



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
February 7, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday February 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:39 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 (absent)
Council Member: Jewel Jandreau
Council Member: Chris Skunk
Council Member: Lewis Grassrope

Also Attending:

Adam de Hueck	Ben Estes	Kenneth Brilz
Doug Sherman	Shelly Larson	Lance Witte
Brian Wagner	Loretta Ryan	Leah House
Tyler Jones	Ron Brown	James Two Bulls
Waylon Black Crow	Emily Flute	Priscilla Long Turkey
Eunice Goodface	Angelina Estes	Pam Flute
Stephanie Langdeau	Marlo Langdeau	Wilma Wilson

1. Close January 2024 Meeting

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the January 2024 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Approve January 2024 Minutes

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the January 2024 minutes. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

3. Call for 2024 Election

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to call for the 2024 Tribal Election. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

4. 2024 Election Board

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to advertise for the 2024 Election Board. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

5. SDDOT

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the South Dakota Department of Transportation's request for temporary and permanent easements and waiving the appraisal pending the environmental study. The motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

6. Lower Brule Schools

Dakota Oyate Challenge (DOC): Boys Basketball—1st place, Girls Basketball—2nd place, Hand Games—1st place.

No Action Taken.

7. TED/Higher Ed./Head Start

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to approve the bid from PowerCom—Kennebec Telephone Co. in the amount of \$8,920.08 to replace the current lighting in the Lower Brule Head Start building with LED lighting. 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 the Lower Brule Head Start Winter Weather Policy. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

8. Lower Brule Diabetes Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Diabetes Director to oversee the Lower Brule Community Center. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

9. Support for Code Talkers

Motion was made by Cody Russell to support the state of South Dakota's efforts to honor our Cody Talker relatives from World War I and II with a permanent memorial in or on the grounds of the State Capitol. This motion was seconded by Jewel Jandreau.

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

Closed Session 11:59 a.m.

10. Other

Motion was made by Lewis Grassrope to temporarily suspend Secretary-Treasurer Fely Goodface from her status, duties and pay until her criminal court proceedings are completed.

This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

Open Session 12:46 p.m.
Recess 12:47 p.m.
Return 1:42 p.m.

Fely Goodface entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

11. BIA

Discussion on tribal ID cards.
No Action Taken.

Closed Session 1:46 p.m.
Chris Skunk left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.
Lewis Grassrope left the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Recess 2:18 p.m.
Return 2:53 p.m.

12. MRGB Consulting, LLC

Tabled.

13. NDN Collective

Tabled.

14. Administration Building Repairs

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve payment to Brueske Construction for completing the emergency roof repair of the Administration Building in the amount of \$30,877.78. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

15. Restoring Hope

Stephanie Langdeau provided an update on the Restoring Hope program and their work towards becoming a non-profit organization.
No Action Taken.

Closed Session 4:41 p.m.

16. Highway Project

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to accept BIA High Priority Project funds utilizing a P.L. 93-638 contract and to advertise for an engineering firm to assist in the design and budget for the highway 10 shoulder project. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

17. Lower Brule Commodity Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve Sygnal Partners, Inc.'s bid for software for the commodity program in the amount of \$27,250.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.
Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

18. Lower Brule Personnel Department

Lower Brule Head Start Program

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Parent Policy Councils' recommendation to hire Natasha Grassrope for the position of Family Services Manager, with Peggy Estes as the alternate. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Courthouse

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Judicial Committee's recommendation to hire Bobbie Middletent for the position of Probation Officer. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Boys & Girls Club

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Kiersten Wilson for the position of Youth Development Coordinator at the Boys & Girls Club. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Partnership for Success

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to hire Amanda Charger for the position of Project Director. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

19. Other Business

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve additional compensation for the employees under the IT Department, ICWA, and Cultural Resources. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve to advertise for a Chief Financial Officer. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

20. Golden Buffalo Casino

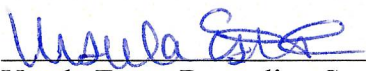
Executive Session 5:28 p.m.

Open Session 6:20 p.m.

Recess 6:21 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 7th day of February, 2024.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary

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