



**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Council Minutes
April 7, 2021**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council meeting was held at the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday April 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde J.R. Estes at 10:05 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	Josie Skunk	Sheryl Scott
Sadie Jandreau	Sean Wooster	Martha Coleman
Lance Witte	Brian Wagner	Darrel DuVall
Kim Schwietzer	Logan Moeller	Chris Skunk
Rianna Albers	James Two Bulls	Yuma House
Tony Battese	Tim Azure	Maycee Ness
Justin Schmidt	Josie Skunk	

1. Close March 2021 Meeting

Motion was made by John McCauley to close the March 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

2. Approve March 2021 Minutes

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the March 2021 minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

3. Sky Byington—Request

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Sky Byington’s request to hold a memorial for his father at the Lower Brule Pow-wow grounds on June 20, 2021. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

4. Stephanie Langdeau—Request

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Stephanie Langdeau's request to hold a memorial softball tournament at the Lower Brule softball field on June 3rd and 4th, 2021. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

5. Jolanna Gillette—Request

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve Jolanna Gillette's request to relinquish enrollment of M.R.T. from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe due to extenuating circumstances. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

6. Lower Brule Head Start

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule Head Start's revised budget in the amount of \$535,639. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve the Lower Brule Head Start's request for a 1.22% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

7. Cultural Resources Update

The Lower Brule Tribal website now has a fill-able job application available. A link will also be added to give information about tours of Lower Brule sites.

The Cultural Resources Program is donating plastic-ware, paper plates, cups and napkins to the Healing Ceremony April 8-10, 2021.

Historical remains were found 20 miles north of the Oahe Dam; Cultural Resources is working to find a new burial place.

Pow-wow: there will be a coordinated effort with the softball committee and rodeo committee to plan COVID-19 precautions.

The 2021 Annual Fair is tentatively being planned amid the current COVID-19 pandemic. If there is a need to cancel due to a rise in active COVID-19 cases the Cultural Resources Program will work to coordinate a smaller, alternative pow-wow plan.

No Action Taken.

8. Cedar Tree Mitigation Plan

Motion was made by Donovan Grassrope to approve and authorize the BIA to consult and prepare a reservation wide plan including mechanical and burn plans for the purpose of hazardous fuel reduction and to stimulate the regeneration of native grassland plant communities. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

9. Lower Brule Schools

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the Lower Brule School Systems Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) budget in the amount of \$1,444,950 with the understanding that adjustments will be made. 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 bid from Foreman Sales & Service to purchase a 2020 Chevy Collins white bus in the amount of \$60,200. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Cody Russell to approve the bid from Ryonet to purchase a small screen print start-up in the amount of \$25,697.78. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent.

Motion was made by Cody Russell to authorize the Lower Brule School System to enter into an agreement with KIA motors which will provide the football program with a one-time contribution in the amount of \$50,000. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve the Lower Brule School System to return to full school days for the remainder of the current school year. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

10. Sheryl Scott & Martha Coleman Update

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman to approve the development of a constitutional committee to review the Lower Brule Constitution and By-laws with the understanding that all tribal members will be given an opportunity to be on the committee. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Recess 12:41 pm

Return 1:27 pm

11. Lower Brule Police Department

One dispatcher is relocating; direct hire for this position is available. Two correctional officers have been hired and started working. Officer completing K-9 training on April 8, 2021.

No Action Taken.

12. Lower Brule Indian Health Services

COVID-19 Vaccines: 1,211 shots have been given; of those 555 were booster shots. 30% of the population in Lower Brule has been vaccinated. 3,020 COVID-19 tests have been completed.

May 3 & 25, 2021 a FEMA trailer will provide COVID-19 vaccines to anyone 16 years or older.

No Action Taken.

13. Oacoma Project

Motion was made by John McCauley to ratify and affirm the request that the Environmental Assessment to the Secretary of the Interior be submitted through the Regional Director of the Great Plains for the BIA in reference to the Oacoma Gaming Project. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one absent (Cody Russell).

14. Red Tail Express

\$1.9-\$2M bids will go out for contract to build the Red Tail Express transit bus bay.

No Action Taken.

15. Rural Development

A Feasibility Study for a grocery store in Lower Brule has been completed.

No Action Taken.

16. Lower Brule Fire Hall

A final inspection has not been completed. Preparations need to be made for a final inspection.

No Action Taken.

17. Lower Brule Justice Center Project

It will cost \$2.3M in repairs for the Lower Brule Justice Center. The project was initially estimated for an amount under Code A plans. Code B was a more expensive plan. Code B plan was used with the budget amount given for Code A. The project was underfunded to begin with. Phase 1—inspect what needs to be repaired. There are no drain tiles.

Phase 2—install drain tiles.

Phase 3—wait for building to settle and water to dry out.

No Action Taken.

18. BIA Update

Update on alleged cattle abuse/neglect—upon range unit inspection the cattle were in decent body condition.

A recommendation was made by BIA for council to develop a protocol for releasing enrollment books to local programs that need the information. BIA can tailor each book to fit the informational needs of the individual programs.

Motion was made by John McCauley to modify the residential lease for Dalton Grassel to a 50 year term to coincide with his mortgage requirements. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

19. Lower Brule Personnel

Lower Brule Counseling Service

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve hiring Marlita Grassrope for the position of Administrative Assistant/Data Coordinator for the Lower Brule Counseling Service with Casey Grassrope as the alternate. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Native Connections

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Desiree LaRoche for the position of Adult Care Coordinator for the Native Connections Program with Marlo Langdeau as the alternate. 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 hiring Marlo Langdeau for the position of Director of the Native Connections Program. This motion was seconded by Marvin Grassrope Sr.

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

Lower Brule Environmental Protection Office (EPO)

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve hiring Sheldon Fletcher for the position of 319 Water Quality Coordinator for the Lower Brule EPO Program. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Lower Brule Gaming Commission

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Christian Skunk as a member of the Lower Brule Gaming Commission. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bolman.

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

Motion was made by Marvin Grassrope Sr. to approve Colin Colombe as a member of the Lower Brule Gaming Commission. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

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

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve Marlene Crowe as an alternate member of the Lower Brule Gaming Commission. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope.

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

Lower Brule Farm Board & Lower Brule Corporation—new members will be chosen at a later date. Tabled

Executive Session 5:02 pm

Return 5:39 pm

20. Other Business

Motion was made by John McCauley to approve and authorize Teresa Grassrope as a signatory on all the Kul Wicasa Oyate Trading Post accounts as interim manager. This motion was seconded by Cody Russell.

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

Motion was made by Stephanie Bolman approving a resolution for trespassing or removing Edgar Antonio Zaragosa aka “Carlos” from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and its properties and lands for a period of 20 years. This motion was seconded by John McCauley.

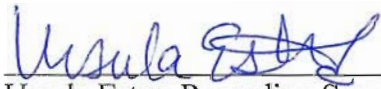
Motion carried with the vote being five members for, none opposing.

Motion was made by John McCauley approving the State of Oklahoma's Requisition Request for the extradition of John Taylor Big Eagle. This motion was seconded by Donovan Grassrope. Motion carried with the vote being four members for, one not voting (Marvin Grassrope Sr.).

Recess 5:43 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 7th day of April, 2021.



Ursula Estes, Recording Secretary
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe