



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
May 3, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday May 3, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:07 am.

The opening prayer was led by Jeshua Estes.

**Roll Call:**

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes  
Vice Chairman: Neil “Cody” Russell  
Secretary-Treasurer: Fely Goodface  
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau  
Council Member: Chris Skunk  
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

**Also Attending:**

Jeshua Estes	Malaina Shields	Ash Grassrope	Dani Lacota
Maddie Ryan	Mr. Johnson	Heather Collins	Tim Azure
Shirley Crane	Leah House	Joy Powers	Sheryl Scott
Ramona Johnson	Jesse Estes	Alicia Fire Cloud	Mya LaRoche
Gavin Thigh	McKenzie Rouillard	Brian LaRoche Jr.	Isaiah Quilt
Katelyn Grassrope	Marlo Langdeau	Lance Witte	Norma Grassrope
Kyle Heimerl	Vaughn Big Eagle	Josie Skunk	Audrey Fallis
Wilma Wilson	Yuma House	Jennifer Flute	Emily Flute
Larry Jandreau	Christine Olson	Carrie Flute	Emma Goodface
James Two Bulls	Brian LaRoche Sr.	LaCosta McGhee	Lydia Sazue
Lou White Light	Randi LeBeau	Roquel Gourneau	Brian Wagner
Winter Driving Hawk			

**1. Close April 2023 Meeting**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the April 2023 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**2. Approve April 2023 Minutes**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the April 2023 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **3. Lyman Jag Program**

The Lyman Jag students provided an overview of their program. They learn financial literacy, plans for college or the workforce, provide presentations to elementary students on internet safety and so much more.

No Action Taken.

### **4. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to recognize May 5, 2023 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **5. Missouri River Committee**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to nominate Mary Jane Gourneau to the Missouri River Committee, with Boyd Gourneau as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau).

### **6. 2023 Annual Fair Budget**

Tabled.

### **7. Virtual Crisis Care**

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to amend the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Law and Order Code to authorize and implement the Virtual Crisis Care Program. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

### **8. NRCS**

Kyle Heimerl provided an update to the council on the NRCS program. They work with tribal producers, the tribal farm, LB Wildlife, Cultural Resources and EPO to protect natural resources.

No Action Taken.

### **9. Rural Water Program**

Tabled.

### **10. Sandra Abdo Request**

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve Sandra Abdo to run the concession stand for the 2023 Rodeo. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

### **11. Fort Pierre National Grasslands**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve submitting a grant proposal to the USDA Forest Service seeking funds for FY23, FY24, FY25 for the Fort Pierre National Grasslands and the adjacent Indian Trust Lands. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

### **12. Restoring Hope Program**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to support the Lower Brule Restoring Hope Program to obtain 501c3 status. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **13. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule School Superintendent to submit a grant application through SAMHSA for Strategic Prevention Framework. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Letter of Agreement for contract services/speech related services between the Lower Brule Schools and Lance L. Witte Consulting LLC. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **14. Tribal Education Department**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign letters supporting all Tribal Programs in response to the Limit, Save, Grow Act, specifically to education funding as it relates to FY24 and 25. This motion was seconded Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to nominate Brian Wagner, Tribal Education Director, to serve as a member of the Southwest Regional Advisory Committee. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to waive the \$500 fee to use the Lower Brule Community Center on June 16, 2023 for a Community Fair. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 12:37 pm

Return 1:31 pm

### **15. BIA**

Information was provided to the Council on the Eastern Red Cedar Removal Project-an invasive plant species in our area.

No Action Taken.

### **16. Lower Brule Daycare Program**

Secretary-Treasurer Fely Goodface will work with the Daycare Director, Ramona Johnson, and the finance department on obtaining a playground for the daycare.

No Action Taken.

**17. Shared Waters Program**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to continue support of the Shared Waters Program and their service in the Lower Brule Community. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**18. Lower Brule Law Enforcement**

Executive Session 3:30 pm  
Return 4:14 pm  
Recess 4:15 pm  
Return 4:26 pm  
No Action Taken.

**19. Lower Brule Elderly Program**

Interim Director Emma Goodface provided an update to the council.  
No Action Taken.

**20. COVID/Substance Abuse Center**

An update was provided to the council on the status of this project—working to secure more funding.  
No Action Taken.

**21. Emily Flute/Carrie Flute/Jennifer Flute**

Carrie Flute asked questions about the elderly disbursement that is given out by the Golden Buffalo Casino, specifically who adds/deletes names on the list. Councilmember Chris Skunk will look into this on behalf of the Gaming Commission.

Jennifer Flute asked questions on housing and tribal housing. Councilmember Lewis Grassrope will look into this.  
No Action Taken.

**22. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Closed Session 6:01 pm

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve enrollment of four on reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve relinquishments of two individuals from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**23. Lower Brule Personnel**

Lower Brule Corporation

Motion was made by Cody Russell to select Marty Jandreau for a four-year term on the Lower Brule Corporation Board. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Fely Goodface.)

Motion was made by Cody Russell to select Sheryl Scott for a four-year term on the Lower Brule Corporation Board. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one against (Chris Skunk) and one member not voting-vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to select Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr. for a four-year term on the Lower Brule Corporation Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, one against (Fely Goodface), and two abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Jewel Jandreau).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to select Darrell Middletent for a four-year term on the Lower Brule Corporation Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau).

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to readvertise for one Board Member position for the Lower Brule Corporation. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Lower Brule Head Start

Tabled.

Executive Session 7:05 pm

Return 7:30 pm

**24. Tribal Manager Update**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize the Lower Brule Finance to work with BIA to draw down 2021 carryover ARPA funds. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Technical Assistance Agreement between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and Planning & Development District III. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

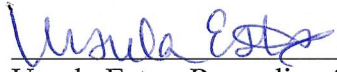
Motion was made by Fely Goodface to terminate Tim Azure’s employment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.

Motion died with a lack of a second.

Recess 8:09 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 May, 2023.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe