



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
May 6, 2026**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday May 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 9:06 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell and dedicated to Tony Bad Horse, Janet Herron, Dale Middletent, and our brothers and sisters from across the river, Doris Benally, Cecil Farmer, Patrick Lee Big Eagle, and Kenny “Murph” World Turner.

**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:**

Bob Merritt	Jera Brouse	Wilma Wilson	Bill Ziegler
Josie Skunk	Eyvonne Rekow	Pam Flute	Bill Long Turkey
Rikki Middletent	Nikki Gronli	Brent Charger	Brian LaRoche
Russell Felicia	Brian Wagner	Lance Witte	DuWayne Traversie
Bert Shields	Mary Gourneau	Elaine Thompson	Anna Thompson
Troy Lunderman	Yuma House	Mark Van Norman	Shenan Atcity

**1. Close April 2026 Meeting**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve closing the April 2026 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

**2. Approve April 2026 Minutes**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve April 2026 minutes. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

**3. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

Closed Session 9:09 a.m.

**Lower Brule IT Department**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to hire Tristan Fire Cloud for the position of IT Director. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Lower Brule Human Services Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to hire Margaret Wilson for the position of Office Worker III, with Dawn Johnson as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Lower Brule Tribal Court

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the recommendation by the Judicial Committee to hire Rikki Middletent for the position of Juvenile Clerk of Courts. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the recommendation by the Judicial Committee to hire DeAnna White Light for the position of Process Server/Bailiff. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Lower Brule Commodity Program

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to hire Grant Whitney for the position of Warehouse Worker. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Open Session 9:25 a.m.

**4. Lower Brule Tribal Health Department**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Tribal Health Director to submit a grant application to the Chronic Disease Management Programming Rural Transportation RFP in the amount of \$700,000.00. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

**5. Eyvonne Rekow**

Ms. Rekow addressed the council on her recent job with Red Tail Express. No Action Taken.

Cody Russell left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

**6. Lower Brule Election Board**

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve to delegate the Secretary-Treasurer duties to the 2026 Election Board relating to election registration and maintaining the voter's list. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

**7. Pam Flute**

Ms. Flute addressed the council with questions on the tribal court system and requested a review of the court staff and procedures. No Action Taken.

Recess 9:55 a.m.  
Return 10:07 a.m.

**8. Nikki Gronli**

Nikki Gronli is running for South Dakota's US House seat. She provided her background to the council and answered questions.  
No Action Taken.

**9. Marty Jandreau**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the budget request for the 2026 Lower Brule Rodeo's new event of Bronc Bash and Breakaway in the amount of \$28,650.00. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

**10. BIA**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to renew Steve Thomas's agriculture lease for one year at the same rate. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve to advertise lot #343T377 for a period of 30 days to go to the highest bidder. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

**11. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the low bid from Hickey Plumbing in the amount of \$431,745.73 for the purchase of an ac unit for the high school gym. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the low bid from Kustom Epoxy Flooring in the amount of \$160,590.44 for the purpose of epoxy flooring for the kitchens. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from PowerCom in the amount of \$23,826.00 for the purpose of power outlet replacement. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Hickey Heating and Cooling LLC in the amount of \$149,499.25 (high school) and \$153,124.77 (elementary) for the purchase of walk-in coolers and freezers. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Ken's Mobile Kitchen Trailer in the amount of \$59,950.00 for the purchase of a food trailer. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).  
Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Matheson in the amount of \$27,110.73 for the purchase of welding supplies. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from Riverview in the amount of \$37,679.00 for the purchase of a 12-passenger van. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Stein Sign in the amount of \$59,790.00 for the purchase of a digital sign. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from Co-Op Architect in the amount of \$98,500.00 for the purpose of developing a design for the new school. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the bid from Open Up Resources in the amount of \$54,240.00 for the purchase of reading curriculum for the elementary school. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the bid from SHI in the amount of \$14,615.40 for the purchase of charging carts for Chromebooks. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

## **12. TED/Higher Education/Head Start**

Cody Russell entered the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

An update was provided on program events held the past month.

Recess 12:23 p.m.

Return 1:14 p.m.

## **13. Lower Brule EPO Program**

Representatives from EPA provided an update to council on their onsite visit.

No Action Taken.

**14. CFO Update**

The tribe's annual audit is in progress.  
No Action Taken.

**15. Tribal Manager Update**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to raise the medical assistance—fuel cost amount. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to extend the contract with Michael Swallow for the associate judge position at the same rate from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.  
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

**16. Rikki Middletent**

Ms. Middletent addressed the council on the housing authority and a recent job offer.  
No Action Taken.

**17. Rangel Construction Company LLC**

An update was provided to the council on the nursing home project.  
No Action Taken.

**18. Troy Lunderman**

Mr. Lunderman is running for South Dakota State Senate. He provided his background to council and answered any questions.  
No Action Taken.

**19. Elaine Thompson**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to remove Cayne Reinhard from Elaine Thompson's agriculture leases. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

**20. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from SHI in the amount of \$25,060.48 for the purchase of HP Desktops. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Mac Pros in the amount of \$34,008.00 for the purchase of Mac Books Air. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Mac Pros in the amount of \$8,560.00 for the purchase of iPads. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

**21. Tribal Attorney Update**

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve a resolution on the Pe'Sla Sacred Site to stop the mining. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve a resolution on stewardship of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a resolution on stewardship of Devil's Tower. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

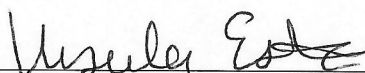
Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve a resolution on stewardship of Wind Cave National Park. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

Recess 4:34 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe