



**LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE  
MINUTES  
November 1, 2017**

**The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on November 1, 2017.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:06 AM.**

**The Opening Prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.**

**Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Members Present:**

**Chairman Boyd Gourneau**

**Vice-Chairman Darrell Middletent (absent)**

**Secretary/Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr.**

**Council Member Clyde Estes**

**Council Member Donnie Moore**

**Council Member John McCauley**

**Also Present:**

Security-Bob Merritt  
Tribal Manager Lee Brennan  
BIA – Superintendent Mr. James Two Bulls  
Janet Traversie  
Susie Short Bear  
Leonard Traversie  
LB Tribal Attorney Tara Adamski  
Personnel-Josie Skunk  
Program Specialist Roquel Gourneau  
Schools – Dan Shroyer  
PFS Tonya Derdall  
Reed Rombough  
Roads Director- Ivan Umberger  
Trish Lundell  
Hilltop Church – Chris Little  
LK Caspers Insurance – Lila Caspers

**1. Approve to Close October Tribal Council Meeting**

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

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

**2. Approve October LBST 2017 Minutes**

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve the November 2017 Minutes.

This motion was seconded by Clyde Estes.

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

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

**3. Lower Day School Update**

October 29, 2017

This year is progressing nicely, as we ended the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We are planning for our winter activities as we transition in activities and weather.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

- We held Parent-Teacher conferences on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turn-out at the Elementary School-84% and fair turn-out at the Middle/High School-47%. We hope to improve upon these attendance rates at the MS/HS. We believe this is an important component of our partnership with the student's home.
- I have written for the Educational Enhancement Grant for approximately \$146,000. The focus of this plan is curriculum enhancements, interventions, and reliable technology to support these programs.
- 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.

**Enrollment and Staffing**

- There have been no significant change in enrollment. We are still around 320 students K-12.
- We are looking to hire an additional Elementary Teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade as we have 25 students, with a high number of SPED students. We have an applicant from USD who will be done in December.

**Activities**

- Athletic Teams are winding down their fall sports seasons. The football team currently finished with a 4-4 record, falling just short of making the playoffs. The final home game was an entertaining shootout with a win over Hill City. Our cross-county team has had many personal and team successes throughout the year. The team finished strong

advancing Scott Obago and Jalen Little for boys and Caleigh Little for the girls. They ran very competitively as underclassmen. Our volleyball team enters region play this week, playing tomorrow, October 31<sup>st</sup> in Phillip. They have been competitive and currently have a record of 11-14.

- Basketball teams are preparing for the upcoming season.
- ROTC-will hold a competition on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Those in the competition are Pine Ridge, Flandreau, Lodge Grass, Mt and Lower Brule. The ROTC Honor Guard will perform at the Class B State Volleyball Tournament on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Rapid City, State Football Championships in Vermillion, SD on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held at the Community Center and will be coordinated by Ronie Moore, Partnerships with Native Americans have donated all the food. Culinary Arts Class is preparing the meal, 7-12 grade students will serve and clean. Planning to serve 350 people.
- Lakota Bingo at the school will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in honor of Thanksgiving.
- Veteran's Day Program – will be Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. We look forward to honoring our Veteran's
- November 1, the school Science classes will be trying to develop the largest gas bubble, for a possible record.

#### **Facilities**

- We are thankful for some movement on facility needs. We hope that we will see continued support ahead. There is still many outstanding issues to be resolved.
- Gymnasium floor has been redone by replacing the Indian motif at center court. Wyoming Floor will be coming back on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to apply more polyurethane to the entire floor so it is covered completely.

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Lance L. Witte-Superintendent of Schools

#### **4. Approve To Uphold Decisions on Appeals-LBST Higher Ed Program**

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to uphold the decisions on the three Higher Ed appeal requests.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

#### **5. Approve Resolutions Establishing Policy Against Combining Lower Brule's Indian Health Service with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a Resolution establishing Policy against combining Lower Brule's Indian Health Service with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

**Vote Being:** Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent absent, 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 Resolutions Establishing Policy Against Combining Lower Brule's BIA with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe**

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve a Resolution establishing Policy against combining Lower Brule's BIA with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

7. **Approve Resolutions Establishing Policy Against Combining Lower Brule's Law Enforcement Services with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a Resolution establishing Policy against combining Lower Brule's Law Enforcement Services with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

8. **Authorize Open Account First Dakota –Bank Detention Funds**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to open an account at First Dakota for Detention funds.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

9. Discussion New Boys & Girls Club Tonya Derald – Reed Rombough

10. **Appoint Delegates-National Congress of American Indians**

Motion was made by John McCauley to appoint the following as delegates Chairman Boyd Gourneau, Vice-Chairman Darrell Middletent, Secretary/Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr..

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

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

**11. Approve Leases-Mr. Jerry Christensen**

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the five leases go to the top bidder Mr. Jerry Christensen.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

**12. Approve Placement-Dennis Eagle Horse & Trent Peterson on the IHS Priority List for Water & Sewer Services**

Motion was made by John McCauley to place Dennis Eagle Horse and Trenton Peterson on the IHS Priority List for Services if they meet all the the IHS criteria.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

**The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council recessed at 10:55 AM.**

**The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council reconvened at 11:11 AM.**

**13. Approve Hire Michael Thompson-Automotive/Diesel Mechanic-LBST Road Maintenance Program**

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the recommendation received from the Road Maintenance Program Director to select Mr. Michael Thompson as the Automotive/Diesel Mechanic for the LBST Road Maintenance Program.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

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

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

**14. Approve LBST Join Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Insurance**

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve the LBST join the Federal Employee Health Benefits Insurance. The FEHB will enhance coverage availability, greatly reduce employee deductibles and reduce over all premiums and it will require some employee participation.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.

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

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

- 15. Authorize Chairman to sign consulting agreement-LK Caspers Insurance LLC**  
Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to authorize Chairman Gourneau to sign the consulting agreement with LK Caspers Insurance LLC after it is reviewed by the Tribal Attorney.

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

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

- 16. Approve Wildlife Program Purchase 2 Pickups**

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to approve the request from the Wildlife Program to Purchase two Pickups with Wegner Auto being the lowest bidder.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.


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

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

**There being no further business, the Tribal Council Meeting recessed at 11:50 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.**

  
**Mary Jane Gourneau, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe**