

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Tribal Council Minutes November 1, 2023

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday November 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:08 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau.

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:

Sheryll Scott	Tim Azure	Dean VanDeWiele	Ken Brilles
Shelly Larson	Ben Estes	Sheldon Fletcher	Cedar Jandreau
Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Emma Goodface	Heather Goodface
Emily Flute	Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk	

1. Close October 2023 Meeting

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

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

2. Approve October 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the October 2023 minutes. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

3. Farmers National Company

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the Agricultural Services Consultation Agreement with Farmer's National Company to begin Phase 1. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion was carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Cody Russell).

4. South Dakota Department of Transportation

A request was made for approval to waive the appraisal process on easements within the SD47 project for 2025.

Tabled.

5. Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the bid from IECIS in the amount of \$179,000.00 for the seven (7) clean up sites in Lower Brule. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

The Tribal Council would like to recognize and congratulate Marty Jandreau on being inducted into the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) 2023 Hall of Fame.

6. Isnala Sni-You Are Not Alone

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Isnala Sni Group to conduct interviews in Lower Brule for research purposes on sex trafficking. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

7. Native Connections

A request was made for donations to support a Kahomni (social dance) on December 2, 2023. Secretary-Treasurer Fely Goodface will look into this. Not Action Taken.

8. Lower Brule Finance Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve to update Resolution #2023-009, to approve draws as interest becomes available for accounts within the Office of Trust Fund Management and to include the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Trust Fund for FY23 & FY24, to update the listed Secretary-Treasurer to Fely Goodface. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

9. Lower Brule Veteran's Pow Wow 2023

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the 2023 Veteran's Pow Wow budget in the amount of \$15,000. This motion was seconded by Fely Goodface.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Lewis Grassrope).

10. Lower Brule Schools

An update was given by the school superintendent. No Action Taken.

11. Tribal Education Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the amended Lower Brule Head Start Policies and Procedures. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Recess 12:25 p.m. Return 1:22 p.m.

12. BIA

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to request to 638 the Natural Resources Program Contract. This motion was seconded by Cody Rusell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Glen Eagle Thunders request for a one-year extension on his home site lease. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to renew nineteen (19) agricultural leases for a period of one year at the same rate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

13. Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to accept P.L. 93-638 funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Great Plains Water Alliance in the amount of \$6,850.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

14. Emma Goodface

Ms. Goodface asked questions on what the personnel policy is for an alternate to be contacted about a job opening.

No Action Taken.

15. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve enrolling one on reservation individual into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

16. Tribal Manager Update

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the option of Federal Acquisition for the design and construction of the Lower Brule Dental Building in the amount of \$3,200,000.00. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

17. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 3:53 p.m.

Tribal Education Department

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring Alexis Estes-Skunk for the position of Education Specialist. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve hiring Marilyn Langdeau for the position of Nutrition Manager, with Casey Grassrope as the alternate. 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 hiring Neoma Michalek for the position of Teachers Aide, with Casey Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Tribal Manager

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve hiring William "Pooh" Ziegler for the position of Tribal Manager of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Chris Skunk, Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve hiring Tamara Grove for the position of Tribal Manager for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, with William "Pooh" Ziegler as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

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Open Session 4:19 p.m.

18. Other Business

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a New Years Eve Pow Wow for 2023 with a budget of \$7,670.00. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Recess 4:36 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 November, 2023.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe