

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Tribal Council Minutes September 3, 2025

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday September 3, 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 Tayshawn Battese and Teron Sazue.

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:

Kimm Schweitzer Stephanie Bolman Jeshua Estes

Victoria Grey Owl

Jared Denton
Bill Long Turkey

Lance Witte
Lewis Grassrope

Ron Ross Brian Wagner

Pam Flute
Wilma Wilson

Bill Ziegler Brent Charger Jessica Shaffer

Josie Skunk

1. Close August 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve closing the August 2025 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve August 2025 Minutes

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve August 2025 minutes. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

3. NAHM

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the agreement with the Native American Health Management LLC to conduct a needs assessment and feasibility study of constructing a long-term care facility. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

4. Indian Health Services

Updates were provided to the council about the clinic. Privacy issues with the new pharmacy, patients can now use a consultation room.

No Action Taken.

5. TED, Head Start

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Head Start's proposal submitted for Healthy Eating for additional funding. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to request payment and/or reimbursement of deferred maintenance through the Bureau of Indian Education. 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 request payment and/or reimbursement of deferred maintenance through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve the nomination of Brian Wagner to serve on the BIE Individual's Disabilities Education Act Advisory Board. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

6. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Electrowatchman in the amount of \$12,250.00 for the Elementary School Fire Safety Replacement Project. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

7. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to relinquish enrollment for three individuals from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Joelle Battese to approve the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll thirteen on-reservation individuals into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

8. Golden Buffalo Casino

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to accept monthly donations from the Golden Buffalo Casino for the period of September 1, 2025 through September 1, 2026. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau.

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

9. CFO Update

Closed Session 11:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau authorizing the Chairman to accept and sign on behalf of the Tribe a Note Sale Purchase agreement. 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 Whitney Norvold to provide counseling services in Lower Brule through her program, Rising Hope Counseling, LLC. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

Recess 12:10 p.m. Return 1:11 p.m.

10. BIA

Motion was made by Kamela Wilson to approve Jordan Thompson's homesite request for a period of one year, pending a completed application. This motion was seconded by Marlo Langdeau.

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

11. EDA

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize the Chairman to sign task order 2511-00260-1 Amendment #1. 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 authorize the finance department to pay invoices for IHS fourplex construction payments. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

12. Fedelia Skunk

Ms. Skunk addressed the council on her program and issues with the finance department. No Action Taken.

13. Other Business

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to reaffirm First Dakota Bank resolutions removing/adding signatories. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

14. Tribal Manager Update

The community center pool is up and running. A new Lower Brule Sioux Tribe sign is posted at the Old West Museum in Oacoma.

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to modify the Lower Brule Vocational Rehabilitation Program budget to reflect a raise in client pay from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, effective for the new fiscal year 2026. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

15. Wani Wacin Update

The suicide prevention team is planning community events and would like leadership involvement. First upcoming event is on September 11, 2025.

No Action Taken.

16. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to modify the Lower Brule Wildlife Enforcement Code, 7.34 Tresspass Violation, from a Class 2 Offense to a Class 4 Offense. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to banish Jesse Holicky from the Lower Brule Reservation for a period of 15 years. This motion was seconded by Marty Jandreau. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Motion was made by Marty Jandreau to approve for Cherry, Smith, Claudfelter, and Hicks Ranches to be limited to walk-in areas only for tribal members hunting these lands. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

17. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Closed Session 2:50 p.m.

Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the Parent Policy Committee's recommendation to hire Sandy LaCroix and LaCosta Byington for the positions of Teachers Aides. This motion was seconded by Joelle Battese.

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

Recess 3:24 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 3rd day of September, 2025.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Tribal Council Minutes September 17, 2025

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday September 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 11:34 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Cody Russell.

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

1. Re-contract 638 Programs

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to request through BIA to re-contract all active, existing, additional, and one-time funding for 638 programs for FY2026. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

2. BIA Carryover Funds

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the BIA Carryover Funds Budget in the amount of \$220,548.51. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson.

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

3. IHS Carryover Funds

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve the IHS Carryover Funds Budget in the amount of \$122,741.00. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

4. Other Business

Motion was made by Marlo Langdeau to approve to rescind Resolution #2025-079 *Removing Non-Criminal Offenses From the Lower Brule Criminal Code* and to reaffirm the original code regarding these offenses. This motion was seconded by Kamela Wilson. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none absent.

Recess 11:56 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 a quorum present on the 17th day of September, 2025.

Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe