



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
January 5, 2022**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday January 5, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:20 am.

The opening prayer was led by John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil “Cody” Russell (telephonic)
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Stephanie Bolman
Council Member: John McCauley
Council Member: Donovan Grassrope

Also Present:

Phil Schonebaum	Brian Wagner	Roquel Gourneau	Shana Grassel Wilma Wilson
Natalie Anderson	Martin Pilcher	Chad Thaler	Lance Witte
DeWayne Goodface	James Two Bulls	Sean Wooster	Yuma House
Tim LaPointe	Trish Lundell	Sonja McCauley	Darlene Traversie
Elva Stricker	Nathan Herman	Chris Skunk	Melinda Lacota
Jordan Pourier	Tokala Estes	Tim Azure	Randy Seiler (telephonic)

1. Approve December 8, 2021 Minutes

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the December 8, 2021 minutes. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

2. Close December 2021 Meeting

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

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

3. Rapid Tech Works Contract

Tabled.

4. Lyman County School District—Impact Aid Application

The Impact Aid application is due January 31, 2022. This is federal funds for school districts with students who live on tribal trust land.

Lyman County Schools utilizes these funds for school buses, hiring more teachers, providing an activity bus, technology upgrades, online tutoring and E-sports.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Chairman Clyde Estes to sign the Impact Aid letter once the application is completed. 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 Tribal Education Department to work with the Lyman County School District to fulfill the Impact Aid requirement of an Indian Policy and Procedure. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

5. Lower Brule Community College

Board Members: Cody Russell, Boyd Gourneau, Lydia Sazue, Jeshua Estes, Wilma Wilson, Joelle Battese.

Student Enrollment: Fall 2020—104 students; Spring 2021—56 students; Summer 2021—30 students; Fall 2021—56 students; Spring 2022—40 students (registration is still open).

Averages based on Fall 2021 Semester:

- Average age of students is 40 years old.
- 73% female/27% male.
- 95% Native American/5% non Native.
- 52% Full time/48% Half time.
- 41% Lower Brule/29% Crow Creek/20% Other
- 44 unvaccinated/22 vaccinated

No Action Taken.

6. The Mahoney Group

Martin Pilcher requested to be the insurance agent for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to cover all insurance except health insurance. Council will have the finance department review the request and give their recommendation.

No Action Taken.

7. Lower Brule School System

Awarded the COPS Grant—\$445,000; this will be used to replace locks and the surveillance system.

Lakota Nation Invitational

Middle School Lakota Handgames—1st place

Middle School Lakota Knowledge Bowl—1st place

High School Lakota Handgames—3rd place

Wrestling tournament—2nd place, 3rd place, 7th place, 7th place.

High School Boys Basketball—1st place

High School Girls Basketball—2nd place

Pastel Artwork—1st place

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid by Hickey Heating, AC and Plumbing in the amount of \$39,306.19 to replace the bathroom partitions in both school buildings. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Recess 12:38 pm

Return 1:37 pm

8. DeWayne Goodface

Mr. Goodface reported to the council his input on the Lower Brule Constitutional Committee as well as the enrollment process into the Tribe.

No Action Taken.

9. BIA

John McCauley will contact lessees on their late payments.

Motion was made by John McCauley to request the real estate described in Warranty Deed 99-736 be accepted by the United States into Trust for 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 go into Executive Session at 2:01 pm. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Executive Session 2:01 pm

Return 2:36 pm

10. Tim LaPointe—BIA

Mr. Timothy LaPointe is the Regional Director of the BIA Great Plains Regional Office. Mr. LaPointe plans to be more involved in conference calls pertaining to the Tribes 638 programs.

He will provide more updates to the tribal council and will be planning an overall training with all entities on proper procedures. Mr. LaPointe will also talk with his staff on improving their communication with the Tribe's finance staff.

No Action Taken.

11. Lower Brule Cultural Resources

1,245 online applications were submitted for the December 21, 2021 disbursement; 1,000 applications were submitted in person.

The New Years Eve Powwow has been moved to January 15, 2022.

No Action Taken.

12. Melinda Lacota Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Melinda Lacota and Charles LaRoche to submit an application for the Rackham Public Scholarship Grant with an available award of \$8,000 for a one year period. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

13. Jordan Pourier Request

Mr. Pourier made a request to council for employment at the Tribal Ranch. Council referred Mr. Pourier to the management company Lucky Seven to submit an application.

No Action Taken.

14. Tokala Estes Update

Mr. Estes is working on a food sovereignty plan for food readiness in the community.

No Action Taken.

15. Tim Azure Update

Mr. Azure provided an update to the council on current projects in the community.

No Action Taken.

16. Lower Brule Personnel

Lower Brule Counseling Service

Motion was made by John McCauley to hire Tara Traversie for the position of Facilities Operations Assistant. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Lower Brule Solid Waste

Motion was made by John McCauley to hire Paden Langdeau for the position of Solid Waste Pickup Collector. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

17. Other Business

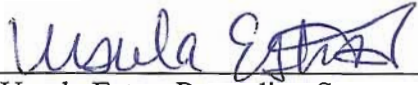
Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to adopt provisions to the Lower Brule Law and Order Code—Criminal Code to include, 1-1-08 Criminal Responsibility, 1-1-09 Attempt, and 1-1-10 Solicitation. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Recess 5:26 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 5th day of January, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ursula Estes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe