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LOWER BRULE SIOUX COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: Lower Brule, South Dakota

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: September 2, 1944 - 3:15

STATE WHETHER REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING: ( If special meeting by what authority was meeting called and for what special business) REGULAR MEETING.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Moses DeSmet, Chairman

COUNCILMEN AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mr. Moses DeSmet, Chairman  
 Mrs. Josephine S. Hawk, Chaplain  
 Mr. Peter Flute  
 Mr. Ben A. DeWitt, Secretary  
 Mr. Abe Langdeau, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Murphy, Acting Superintendent  
 Mr. R. W. Quinn, Chief Clerk  
 Mr. R. A. Roush, Manager  
 Livestock Enterprise

NEW ELECTED MEMBERS:

Mr. Elmer Pretty Head  
 Mr. Harvey Big Eagle

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. DeSmet. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. The newly elected council members were also present. There was no representative from the Fort George District. Mr. Clarence Thompson was not present. Time 3:15.

The minutes of the August Regular meeting was read and on page three of the minutes there was one correction made by Mr. Abe Langdeau, in the paragraph concerning a request he made for a small shack and some old tine. These are not from the formers Somers place but from the place known as the Karlen lands on Cedar Creek. The permission was granted by the council in regular session assembled on August 5, 1944. Mr. Langdeau made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spotted Hawk, that the Minutes be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Roush Manager of the Livestock Enterprise presented a statement of his traveling expenses as required by his contract.

A letter from Mr. Phinney, Superintendent of Ft. Totten, North Dakota, was read. This was in regard to representative from North and South Dakota to attend a regional convention of the National Indian Organization which will be held at Pierre, So. Dakota sometime that later part of September, 1944.

At this period the newly elected members were called forth to take the oath of office and the Chairman, DeSmet asked the Superintendent, Mr. Murphy to install the new members. The new members stepped forth as follows: Mr. Harvey Big Eagle, Mr. Elmer Pretty Head, Mr. Peter Flute, Mrs. Josephine Spotted Hawk. The oath was read by Mr. Murphy and repeated by the members thus the new group took the oath of office. The Superintendent addressed the new members in which he congratulated them and speaks in behalf of the service they have to render in the future for the tribe and that he will be glad to assist them in whatever they may ask of him.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk was asked to act as temporary Chairman, for the procedure now is to elect officers in the new group. Mrs. Spotted Hawk takes the chair and the meeting was in order for nominations.

Mr. Flute nominated Mr. Big Eagle for chairman of the council. There being no further nominations Mrs. Spotted Hawk declared the nominations closed. All in favor and Mr. Big was elected chairman of the council. Mrs. Spotted Hawk then relinquished the chair to Mr. Big Eagle.

Mr. Big Eagle: " Nominations in order for vice-chairman of the council."

Mr. Pretty Head: " I nominate Mr. Flute for vice-chairman."

Mr. Flute: " I nominate Clarence Thompson for vice-chairman."

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: " I second Mr. Flute's nomination."

Chairman Big Eagle: " I declare nominations close."

Mr. Clarence Thompson was elected to be vice-chairman of the council.

CHAIRMAN BIG EAGLE: " Nomination in order for secretary of the council."

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: " I nominate Mr. Flute for secretary of the council."

Mr. Pretty Head: " I seconde Mrs. Spotted Hawk's nomination."

There was two votes for Mr. Flute and none against, carried.

Chairman Big Eagle: " Nominations in order for treasurer of the council."

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: " I nominate Mr. Elmer Pretty Head for treasurer."

This was seconded by Mr. Flute, two votes for and none against, carried.

Chairman Big Eagle declared the suspension of Sergeant-at-arms of the council until later.

CHAIRMAN Big Eagle: " I ask that Mrs. Spotted Hawk remain as chaplain of the council as she has been the chaplain since the council was organized and which I think is a fine tribune since all the members agree."

Mrs. Spotted Hawk thanked the council members and accepted the unanimous endorsement as chaplain of the council.

The members each spoke in behalf of Mrs. Spotted Hawk's service as chaplain of the council.

Chairman Big Eagle: " I think we should appoint a person to fill the vacancy of a representative from the Fort George District. Therefore nominations is in order to appoint a representative.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk nominated Mr. Abe Langdeau to continue his membership, seconded by Mr. Flute and carried.

The council unanimously reappointed Mr. Langdeau to represent the Fort George District since that district was not represented in the election and Mr. Langdeau has been a representative for Fort George District for the past several years. Mr. Langdeau returned to the council ~~room~~ and thanked the members. He states that he would do everything within his power to continue to render the best of his services to the tribal council and for the people. He then, asked if he could be excused for the afternoon as he had to make a trip. He had not planned on the event that he might be reappointed to continue his membership of the council. The chairman excused him for the afternoon.

Mr. Langdeau was nominated for sergeant-at-arms by Mrs. Spotted Hawk, seconded by Mr. Flute and carried.

Chairman Big Eagle: " Now that the officers have been elected we shall begin with business."

Prayers were given by Mrs. Spotted Hawk.

A request was made by Julian S. W. Bear, an enrollee of Lower Brule, who has no home, for an exchange assignment. Her heirship holdings to be exchanged for a homesite near Lower Brule. This matter was referred to Mr. Murphy.

A letter from Mrs. Richard LaRoche was read, in which she states that she is leaving for North Dakota to visit her people and wish to maintain her rehabilitation house during her temporary absence. The council decided that more information be secured from Mrs. LaRoche regarding the rental and length of time she plans to be away. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the rehabilitation houses and the chairman requested that both the council group and the office officials cooperate in readjusting the housing situation at Lower Brule. The members agreed. The officials are to make a survey of the situation and report back to the council and the council will then act accordingly. Two applications requesting rehabilitation houses were tabled until the next meeting. One applicant is Mr. Elmer Pretty Head, the other is Thomas Johnson, Jr.

A letter from Mr. Hook, Land Field Agent, was read which was a request from Mrs. Sophie LaRoche Gilland - LB- 34, of Pierre, So. Dakota. She wish to submit her offer to sell all or part of her land holdings which are the estates of her daughters, Caroline and Mary Gilland. There was also, another request from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Spotted Horse regarding land enterests Mrs. Spotted Hawk wishes to sell. These were presented to the council for consideration. It was decided by the council members that a financial statement of the tribal funds be made before considering the land matters. The requests were tabled.

A letter from Lucy Sergeant, Stephan, South Dakota, was read in which she request a loan from the tribe to build a shack on the Crow Creek reservation. The chairman suggested that Mrs. Sergeant be notified that this source of bound is now out of existance.

The following bills were presented for payment: For council fee by the old members: Ben A. Dewitt, \$3.00 for the attendance of ~~one~~ meetings, Moses Desmet, \$6.00, two meetings, Peter Flute \$6.00 for two meetings, Abe Langdeau \$6.00 for two meetings, plus mileage \$4.00, amount \$10.00, Mrs. Spotted Hawk \$6.00 for two meetings plus \$2.40, mileage, amount \$8.40. A bill for clerical work by Grace Long Turkey, for the month of August. Bills for work at tribal election were also presented as follows: Mrs. Annie Quilt, \$2.50, Mr. Geo. DeSheuquette, \$2.50, Mr. Charles Long Turkey, \$2.50. A bill by Mrs. DeSheuquett in the amount of \$3.00 for serving lunches to election board and to one prisoner on August 30, 1944. A bill by Mrs. Lillian White for work at election and serving meals to two members of the election board in Iron Nation District, \$3.50. The general election board also presented their bill for five days work at \$2.50 per day each, amounting to \$12.50 each. A motion was made by Mr. Flute, seconded by Mrs. Spotted Hawk to pay the bills, carried.

A request was presented by Russell and Grace Long Turkey to borrow \$50.00 from tribal funds for the purpose of purchasing some chickens and a range stove. The amount to be repaid by monthly payments of \$10.00 per mont until full payment is made. A motion was made by Mr. Flute, seconded by Mr. Pretty Head to grant

the request. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Peter Dillon, Pres. of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Council, of Wanblee, So. Dakota, was read. He states that each reservation must be represented at the meeting which will be held on Cheyenne River Reservation, September 20, 21, & 22, 1944. A request was made by Mr. Charles Long Turkey that appropriations be made for three delegates to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pretty Head, seconded by Mr. Flute that the expenses be paid from tribal funds for three delegates, Mr. Long Turkey, Mr. Quilt, and Mr. Big Eagle. Carried.

A bill was presented by Oscar Two Hawks in the amount of \$15.00 for janitor work at the rehabilitation hall for the months of July, August, and September. A motion was made by Mr. Flute, seconded by Mrs. Spotted Hawk that Mr. Two Hawks be paid for his work for July and August which will be in the amount of \$10.00. Carried.

A request was made by a few of the occupants of the rehabilitation houses for paint and varnish for their houses and also some wire, gates, and posts to fence their yards. It was decided that these requests will be considered after the survey of the housing situation is made.

At this period Mr. R. W. Quinn, Chief Clerk, explain to the council that it is necessary that the treasurer of the council be bonded and which also met the approval of the council members.

Mr. Murphy presents the question regarding hunting control on the reservation. The council decided that it is very necessary to enforce hunting regulations on the reservation and after a ~~lengthy~~ lengthy discussion on the subject a committee of three was appointed to take over the responsibility. Mr. Robert Roush, Mr. R. W. Quinn and Mr. Big Eagle were appointed. The Motion was made by Mr. Flute, that a resolution be passed to charge a hunting fee to non-resident hunters. The amount of the fee to be set by the committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Spotted Hawk and carried. Resolution submitted separately.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Flute, Seconded by Mr. Pretty Head for the meeting to be adjourned. Carried. Time 6:30

November 4, 1944

Meeting called to Order by Harvey Big Eagle, Chairman.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk said the prayer.

Mr. Big Eagle called the roll and the following members were present.

Harvey Big Eagle  
Abâ Langdeau  
Peter P. S. Flute  
Mrs. Spotted Hawk  
Elmer Pretty Head

Mr. Quinn, Chief Clerk, attending the meeting on behalf of the Agency was Acting Tribal Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Grace Long Turkey.

The minutes of the special meeting October 18 were not available and will be read at the next regular meeting.

Meeting called to order for new business by Chairman, Mr. Big Eagle.

Mr. Big Eagle: At the last meeting Mrs. Helen High Elk asked for the assignment of a sub-marginal tract. It is suggested that Mr. Hook be made acquainted with this request and that he work out some such arrangement. Mr. McNeilly suggested that this tribal council petition our congressmen to support legislation to turn over all submarginal land on this reservation to the control of the tribe instead of being held by the government. I intended to be in Fierre in the next few days and I'll talk to Mr. Hook about this matter and also advise him that we now have a land committee to represent the council in such matters and it won't be necessary for him now to wait until the council meets.

Mr. Langdeau: The land committee and Mr. Hook can then take up the settlement of cases of this kind without first coming to the council.

Mr. Quinn: William Chase the Bear or Long Fox wants the Tribal Council to consider an application to trade approximately 53 acres of land for a CCC building located on American Island.

Mr. Big Eagle: Could such an exchange we worked out.

Mr. Quinn: The houses in question are the property of the government and I presume any such transaction would have to be approved by the Indian Office and the Secretary of the Interior since it involves government property and trust land.

Mr. Big Eagle: Then would you take this matter up for us and see what arrangements can be made.

Mr. Quinn: Here is a letter from Peter Flute in which he wants to sell his undivided 1/3 interest in the Badger Head Estate, allotment No. 455 containing approximately 317.55 acres of land, and also his 1/5 interest in the Pretty Sounding Flute Estate. He said "I want \$5.00 an acre for this land. I would use this money to pay off my indebtedness."

Mr. Big Eagle: I suggest that the council pass on this sale.

Mr. Langdeau: I make the motion that this case be approved and submitted to the land committee. Mr. Pretty Head. I second the motion. 4 for 0 against.

Mr. Quinn: Mrs. Myrtle Two Hawk addressed a letter to the council as follows:  
"Before the death of my former husband, Harry LaRocke, he and I signed papers that he would be refunded of the account he paid on his loan, this is acknowledged by H. T. Scott and Mr. Mountjoy. Please give this matter your attention."

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Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion we ~~talk~~/this matter because maybe there are papers on this somewhere at the Agency which would throw more light on the entire matter.

Mr. Flute: I second motion. Voted 4 for 0 against.

Mr. Quinn: A letter from Isaac High Elk: "I am submitting an important matter. I would like the council to give me a house for exchange of some of my inherited land. You will realize I need a house and I hope that you can favor me, / as I am trying to go on my own. I haven't never asked the council for anything but I think I am entitled to help from the Council"

Mr. Langdeau: I don't know of any houses which would be available for the use of Isaac.

Mr. Big Eagle: I suggest that this deal could be worked in the same way as the Chase the Bear deal, for a house on American Island.

Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion to that effect.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: I second that motion: 4 for 0 against.

Mr. Quinn: Heres another letter which reads, " I hereby make application to sell one of my land as I am in need of household goods and other ~~pur~~/ purposes. Please give this matter your consideration." Respectfully Maud Two Hawk.

Mr. Big Eagle: Mrs. Two Hawk has lots of land and she wants to sell to the tribe. I believe some of her land is considered key tracts.

Mr. Langdeau: Mrs. Two Hawks wants to sell 160 acres of land laying next to the Hohn Small waisted Bear land which which she will sell on the appraisal of the committee.

Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion that we pass on this.

Mr. Pretty Head: I second the motion. 4 for 0 against.

Mr. Quinn: I have ~~hear~~/ here an number of small bills covering miscellaneous items for the tribal councils consideration and if approved payment. All bills read.

Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion that we pall all our bills.

Mr. Pretty Head. I second that motion. 4 for and 0 against.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: I make a motion that the council look into the matter of having the submarginal land turn over to the tribe. It looks to me as though this would be of importance to the tribe and I believe we should do something about this. ✓

Elmer Pretty Head: I second that motion. 4 for and 0 against.

Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion that the Chairman, Mr. Big Eagle, write the letter to the congressmen about getting this land into tribal ownership.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: I second the motion: 4 for and 0 against.

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Mr. Big Eagle: Some tim ago the council decided to look into the rehabilitation housing situation and to date we have done nothing about this matter. The longer we put this thing off the worse job we're going to have in evicting the present occupants because of the coming winter. Mr. Quinn I wish you would read the assignment form covering the use of these houses.

Mr. Quinn: Reading the entire Assignment Form No. 7, approved by the Lower Brule Tribal Council on November 6, 1937. (Temporary Assignment and Occupancy Permit)

Mr. Big Eagle: Most all of these regulations have been violated. We have not come to the point where us Indians can really govern ourselves because the people do not respect our decisions the same as they do those of a whiteman, but we are the council and we have to act on this matter. By doing this we can better conditions and I feel that it is necessary that the council act just as soon as it can.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: I look at this matter differently. I believe if we all pull together we can correct this condition. Other nations pull together and handle their own affairs and I don't see why the Indians can't.

Mr. Spotted Hawk: I want to ask about the dividend. the people keep asking me about this all the time.

Mr. Roush: I want to say I'm in favor of a small dividend but I don't know all about the accounting end of it and I'll see the auditor and work out the details.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: How about the beef for the Armistis day feed.

Mr. Roush: The beef is all settled.

Mr. Langdeau: I make a motion we adjourn.

Mrs. Spotted Hawk: I second. 4 for and 0 against.

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PLACE: Lower Brule, South Dakota

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: December 2, 1944

STATE WHETHER REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PRESIDING OFFICER: Harvey Big Eagle, Chairman

COUNCILMEN AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Harvey Big Eagle, Chairman
- Mr. Clarence Thompson, Vice-chairman
- Mr. Peter Flute, Secretary
- Mr. Elmer Pretty Head, Treasurer
- Mrs. Josephine S. Hawk, Chaplain
- Mr. Abe Langdeau, Serg't-at-arms.

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Superintendent E. E. McNeilly
- Mr. A. L. Hook, Land Field Agent
- Mr. R. A. Roush, Mgr. Livestock Enterprise.

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Big Eagle, roll a call was taken with alquorum present. Prayers by Mrs. Spotted Hawk Chaplain.

The Minutes of October 18, special meeting, was read by Superintendent McNeilly. On motion of Clarence Thompson, seconded by Mr. Pretty Head, the minutes were approved as read. Four in favor and none against.

Mr. McNeilly read the Minutes of November 4, regular meeting. On motion of Mrs. Spotted Hawk, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes were approved as read.

The chairman called for any unfinished business to be discussed.

The Rehabilitation House program was discussed and a tentative resolution drawn up for consideration at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson that a special meeting be called on December 13, for the purpose of discussing the repayment cattle program and other business that might come before the council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langdeau and carried. Five for and none against.

An application of Walter Creek to sell his one-fifth share in the Stroking Wing estate, to the tribe. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Pretty Head to tabe the matter vor the Special Meeting to be held on December 13.

A motion was made that no beaver permits will be issued until after January 1st. This motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Mr. Langdeau and carried by a vote of three for and one against.

The following bills were presented for payment: George DeSheuquette, for duty as Game Warden, \$40.00; Chamberlain Trader, for printing, \$6.99; Elmer Pretty Head, Meetings and work, \$20.25; Oscar Two Hawk, Janitor, \$10.00; Harvey Big Eagle, meetings and mileage, \$35.20, also for sub-committee work; Peter Flute, for Subcommittee work and attendance of meetings and mileage, \$23.25; Josephine Spotted Hawk, meetings and mileage, \$27.00; Clarence Thompson, Meetings and mileage, \$28.00. A motion was made by Thompson that the bills be paid as read, seconded by Mr. Langdeau and carried by a vote of five for and none against.

A motion eas made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Langdeau, for the meet- ing to be adjourned. Carried by a vote of five for and none against.

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Lower Brule, South Dakota  
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Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council  
(Name of Council)

December 2, 1944  
(Date of Meeting)

Regular Council Meeting  
(Regular or Special Meeting)

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2. A motion was passed that a special meeting be held on December 13, 1944, for the purpose of discussing the repayment cattle program and other unfinished business.....P.1
3. A motion was passed that no beaver permits be issued until after January 1st, 1945.....P.1
4. A motion was passed to pay the bills for council allowance to the members and also the bill for janitor work at the rehabilitation hall.....P.1
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