



LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE
MINUTES
December 1, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:04 AM.

**The Opening Prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.
The Prayer and meeting were dedicated to those we have lost:
Lana LaRoche, Ethel Quilt and Miranda Goodlow**

Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Members Present:

**Chairman Boyd Gourneau
Vice-Chairman Darrell Middletent
Secretary/Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr.
Council Member Clyde Estes
Council Member Donnie Moore
Council Member John McCauley**

Also Present:

Tribal Manager Lee Brennan

BIA – Christy Wolf

Janet Traversie

Janice Larson

Summer Estes

LB Tribal Attorney Tara Adamski

Schools – Lance Witte & Dan Shroyer

Roads Director- Ivan Umberger-Derek McTigh

1. Approve to Close November Tribal Council Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the November 2017 Tribal Council Meeting.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote being: Darrell Middletent for, Orville Langdeau Jr. for, 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.

2. Approve November 2017 Tribal Council Minutes

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the November 2017 Minutes.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

3. Lower Day School Update

December, 2017

We are coming to the end of our fall term. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are thankful for the unseasonably warm weather. This report will highlight a few of the Educational activities at Lower Brule Schools.

Curriculum and Instruction

- We have begun the process with AdvancEd and COSA to seek accreditation. This process will begin this year and I will keep you posted on the progress. This accreditation will allow us flexibility with SD DOE e.g. not having to engage with state assessments as we already partake in BIE required NWEA Map Testing.
- Educational Enhancement Grant for approximately \$146,000. The focus of this plan is curriculum enhancements, interventions and reliable technology to support these programs. Will be reviewed for approval this month by BIE.
- Mr. Shroyer and I participated in a BIE conference call mid-November. On this call many educational items were discussed. An important item was that Dr. Longie stated that tribally controlled schools do not have to participate with the Native Star Program. AdvancEd/COSA will provide with a school improvement platform to met some of their requirements.
- 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.
- Last Day of School is December 12th, prior to the holiday break. We are considering a lunch meal on December 19th, 20th, 21st during the break to assist some of our students with meals.

Enrollment and Staffing

- Enrollment at Lower Brule Schools is currently approximately 315 students K-12.
- We have hired an additional Elementary teacher for 2nd grade due to 25 students, with a high number of SPED students. Jessica Brownell hails from Pukwana, a recent graduate from USD with a dual major in Elementary education and Special Education.

Activities

- Elementary School Christmas Program-will be held Friday, December 8th at 1 PM at the Elementary School. We would welcome your attendance.
- Traditional Games- Mr. Prado attended a workshop in Rapid City for traditional games. He is not incorporating those into his P.E. classes.
- First Tee Golf Program – This is a new golf program being instituted at the Elementary School. This will provide our students with golf equipment and golf education through P.E.
- Basketball teams and Wrestling teams are preparing for the upcoming seasons. The first basketball game is December 8th in Marty and the following week is LNI.
- Archery, Hand Games, Art, and Knowledge Bowl teams are busily preparing for LNI.
- Community Thanksgiving Meal and Lakota Bingo was a great success for our community. The culinary Arts and Hospitality classes served approximately 200 community members. The Lakota studies conducted Lakota Bingo. All food was provided by Partnerships with Native Americans.
- Veteran's Day Program- was a great success hosted by our Speech class. Our students showed great support to our veterans.

Facilities

- We are thankful for some movement on facility needs. We hope that we will see continued support ahead. There are still many outstanding issues to be resolved.
- Gymnasium floor is fully completed.

Lance L. Witte-Superintendent of Schools

4. Approve Selection of Swingen Construction, Grand Forks, ND for the Medicine Creek Bridge Project

Motion was made by Darrell Middletent to select Seingen Construction (who was the low bidder of three bids) of Grand Forks, ND for the Medicine Creek Bridge Project.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

5. Approve Grant Applications- 4 projects for the LBST

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a support resolution for the LBST submitting grant application for 4 projects-

1. Road Safety Audit
2. BIA 10 Culvert Replacement
3. BIA 10 Intersection Widening
4. West Brule Crosswalk and Pathway

This motion was seconded by Clyde Estes.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe sends their congratulations and warmest wishes on Julia Yellow Robe's 100th Birthday.

7. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe wishes to congratulate Mr. Elgin Thompson on his 96th Birthday (October 20,1921).

8. Approve Homesite Assignment-James Brouse

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve the request received from James Brouse for a Homesite.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

9. Renew Lease-Jeffery Langdeau

Motion was made by John McCauley to renew Jeffery Langdeau lease at the same rate and term.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

10. Renew Lease-Jim Langdeau

Motion was made by John McCauley to renew Jim Langdeau Lease at the same rate and term.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

11. Renew Lease-Pat Durkin/Ellen Durkin

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to renew Pat Durkin/Ellen Durkin Lease at the same rate and term.

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

12. Renew Lease-Richard P. Thompson

Motion was made by John McCauley to renew Richard P. Thompson lease at the same rate and term.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

13. Approve Request from Bart Ness to Exchange Range Unit #14 for Range Unit #24

Motion was made by Darrell Middletent to approve the request received from Mr. Bart Ness to exchange Range Unit #14 for Range Unit #24. This trade would enable the Tribe to put out for bid an additional 1,400 acres.

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

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

14. Approve To Request the BIA to Advertise Range Unit #14 for Lease

Motion was made by Donnie Moore to request the BIA to advertise Range Unit #14 for lease.

This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.

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

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

15. Approve Three land Sale Requests-Request the Land Buy Back Program to purchase These Three Land Sales for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the three land sale requests and request the Land Buy Back Program to purchase these three land sales for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

16. Approve Lease – Marty Jandreau T-1071

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the lease T-1071 to Marty Jandreau (who was the only bidder).

This motion was seconded by Darrell Middletent.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

17. Approve Lease – Jerry Christensen TCR222/TCR535/TCR533

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the lease TCR222/TCR535/TCR533 to Mr. Jerry Christensen

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

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

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council reconvened at 11:12 AM.

18. Authorize, Approving & Directing the Employment of one Law Firm to Represent the LBST in Potential Litigation Against Contributors of the Opioid Addiction Crisis

Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to authorize, approving & directing the employment of one Law Firm to represent the LBST in potential litigation against Contributors of the Opioid addiction crisis

This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

19. Approve Claim for Land Buy Back Funds

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a claim to the Land Buy Back Program for funds.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

20. Approve Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for Indian Tribes Beneficiaries

Motion was made by Darrell Middlelent to the approve Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for Indian Tribes Beneficiaries.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middlelent for, 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.

21. Approve Enrollments-17 Individuals

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the recommendation received from the Enrollment Committee to enroll the following individuals into the LBST:

1. Americka D. American Horse
2. David P. Jones
3. Secret L.E.F. Loudner
4. Athena P.P. Loudner
5. Weston R.T. Johnson
6. Jeremy A.T. Johnson
7. Randi E. Johnson
8. Kyleena J. White Light
9. Demi Claire Estes
10. Marlee Maria Wells
11. Kinsley E.M. Langdeau
12. Athena Sara Grass
13. Alayna Brooks Spang
14. Avaleigh Beau Spang
15. Kaiser A.D. Kersting
16. Channel C.C. Estes
17. Suzanna Emilio Ziegler

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middlelent for, 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.

21. Approve Lance Witte Consulting LLC Contract

Motion was made by Darrell Middletent to approve Lance Witte Consulting LLC Contract. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

21. Approve General Legal Counsel Contract-Tara L. Adamski Attorney at Law

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the General Legal Contract between the LBST and Tara L. Adamski Attorney at Law Contract.

This motion was seconded by Donnie Moore.

Vote Being: Orville Langdeau Jr. for, Darrell Middletent for, 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.

There being no further business, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council Meeting recessed at 11:44 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 1st day of December, 2017.

Mary Jane Gourneau

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