



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
December 6, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday December 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:12 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Justin “Augie” Grassrope, Russell Thigh, Claire Green, Dallas Charging Jr., and Bertrand “Toto” Carpenter.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil “Cody” Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Fely Goodface
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:

Chad Anderson	Heather Collins & High School Students	Sheryll Scott	
Adam de Hueck	Janice Larson	Joel Bich	Brian Wagner
Lance Witte	Stephanie Bolman	Percy Estes	Ben Estes
Wilma Wilson	Emma Goodface	Shirley Crane	Terri Estes
Angelina Estes	Tim Azure	Josie Skunk	

1. Close November 2023 Meeting

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the November 2023 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve November 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the November 2023 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Cricket Wireless

Mr. Chad Anderson provided an overview of Cricket Wireless services that are available to low-income families under the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Cricket Wireless to hold events in the Lower Brule Community to help qualified families under the ACP to get service. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

4. MOU with U.S. Forest Service

Motion was made by Cody Russell for Lower Brule to join the MOU between the Sicangu Lakota Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, and Black Hills National Forest to develop a natural and cultural interpretation program at the Pactola/He Sapa Visitor Center.

This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

5. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Lower Brule North River Ecosystem Restoration Project. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Sharpe Enterprise for concrete crushing, pending available funding. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to authorize the submission of a grant proposal to the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC). This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

6. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve to amend the Student Handbook Procedure when bullying is reported. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

7. Tribal Education Department

Monthly report for the Head Start Program was submitted.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Lyman County School Districts School Year 23/24 Impact Aid Application once the application is completed. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes to sign the Tribe's response to the BIE's request for Tribal input on the updating of the ISEP regulations. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

Recess 12:09 p.m.

Return 1:12 p.m.

8. BIA

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the written request to add Sharla Grassrope to Ellen Grassrope's homesite lease. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

9. Land Acknowledgement

Tabled.

10. Lower Brule Counseling Service

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Dari Johnson as a Provider under the Lower Brule Counseling Service Program. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

11. Lower Brule Roads Department

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve the bid from Midstate Equipment Supply for the purchase of Mastic Material in the amount of \$31,225.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid by Central Salt for the purchase of Road Salt in the amount of \$84.11 per ton. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

12. Lower Brule Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the bid from Riverside Technologies Inc. for the purchase of six computers and monitors in the amount of \$9,744.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

13. Wakanyeja Angel Tree Project

Motion was made by Cody Russell to support the Wakanyeja Angel Tree Project. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

14. Terri Estes Request

Ms. Estes made a request to help with future Naha donations as she has done in the past. The council informed her of the new Naha Board members she can contact and work with.
No Action Taken.

15. Emma Goodface Request

Ms. Goodface asked questions on the personnel policy for alternate positions.
No Action Taken.

16. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

Closed Session 2:44 pm

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve twelve on reservation individuals to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being three members for, two abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Fely Goodface).

17. Administrative Leave

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve an addendum to the Lower Brule Personnel Policy that Administrative Leave is available to all tribal employees attending a tribal member funeral. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

18. Tammy Fonder Request

Mrs. Fonder asked questions about the Homeowners Assistance Program.

No Action Taken.

19. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Judicial Committee

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Lower Brule Judicial Committee's recommendation to accept Gordon D. Swanson, Devin Flesher, Douglas N. Papendick, and Charles Abourezk to serve on the Lower Brule Appellate Court. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one against (Fely Goodface).

4:23 p.m. Fely Goodface left the meeting.

Lower Brule Housing

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve Starr Traversie for the Lower Brule Housing Board for a three-year term. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Evelyn Charging for the Lower Brule Housing Board for a one-year term. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

4:35 p.m. Fely Goodface returned to the meeting.

Lower Brule Community Health Representative (CHR)

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Darrell Middletent for the position of Community Health Representative.

Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Taira Grassrope for the position of Community Health Representative. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Jewel Jandreau to approve Emma Goodface as the alternate for the position of Community Health Representative. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Chris Skunk).

Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to hire Candida Estes for the position of Teen Unit Coordinator. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Nathaniel Thomas for the position of Biologist. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Lower Brule Health Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Health Boards recommendation to hire Jessica Shaffer for the position of Licensed Mental Health Clinician. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

Tribal Manager

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Jerry Big Eagle for the position of Tribal Manager.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Fely Goodface to hire Ben Estes for the position of Tribal Manager, with Tamara Grove as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Chris Skunk, Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Tamara Grove for the position of Tribal Manager. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Lewis Grassrope, Fely Goodface, Cody Russell).

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to hire William "Pooh" Ziegler for the position of Tribal Manager, with Ben Estes as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion died with the vote being two members for, three abstaining (Chris Skunk, Fely Goodface, Jewel Jandreau).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to hire Jerry Big Eagle for the position of Tribal Manager, with Ben Estes as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.
Motion carried with the vote being three members for, one not voting—vote goes with the majority (Lewis Grassrope), one abstaining (Fely Goodface).

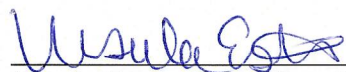
20. Other Business

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to place Fely Goodface on suspension.
Motion died due to lack of a second.

Recess 5:21 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 6th day of December, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
December 13, 2023**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday December 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 11:32 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde J.R. Estes
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Fely Goodface
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau (telephonic)
Council Member: Chris Skunk (absent)
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:
Adam de Hueck

Closed Session 11:35 a.m.

1. Deferred Revenue

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve John Hinrichs to move forward with an offer to the U.S. Government for a settlement on the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe's deferred revenue case. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

2. Lower Brule Wildlife Department

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Wildlife Department to submit a grant proposal to the National Recreation Foundation and the Turner Foundation. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

Open Session 12:21 p.m.

3. Lower Brule Enrollment Committee

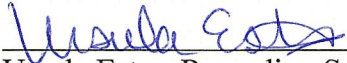
Motion was made by Fely Goodface to approve two on reservation individuals to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Chris Skunk).

Recess 12:24 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 13th day of December, 2023.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe