wells	Tim Azure	Jana Brouse	Wilma Wilson
Josie Skunk			

**1. Close November 2021 Meeting**

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

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

**2. Approve November 10, 2021 and December 7, 2021 Minutes**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the November 10, 2021 and December 7, 2021 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

**3. Lower Brule Head Start**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the recommendation by the Lower Brule Parent Policy Council for an Amendment to the Lower Brule Head Start Policies and Procedures for age eligibility. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

#### **4. Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid from Chris Little in the amount of \$18,538.58 to repair water damage at the Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Executive Session 10:26 am

Return 10:46 am

#### **5. Lower Brule Community College**

An annual report was submitted to council.

No Action Taken.

#### **6. Lower Brule Cultural Resources**

The Cultural Resources Program continues to update the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Website with program information. They are also working on obtaining a local cable channel.

No Action Taken.

#### **7. South Dakota Native Tourism**

Information was provided to the council telephonically covering possible future endeavors to increase tourism for the Tribe.

No Action Taken.

#### **8. Lower Brule School System**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule School Superintendant to surplus three light poles and lights that were previously damaged by weather. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule School System to submit an application for the USDA Farm to School Grant in the amount of \$500,000. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley the Lower Brule School Superintendents request for an ISEP waiver. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

#### **9. Brian Wagner**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve to join the South Dakota Education Equity Coalition. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

#### **10. Lower Brule Rural Water**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Metron-Farnier, LLC to upgrade the antennas at the Lower Brule Rural Water building in the amount of \$9,694.12. 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 the purchase of a mini excavator from RDO Equipment Co in the amount of \$63,384. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Recess 12 pm

Return 1:17 pm

#### **11. BIA**

Motion was made by John McCauley approve adding Lewis Grassrope to the I.H.S. water and sewer list. 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 renewing Norma Grassrope's residential lease for 25 years. 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 adding Norma Grassrope to the I.H.S. water and sewer list. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

#### **12. Tim Wells Request**

A request was made for approval of a cedar/timber contract for 15 years. Council advised Tim Wells to work with all other parties/programs involved/affected to become on the same page first.

No Action Taken.

#### **13. Indian Health Services**

Future projects: provide the ability for patients to view their own medical charts online. (1 year)

Bring dental services back to Lower Brule. (2-3 years)

No Action Taken.

#### **14. Tim Azure**

Information provided to council for possible funding sources.

No Action Taken.

Executive Session 2:40 pm

Return 3:04 pm

### **15. Lyman County Voting Redistricting**

There is a proposal for Lyman County to become five districts; with Lower Brule having two of those districts. A meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021 to continue working on this.  
No Action Taken.

### **16. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve one (1) Off Reservation individual to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. 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 three (3) On Reservation individuals to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. 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 three (3) individuals' requests to be relinquished from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

### **17. Other Business**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid from Electro Watchmen to upgrade tribal security systems in the amount of \$109,985.49. 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 to banish Todd Booth from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and its properties and lands for a period of ten (10) years. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

### **18. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

#### **Finance Department**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Brittany Goodlow for the position of Payroll Clerk. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

#### **Lower Brule Teen Center**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Sherwood Estes, Jr. and Dillon McBride for the position of Youth Supervisors. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

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

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

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

Kul Wicasa Oyate Trading Post

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Kul Wicasa Oyate Trading Post Employee Handbook as an Addendum to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Policies and Procedures. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting-vote goes with the majority (Donovan Grassrope).

**19. Homeowners Assistance Fund Program**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Homeowners Assistance Fund Application with edits. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

**20. New Years Eve Wacipi Request**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a donation to the New Years Eve Wacipi in the amount of \$2,000. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

**21. Tribal Managers Update**

Tribal email will be updated to Office 365 at some point.

Concerning the COVID-19 cases, the Lower Brule Daycare and Head Start have their preset protocols to follow and work closely with the Lower Brule Health Department.

The Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office (EPO) hosted a Microsoft Excel training on 12/8/21.

**22. Historic Photography Project**

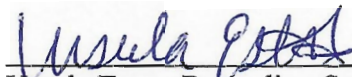
Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Cultural Resources Program to purchase equipment for a Historic Photography Project in the amount of \$4,507.26. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Recess 4:51 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe