



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
September 1, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday September 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:06 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	Shana Grassel	Chris Skunk	Sadie Jandreau	Brandy Bolman
Bernetta Traversie	Suzy Short Bear	Sheryl Scott	Tim Azure	
Kim Schweitzer	Kyle Thompson	Christine Olson	Bugsy Thompson	
Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Logan Moeller	Wendy Kroupa	
Roquel Gourneau	Aimee Kemp	Todd Bolman	James Two Bulls	

1. Close August 2021 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the August 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Donovan Grassrope).

2. Approve August 2021 Minutes

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the August 2021 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Donovan Grassrope).
(Donovan Grassrope entered at 10:10 am)

3. Lower Brule Rural Water

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve the bid from RDO Equipment to purchase a mini excavator in the amount of \$63,384. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve the bid from USA Blue Book to purchase an electric powered valve operator in the amount of \$7,824.70. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

4. Lower Brule Roads Department

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid from Dakota Barricade for the purpose of road striping in the amount of \$56,846. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

5. Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the bid from Sharpe Enterprises, Inc for the construction of a multipurpose room in the amount up to \$250,000. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

6. Programmatic Agreement

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve a Programmatic Agreement among the Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Cultural Resource Officer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Historic Preservation Officer and the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

7. Ring of Fiber

Motion was made by John McCauley to authorize the creation of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate Consortium for the purposes of the NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

8. Lower Brule Cultural Resources

The 2021 Annual Fair & Powwow

The Powwow Committee has taken all comments, complaints and suggestions under advisement and will work on addressing them and making necessary changes as they begin planning for the 2022 Annual Fair.

The remaining buffalo and cow meat will be distributed to elderly, households on quarantine due to Covid-19 and donated to funerals and wake services.

No Action Taken.

9. Lower Brule Motor Pool

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule Motor Pool Program to surplus and auction off nine vehicles. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

10. Lower Brule Indian Health Services

COVID-19 testing is available Monday through Friday. A mini lab has been set up to allow for faster processing. 7,200 COVID-19 tests have been completed; all positive tests are sent off to test for the Delta variant. Moderna & Pfizer vaccines are currently available.

Flu shots are now available at the clinic.

No Action Taken.

11. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the budget for the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the Lower Brule Schools in the amount of \$3.5M. 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 the budget for the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for a Native Language Program in the amount of \$82,609. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve raising the per diem rate for student activities from \$12 to \$15 per meal. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule Superintendant to surplus a 2008 Chevrolet MID bus. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

12. Brian Wagner

Impact Aid Funding is in progress.

Higher Education will be funding thirty undergraduate students for the fall 2021 semester.

Five Adult Vocational Students will be funded under AVT.

Two graduate students will be funded under Tribal Supplementation funding.

No Action Taken.

Recess 11:56 am

Return 1:07 pm

13. BIA

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the written request by Jessica Wilson to cancel her undeveloped home site #225-175-0328. 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 a home site request for Tanielle P.S. Flute, reassigning home site #225-175-0328. 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 a home site request for Victoria Flute. 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 go into Executive Session at 1:42 pm. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Executive Session 1:42 pm
Return 2:18 pm

Randy Jandreau Request—Tabled.

14. Tim Azure

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve a grant submission for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program in the amount of \$2,734,440. 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 authorize the submission of a grant to EPA (diesel emissions) on behalf of the Lower Brule Tribal Farms. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

15. Eyvonne Rekow

Eyvonne Rekow appeared telephonically with questions regarding tribal enrollment.
No Action Taken.

16. Other Business

Motion was made by John McCauley to ban Arlo Guthrie Stafford from any lands or property owned or held in trust by or for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for a period of five (5) years. 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 go into Executive Session at 4:08 pm. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Executive Session 4:08 pm
Return 5:06 pm

Recess 5:07 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 1st day of September, 2021.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe