



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 1, 2025**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 1, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:09 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Winona Byington, Greg Miller, Elvera Driving Hawk, Beverly Wilson.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marty Jandreau
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Marlo Langdeau

Also Attending:

Kimm Schweitzer	Cooper Garnos	Brent Charger	Bob Merritt
Brian Wagner	Lydia Skunk	Jeshua Estes	Lance Witte
Loretta Ryan	Lewis Grassrope	Avery Thompson	Craig Adams
Tim Azure	Mark Van Norman	Brian Molyneaux	Wilma Wilson
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1. Close September 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve closing the September 2025 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

2. Approve September 2025 Minutes

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve September 2025 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

3. I.H.S.

An update was provided to the tribal council: closed out fiscal year and new hire selections have been made.

No Action Taken.

4. Native American Health Management (NAHM)

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve NAHM to complete the Nursing Home Survey for Lower Brule. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

10: 29 a.m. Joelle Battese entered the meeting.

11:10 a.m. Joelle Battese left the meeting.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the proposal for pre-construction services—building site selection by Rangel Construction Company, LLC. in the amount of \$79,000.00. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

5. Lower Brule Pow Wow Committee

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the budget for the 2025 Veteran's Pow Wow in the amount of \$20,860.00. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

6. Lower Brule Schools

The school superintendent provided an update to the council.

No Action Taken.

7. TED, Higher Education

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to request a waiver of the \$100,000.00 fee included in the presidential proclamation "restriction on entry of certain nonimmigrant workers" for the Lower Brule Day School and that BIE Funded Schools be excluded from all fees related to acquiring an employee utilizing the H-1 visa process. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Community Halloween Carnival is scheduled for October 29, 2025.

Recess 12:40 p.m.

Return 1:40 p.m.

8. BIA

Due to the government shut down, only two employees considered essential staff will continue working.

No Action Taken.

9. EDA

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize the tribal chairman, in consultation with tribal attorneys and tribal CPA, to sign off on all associated documents of New Market Tax Credit Term Sheets. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve payment for Aaron Swann & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$3,500.00 for preliminary design and survey for the Counselor Creek Bridge Replacement project. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize the tribal planning office to solicit for the replacement of the Counselor Creek Bridge. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to authorize the tribal chairman to sign task order #2511-00832. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

10. Tribal Manager Update

The Tribal Manager provided an update on programs.
No Action Taken.

2:50 p.m. Joelle Battese entered the meeting telephonically.

11. Lower Brule Courthouse

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a two-year contract with Siebrasse Law Office for the position of Public Defender, contingent on the chief judge's review. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against (Marlo Langdeau).

12. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to modify and update the Lower Brule Wildlife Enforcement Code, *6.17 Classification and Civil Penalties*, *7.33 Unarmed Retrieval*, and *7.34 Trespass*. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

13. Other Business

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Aventure Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$14,250.00 for case management system updates. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Executive Session 4:28 p.m.
Return 4:31 p.m.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize attorney Steven J. Gunn the assignment of reviewing certain agreements with federal agencies and executing related attorney certifications. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

14. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Commodity Program

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Director's recommendation to hire Nikki Ziegler for the position of Certification Clerk, with Raelynn Her Many Horses as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Lower Brule Homeless Shelter

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Brandy Crazy Bull for the position of Homeless Shelter Advocate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Lower Brule Community Center

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to hire Joseph Skunk for the position of lifeguard/janitor/monitor, with Ethan Johnson as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Lower Brule Administration Building

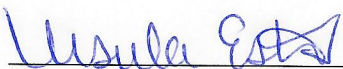
Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Aaron Box for the position of maintenance worker, with Ethan Big Eagle as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Recess 5:00 p.m.

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 1st day of October, 2025.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 7, 2025**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Tuesday October 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:11 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marty Jandreau
Council Member: Kamela Wilson
Council Member: Joelle Battese
Council Member: Marlo Langdeau

1. HEARTH Act

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the HEARTH Act regulations. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

2. Other Business

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to 638 Contract the Lower Brule Police Department, to include a police commission to provide oversight. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Joelle Battese).

Recess 12:08 p.m.

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 7th day of October, 2025.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe