



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
December 2, 2020**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday December 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:26 am.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain 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  
Lance Witte  
Brian Wagner  
Ms. Albers  
James Two Bulls-telephonic  
Amy Jandreau  
Jerauld Jandreau  
Dale James  
Damon Johnson  
Jana Brouse  
Chief Yuma House  
Officer Moran  
Ellen Durkin  
Christine Olson

**1. Close November Meeting**

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

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

**2. Approve November minutes with corrections**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the November 2020 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **3. Lower Brule Schools Update**

The elementary school will continue with Phase 1 for grades K-5.

The high school has completed COVID-19 testing for 10 adults and 47 athletes; no students tested positive.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve modifying the elementary scheduled contact hours from one hour per week to six hours per week for kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with parents still having the option to keep their kids 95% virtual learning. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, none opposing and one absent (Marvin Grassrope).

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve The Cambrian Group Contract for a comprehensive strategic plan for the school system in the amount of \$19,980. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the purchase of two floor scrubbers from Hillyard in the amount of \$26,844.48. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve supporting legislation in the ninety-sixth legislature to create equitable and inclusive education options and solutions. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve opposing cuts to the Bureau of Indian Education fiscal year 2021 budget. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

### **4. Red Tail Express—Tim Azure Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to authorize a tribal executive signature authority to sign off on task orders as they are presented per the construction of the Red Tail Express bus storage facility. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **5. Rural Water Request**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve SDDOT payment voucher in the amount of \$178,656.17. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **6. Data Access and Epidemiology Shares**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve a resolution to reaffirm the existing legal rights of the Tribes and the Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center as “public health authorities” to access public health data. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

### **7. Amy Jandreau lease request**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve adding Amy Jandreau to Pat Jandreau's current leases. This motion was seconded by John McCauley. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to add Jerauld Jandreau to all Amy Jandreau's current leases. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

### **8. Checkpoint raises/hazard pay**

Motion was made by John McCauley to give all the checkpoint workers, not to include supervisors, a pay raise. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the allowance of hazard pay to all checkpoint workers. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **9. Oacoma Casino Project**

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the authorization for submission of the tribe's updated and revised application to the Secretary of the Interior for Secretarial determination that the tribe's gaming on its trust land in the town of Oacoma is in the best interest of the tribe and its members. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Recess 12:12 pm

Return 1:14 pm

### **10. Community College Update**

November 12, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting: Pell and scholarships received and distributed, elder gifts have been ordered, Angel tree information has been posted, LBCC website has been updated and audit is in progress.

### **11. Request from Peter Lengkeek**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve giving permission to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe to relay their broadband signal through one of Lower Brule's broadband towers with no fee applied. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **12. Establish a Youth/Elder Group**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve establishing a non stipend Youth and Elder Advisory Group with representatives to report to council with ideas, issues and suggestions. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope.

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

**13. Renovation of 2 housing units**

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve the renovation of two housing units in an amount up to \$125,000. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**14. BIA—James Two Bulls**

Motion was made by John McCauley to authorize Chairman Clyde J. R. Estes and/or tribal council members to sign and approve service line agreements and right-of-way easements. 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 approve keeping the same rate on agriculture leases (\$3/acre) and range unit rates (\$7/aum). 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lower Brule Agency to add tract #343T2065 to Range Unit #26 at the tribal rate. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve all 2020 lease renewals. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to waive the Notice of Trespass for Damon Johnson. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**15. Christine Olson—Update**

COVID-19: 3,441 tests completed; 326 total positives (on and off reservation); 307 recovered; 15 active cases.  
Tribal employee testing will begin 12/3/20.

Executive Session 2:47 pm  
Return 3:09 pm

**16. Enrollment/Relinquishment**

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve one (1) individual to relinquish their enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. 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 three (3) individuals living on the reservation to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.  
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve two (2) individuals living off the reservation to be enrolled into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

**17. Lower Brule Police Department—Update**

Current law enforcement personnel includes two (2) supervisors and eight (8) police officers with two (2) of these officers detailed out.

**18. Ellen Durkin—Update**

Executive Session 4:13 pm  
Return 5:04 pm

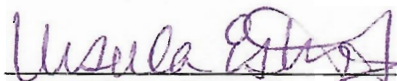
**19. Request to modify Resolution #2018-233**

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to modify the provisions of Resolution #2018-233 preventing individuals involved in sedition or treason from election to tribal offices to change the wording from “involved” to “convicted”. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, none opposing and one absent (John McCauley).  
John McCauley left at 5:07 pm.

Recess 5:43 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe