



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
June 4, 2025**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday June 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:04 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Sharon Brown, Dolly Estes, Doris Thomas, Lester Obago, and Monica Quilt.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Also Attending:**

Bill Ziegler	Sheryll Scott	Chris Little	Ben Estes
Brian Wagner	Lydia Skunk	Lance Witte	Marlys Langdeau
Bobbie Middletent	Brent Charger	Rikki Middletent	Shenan Atcitty
Mark Van Norman	Craig Adams	Russell Felicia	Tim Azure
Ben Thompson	Avery Thompson	Yuma House	Houston Rouillard
Jim Langdeau	Josie Skunk		

**1. Close May 2025 Meeting**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve closing the May 2025 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

**2. Approve May 2025 Minutes**

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

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

**3. G.F. Buches Request**

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve G.F. Buches' request to sell fireworks in Lower Brule at the new grocery store, as long as they abide by the Lower Brule Tribe's approved dates and monitoring of the weather. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

#### **4. Lower Brule Health Department**

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the Health Director's request to surplus a 2009 Chevy Osage ambulance. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

#### **5. Lower Brule Wildlife Department**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the grant application for Buffalo Nations Grassland Alliance. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

#### **6. Kamela Wilson—GA Guidelines**

The Tribal Council will meet on June 18, 2025 to further discuss this.  
No Action Taken.

#### **7. Marlo Langdeau—TERO**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to raise the TERO rate from 3% to 4.5%. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

#### **8. Lower Brule Employment Enterprise**

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the Directors request to surplus old vehicles and equipment. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Butler Machinery in the amount of \$30,428.35 for the purchase of a Compact Plate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

#### **9. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve one on-reservation individual to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe contingent on proper documents being provided to the enrollment clerk. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

#### **10. TED, Head Start**

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from Foreman in the amount of \$89,160.00 for the purchase of a 14-passenger bus. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to support the use of the name "Oceti Sakowin Language Program" by South Dakota State University. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Joelle Battese).

### **11. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the School Improvement Project-Parking Lot Change Order to dispose of the material in the amount of \$63,831.00. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the bid from C&B Operations in the amount of \$8,806.44 for the purchase of a John Deere lawnmower. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to support J1 visas for Rachelle Castenada and Rowena Madrona. 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 approve the bid from Town & Country San Diego for hotel expenses in the amount of \$6,457.80 for the Talented and Gifted student trip. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve Superintendent Lance Witte to sign the SPED Plan. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Executive Session 11:39 a.m.

Return 11:59 a.m.

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve Lance L. Witte Consulting Contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to extend the Wawokiya contract until June 30, 2026. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

### **12. Lower Brule Tribal Court**

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve the grant application for OVW-Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside to be written by Tanya Grassel-Krietlow. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

### **13. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

#### **Tribal Education Department**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the hiring of Jeshua Estes for the position of Education Specialist. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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



Roads Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the hiring of Rain Blaine for the position of Equipment Operator, with 60 days to complete/obtain their commercial driver's license (CDL).

This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

Human Services Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Director's recommendation to hire Jesslyn Estes for the position of Office Worker, with Neleigh Driving Hawk as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Recess 12:28 p.m.

Return 1:03 p.m.

**14. BIA**

BIA is in the process of purchasing a new tribal ID machine.

No Action Taken.

**15. Lower Brule Police Department**

Executive Session 2:04 p.m.

Return 2:49 p.m.

Recess 3:51 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe