

# LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE MINUTES January 3, 2018

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on January 3, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:05 AM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley. The Prayer and meeting were dedicated to those we have lost: Darlene Hood, Mickey LaRoche

# Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Members Present:

Chairman Boyd Gourneau
Vice-Chairman Darrell Middletent
Secretary/Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr.
Council Member Clyde Estes
Council Member Donnie Moore
Council Member John McCauley

# **Also Present:**

Tribal Manager Lee Brennan
BIA – BIA Superintend Mr. James Tow Bulls, Christy Wolf
LB Tribal Attorney Tara Adamski
Schools – Dan Shroyer
Personnel- Wilma Wilson
Chris Skunk
Tribal Courts-Judge Miner

1. Approve to Close December Tribal Council Meeting

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to close the December 2017 Tribal Council Meeting.

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

**Vote being:** Darrell Middletent for, Orville Langdeau Jr. for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

# 2. Approve December 2017 Tribal Council Minutes

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the December 2017 Minutes (with correction to number 8 change James Brouse to Jacob Brouse).

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

# 3. Lower Day School Update

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We are set to return from our winter vacation. It has been a slower month as we let out of school on December 12<sup>th</sup> due to LNI and the holidays. This report will highlight a few of the educational activities at Lower Brule Schools.

# **Curriculum and Instruction**

- Educational Enhancement Grant for approximately \$146,000. The focus of this plan is curriculum enhancements, interventions and reliable technology to support these programs. Will be reviewed for approval this month by BIE. Update BIE Officials have delayed a decision on this grant until mid-January
- We are still awaiting orders for classroom supplies, technology (hardware and software) this has created some challenges for our facility and slowed the learning process for our students.
- We served a lunch meal on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, during the break to assist some of our students with meals. This was poorly attended as we averaged 12 students each day.
- First semester will end January 12<sup>th</sup>.

# **Enrollment and Staffing**

• We have hired an additional Elementary teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Jessica Brownell hails from Pukwana, a recent graduate from USD with a dual major in Elementary Education and Special Education. She has been placed in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and we reassigned a KG teacher due to absenteeism of KG teacher.

### **Activities**

• Basketball teams participated in LNI- Girls finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place and Boys finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Both teams played over the holiday break both picking up wins over Philip. Girls picked up an additional win vs Iroquois and boys lost a close game to a St. Paul, MN team in the Mike Miller Classic play in at the Corn Palace in Mitchell. Boys will play this weekend in the Pentagon Classic in Sioux Falls.

### **Facilities**

- We are thankful for some movement on facility needs. We hope that we will see continued support ahead. There are still many outstanding issues to be resolved.
- We will discuss with the Tribal Manager about getting some funds from Facilities to supply our Shop students with materials to do minor repairs to our facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 605-461-8586 at any time. Lance L. Witte-Superintendent of Schools

4. Chairman's Gourneau -Volkswagen Diesel Engine Verbal Report-update

### 5. Approve Wells Fargo Bank Request Extent Building Lease for Two Years

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the request from the Lower Brule Wells Fargo Bank to extend their building lease for another two (2) years.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

### 6. Approve Renew Leases Lower Brule Farm Corporation

Motion was made by John McCauley to renew leases 1240111217 (change from a five year lease to a ten year lease)1240020717/1240120717 to the Lower Brule Farm Corporation. This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

### 7. Approve Lease Deferment Request -Sonny Ziegler

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the request received from Sonny Ziegler for a deferment on his lease until his taxes are filed.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

### 8. Place Chrystal Johnson on the IHS List for Services

Motion was made by John McCauley to place Chrystal Johnson on the IHS Water & Sewer List for Services.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

# 9. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services-Randy Seiler

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services with Mr. Randy Seiler.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

### 10. Renew Lease-Jim Langdeau

Motion was made by John McCauley to renew Jim Langdeau Lease at the same rate and terms.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, John McCauley for, Donnie Moore for and Clyde Estes for.

Motion carried with vote being five members for, none opposing, none absent and none not voting.

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There being no further business, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Meeting recessed at 10:49 A.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 quorum present on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

Mary Jane Gourneau, Recording Secretary

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe