



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Tribal Council Minutes  
September 4, 2024**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday September 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:37 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Jewel Jandreau and dedicated to Vance Jandreau Sr., Erwin “Doe Doe” LaRoche, William “Sonny” Isburg, Elvah LaRoche, and Emil “Levi” Flute.

**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:**

Bill Ziegler	Sheryll Scott	Fely Goodface	Brian Wagner
Marlo Langdeau	Shirley Crane	Josie Skunk	Lydia Skunk
Lance Witte	Waylon Black Crow	Mark Van Norman	Shenan Atcitty
Lisa Goodlow	Ben Estes	Wilma Wilson	Anne Whitney

**1. Close August 2024 Meeting**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve closing the August 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 August 2024 Minutes**

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

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

**3. Donation Request-Thomas Eagle Thunder**

Refer to CFO Bill Ziegler.

No Action Taken.

**4. CFO Update**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to request through BIA to re-contract all active and existing 638 programs for FY2025. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to amend the Funeral Assistance Policy and increase the amount of funeral assistance to the funeral home to \$5,250.00. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**5. Lower Brule Roads Department**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the bid from Graham Tires in the amount of \$9,054.00 for the purpose of new tires. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

**6. Lower Brule Wildlife Department**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Wildlife Department to submit a grant proposal to the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program for the Little Bend River Restoration Project. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

**7. Lower Brule Schools**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve raising the per diem rate for student activities to \$20 per meal. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

**8. Tribal Education Department**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to support a formal complaint against the SD Education Department of Education, South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations, and South Dakota Office of Indian Education. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

**9. Evan Hawk Request**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the request to use the softball field on October 5-6, 2024 for a Jordan Steele Memorial Tournament. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

**10. Tribal Manager Update**

The Lower Brule Community Center roof is being fixed. The indoor pool will be next along with replacing windows that were vandalized.

A grant for potable water has been finalized.

Tribal manager is working with the insurance adjuster for insurance claims the tribal administration building repairs.

Recess 12:03 p.m.

Return 1:39 p.m.

**11. BIA**

Informational.

No Action Taken.

## **12. Mark Van Norman & Company**

Executive Session 2:42 p.m.

Open Session 3:21 p.m.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to call for co-stewardship of the Fort Pierre National Grasslands. 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 call for co-stewardship of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

## **13. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

### **Human Services Department**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve hiring Kimberly Flute for the position of Office Worker III. This motion was seconded by Lewis Grassrope.

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

## **14. Lower Brule Enrollment**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve five on reservation individuals for enrollment into the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. 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 relinquishment requests of three individuals from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

## **15. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

### **Lower Brule Daycare**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Director's recommendation to hire the following individuals as childcare workers: Xairin Eagle Chasing, Esibelle Estes, and Casey Grassrope. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

### **General Counsel**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the contract for General Counsel for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe with Atcitty Van Norman, LLC, effective August 28, 2024 through January 31, 2026. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

## **16. Veterans Request**

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the previous ten acres for the Lower Brule Veterans Group to be used for tiny homes project. This motion was seconded by Chris Skunk.

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

**17. Lower Brule Personnel Department**

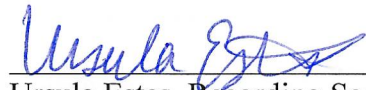
**Boys & Girls Club**

Motion was made by Chris Skunk to approve the Boys & Girls Club Board's recommendation to hire Kylee Estes for the position of Director. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Fely Goodface).

Recess 4:31 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



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Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe