



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
April 6, 2022**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday April 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:07 am.

The opening prayer was led by John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: Stephanie Bolman
Council Member: John McCauley
Council Member: Donovan Grassrope

Also Present:

Randy Seiler	Shanna Grassel	Leah House	Bernetta Traversie
Susy Short Bear	Sheryl Scott	Candida Estes	Martha Coleman
Seneca Skunk	Claudia Ziegler	Georgia Estes	Mason Red Wing
Kim Schweitzer	Shirley Crane	Lance Witte	Logan Moeller
Brian Wagner	Roquel Gourneau	Wendy Kroupa	Daniel Goodface
Dean Van De Wiele	Percy Estes	Bill Long Turkey	James Two Bulls
Chris Skunk	Ramona Johnson	McKayla Estes	Jeshua Estes
Lydia Sazue	DeWayne Goodface	Kansas Middletent	Fedelia Skunk
Jason Goodface	Troy Morley	Yuma House	Fely Goodface
Wilma Wilson	Josie Skunk		

1. Close March 2022 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the March 2022 meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve March 2022 Minutes

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the March minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office (EPO)

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Earth Day/Clean Up Days on April 20-22, 2022 for all tribal programs to participate in. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

4. Lower Brule Employment Enterprise

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid from Ludens, Inc for the purchase of a 2022 Tiltbed Trailer in the amount of \$8,375, if funds are available and purchase is allowable. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

5. RESPECT Act Bill

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve submitting a support letter for the RESPECT ACT, a bill that would make tribal consultation mandatory under law. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

6. Lower Brule Community Center

The Lower Brule Corporation has offered to give \$30,000 to repair the pool at the Community Center. An inspection was completed and repairs will require an additional \$50,000. This project will continue to be looked at. No Action Taken.

7. CHR Program

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the CHR Medication Delivery Policy. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

8. Angelica Edwards Request

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to waive the \$500 fee for use of the Lower Brule Community Center for a memorial basketball tournament for Wil Edwards, May 13-15, 2022. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

9. Rackham Program in Public Scholarship Grant

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Chairman Clyde Estes to sign the Rackham Program in Public Scholarship Agreement form. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

10. Lower Brule Burn Ban

Motion was made by John McCauley to continue the Burn Ban in Lower Brule until further notice; this does not include ceremonial fires secured by a fire ring. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

11. Lower Brule Mask Mandate

The Mask Mandate has been extended for a month by council concurrence. It will be revisited at the May 2022 Council meeting.

12. Lower Brule Road Department

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Haul Route Agreements with Webster Scales, Inc and Morris Construction, Inc with some additions added. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

13. North American Local, LLC

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve North American Local, LLC to offer their program to the Lower Brule Community, and approve Shana Grassel as the Point of Contact. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

14. Mason Red Wing Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Jackpot Relays at the Lower Brule Race Track on May 7, 2022 as long as liability waivers are completed beforehand. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

15. Lower Brule Indian Health Services

The COVID-19 trailer is no longer being used; home test kits are being provided. A fourth COVID-19 vaccine is coming. No COVID-19 cases in 5 weeks!
No Action Taken.

16. South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT)

Motion was made by John McCauley to waive the right of way appraisal and accept \$798 per acre for the South Dakota Department of Transportation Snow Fence Project. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to proceed with the South Dakota Department of Transportation Project 000N-351 SD Hwy 1806—Snow Fences and permanent easements. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

17. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the purchase of a golf simulator from Ken Sosa in the amount of \$10,000. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to support J1 Visa waivers for three Lower Brule School employees. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

18. Lower Brule Tribal Education Department, Higher Education

A letter will be drafted to recognize the state employees who provided great assistance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the continued enrollment of children at the Lower Brule Day School who do not meet the Code of Federal Regulations for an Indian student. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

19. Constitutional Committee

Sheryl Scott and Martha Coleman have been hosting meetings for the community to attend and discuss the Lower Brule Constitution and working towards a Secretarial Election.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to call for a Secretarial Election to consider all the requests by the Constitutional Committee.
Motion was withdrawn.

A meeting will be scheduled for a comprehensive review of the listed items submitted by the Constitutional Committee.
No Action Taken.

Recess 12:51 pm
Return 1:39 pm

20. BIA

Motion was made by John McCauley to add Mary Patricia Madsen to the IHS water and sewer list. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion was carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Travis LaRoches' home site request, moved South of requested site. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.
Stephanie Bolman withdrew her second.
John McCauley withdrew his motion.

A meeting will be arranged to find a compromise for a home site that does not block the adjacent lessee's road access.

21. Lower Brule Cultural Resources

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the 2022 Annual Powwow budget in the amount of \$175,460. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

22. Troy Morley

Information was provided to Council on: reclassification of “runaway” to “missing person,” tribal law enforcement access to databases, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, SORNA, Search and Rescue, Emergency Response, MOU’s with outside law enforcement and victim services.

No Action Taken.

23. Lower Brule Election Board

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the budget for the 2022 Election Board in the amount of \$82,259. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

24. Fely Goodface Request

Mrs. Goodface had questions on General Assistance policies and procedures and why her sons’ General Assistance was stopped. Council suggested she follow the appeal process and include the Tribal Manager to ensure follow-up.

No Action Taken.

25. Kansas Middletent Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a tribal pardon for Kansas Middletent for his 2013 convictions. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

26. BIA

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to add Dena Harmon to Marilyn Harmon’s existing homesite lease and to renew the lease for 25 years. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

27. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Partnership For Success/Boys & Girls Club

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to hire Vincenza Middletent for the position of Care Coordinator/Administrative Assistant for Partnership For Success, with Regina Box as the Alternate. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to hire Waylon Grassrope for the position of Youth Development Worker (sub) for the Boys & Girls Club. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Commodity Program

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve to hire Carolyn LaRoche for the position of Warehouse Cleaner (NTE 1 year) for the Lower Brule Commodity Program, with Kristina Johnson as the Alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

ICWA PROGRAM

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to hire Jana Brouse for the position of ICWA Coordinator, with the Tribal Manager having the authority to negotiate pay. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

28. Lyman County Redistricting

Motion was made by John McCauley to agree to have the Native American Rights Fund be the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe's lawyer regarding Lyman County Redistricting and to challenge the Lyman County Commission redistricting plan in court. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

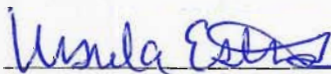
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Stephanie Bolman left at 5:30 pm

Recess 6:11 pm

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 6th day of April, 2022.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe