



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
October 7, 2020**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boyd Gourneau at 10:01 am.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Boyd Gourneau
Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell
Secretary-Treasurer: Orville Langdeau Jr.
Council Member: Marvin Grassrope Sr.
Council Member: John McCauley
Council Member: Clyde Estes

Also Present:

Randy Seiler
Wilma Wilson
Josie Skunk
Evelyn Charging
Dr. Brian Molyneaux

1. Close September 2020 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close September 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded by Orville Langdeau Jr.

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

2. Approve September 2020 minutes

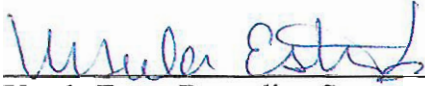
Motion was made by Orville Langdeau Jr. to approve September 2020 minutes. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

12. Recess called at 10:08 am.

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 October, 2020.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
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October 7, 2020**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday October 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde Estes at 1:55 pm.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain John McCauley.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Clyde Estes

Vice Chairman: Neil "Cody" Russell

Secretary-Treasurer: Marvin Grassrope Sr. (appeared telephonically)

Council Member: Stephanie Bolman

Council Member: John McCauley

Council Member: Donovan Grassrope

Also Present:

Randy Seiler

Christine Olson

Shirley Crane

Jewel Jandreau

Quintin McGhee

Bob Merritt

Trish Lundell

Susan Ziegler

1. Motion to adopt electronic proceedings due to current pandemic of covid-19.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve electronic proceedings. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

2. Select Chaplain and Sgt. At Arms.

Motion made by John McCauley to nominate Cody Russell for Chaplain. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman. Nomination was declined by Cody Russell. Motion and second was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to nominate John McCauley for Chaplain. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting (John McCauley).

Motion was made by John McCauley to nominate Donovan Grassrope for Sgt. At Arms. This motion seconded by Cody Russell.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting (Donovan Grassrope).

3. Approve draws as interest becomes available from accounts PL7247700, ID8003694, JA939714 within the Office of Trust Fund Management and include the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Trust Fund through the United States Treasury account number 20X8207; FY2021, 2022.

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell. Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

4. Approve the resolution concerning adding signatories (Wells Fargo Bank and First Dakota Bank) and request for records and to include Bureau of Reclamation Accounts (Rural Water Account).

Motion was made by John McCauley to add the following signatories: Chairman Clyde Estes, Vice Chairman Cody Russell, Secretary-Treasurer Marvin Grassrope Sr., Council member Stephanie Bolman, Council member John McCauley, Council member Donovan Grassrope. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

5. Motion to remove former Chairman Boyd Gourneau and former Secretary-Treasurer Orville Langdeau Jr. from signatories list of payroll accounts.

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to remove former chairman and former secretary-treasurer from signatories list. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

6. Address Sandra Byington's letter of request for assistance with plumbing.

John McCauley will follow up and report back.

No formal action taken.

7. Lower Brule Health Department gave a presentation to council on current covid-19 numbers—Christine Olson, Shirley Crane, Jewel Jandreau.

This program provides everyone in the quarantined homes two meals a day within the Lower Brule Reservation; approximately 1,800 meals served so far. Current covid-19 numbers: 11 active cases; 102 recoveries; 3 deaths; 35 in quarantine.

No formal action taken.

8. Golden Buffalo Casino update—Quintin McGhee.

Casino is in Phase 3: Staff does sanitizing of the casino every hour; temperature checks required; machines are cleaned after every use; capacity capped at 50%; rapid testing for covid-19 of staff. Indian Gaming Commission Board of Directors: budget is for certification trainings; no minutes are being taken; 28 internal control findings since January 2020; corrective actions have been taken on four findings with new compliance officer.

Two IRS findings: Title 31 policy and Suspicious Activity and Reporting needs to be addressed as nothing is currently in place and casino could face fines/penalties.

Lower Brule Programs utilizing casino services are not paying invoices; \$31,514.12 unpaid past due bills. New bills since the casino reopened amount to approximately \$12,000 that are unpaid. Excessive damage to the motel has been done by individuals staying during quarantine.

Ketel Thorstenson, LLP replaced ELO as external auditors for the casino.

No formal action taken.

9. Tribal Finance Department Cares Act Report—Trish Lundell, Susan Ziegler.

Cares Act amount received \$7,812,569.62 (\$5.8M remaining).

Aid to Tribal Government amount received \$1,047,154.00 (\$104,000 remaining).

No formal action taken.

10. Executive Session

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to go into Executive Session 5:40 pm. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Return from Executive Session 6:53 pm.

11. Lower Brule Propane proposal for new propane truck—Shawn LaRoche.

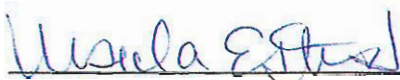
Further information needs to be submitted.

No formal action taken.

12. Recess called at 6:57 pm.

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