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TO: All Tribal Programs, Tribal entities and Staff  
FROM: Orville "Red" Langdeau, Secretary/Treasurer, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
SUBJECT: Illegal Tribal Council Activity

September 2, 2015 the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council met for the regular scheduled Tribal Council meeting. During this meeting, Vice Chairman Kevin Wright while presiding as chairman tried to vote to approve a motion. Article IV Section 4 of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe By-Laws specifically states:

In all instances, resolution, or motions the duly elected councilmen may act by two third (2.3) majority vote of the full Tribal Council, but all matters of importance shall be fully discussed and a reasonable attempt shall be made to secure unanimous agreement. The Chairman shall only vote to break a tie. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

As Secretary/Treasurer I called for point of order to inform the Vice Chairman he could not vote. He disagreed and proceeded on with the meeting. I informed him that I would not participate in a meeting that was not following the Tribal Constitution and excused myself from the meeting. Article IV Section 2 of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe By-Laws specifically states:

**SECTION 2. Quorum.** No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of five (5) council members. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

It is my understanding that Vice Chairman Wright along with Councilpersons Sonny Ziegler and Desiree Laroche continued on with the meeting without an official quorum present. Any actions taken by them shall be considered illegal and are not valid.

Thank you.