

LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE:

Lower Brule, South Dakota.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:

January 7, 1939, 2:30 P.M.

STATE WHETHER REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING: (If special meeting by what authority was meeting called and for what special business.)

Regular meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Reuben Estes, Chairman.

COUNCILMEN AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Reuben Estes, Chairman.  
Harvey Big Eagle, Secretary.  
Abe Langdeau, Treasurer.  
John La Roche, Sargeant-at-arms.  
James Byrnes  
Peter Flute  
Josephine Spotted Hawk  
Emma Bad Horse  
Harvey Langdeau  
Dan Quilt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Roush, Farm Agent.  
Mr. James Hyde, Supt.  
Mr. H. T. Scott, Clerk in Charge.  
Mr. Jakes, Junior Clerk.

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A petition, organized by the woman of the Lower Brule Reservation was read, asking the councils help in organizing a Native Arts and Craft on the Lower Brule Reservation. Mr. Hyde suggested the Secretary write a letter to a woman, now in the field, asking her aid in the organization of the Native Arts and Craft. A motion was made by Emma Bad Horse asking that a letter be written to this woman. More discussion followed and a motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle to close further discussion. It was seconded by Harvey Langdeau, and the motion carried by a vote of 6 for and 0 against. The motion made by Emma Bad Horse was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle, and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

A letter from Charles Morse, Engineer of Fort Totten Indian Agency, was read, asking the council for the use of the Island directly across from the Lower Brule Agency. His plan was to build a home and develop a dairy farm. This Island has also been asked for by George De Sheugnette. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to reserve this Island, as well as other Islands for timber reserves for tribal use. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against. Another motion was made by Harvey Langdeau approving of the application of Charles Morse, providing he make a different selection of land for his enterprise. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and carried by a vote of 8 for and 1 against.

Another letter was read by the Secretary from Dick La Roche asking the council to submit a permit for the trapping of beavers on an allotment of tribal land. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau authorizing the Superintendent to submit a permit for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Another letter was read by the Secretary from Mrs. Gladys De Sheugnette Pickner asking to trade her allotment of 160 acres, no. 854; SE/4, Sec. 2; Township 107 N; Range 75 W; for the Hampton place, Ft. Hale, S/2 Sec. 32; Township 106 N; Range 71 W; 160 acres. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to drop the matter because no exchange of land permits are issued, she is a non-resident of the reservation, and she is married to a white man. The motion was seconded by Peter Flute and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.



MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Reuben Estes. The roll was called and all were present. Chaplain Mrs. Spotted Hawk read the prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Mrs. Spotted Hawk to adopt them and was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

The committee appointed to investigate loan applications were asked to give their report. Mr. Roush gave the necessary information concerning these loans. He stated that the five loans ready for immediate action were those of Oscar Two Hawks, Harvey Langdeau, Millard Johnson, Jim Byrnes, and Dan Quilt. A motion was made by John La Roche to adopt the report of the committee and was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

The next business brought up was that concerning a loan made by Philip La Roche, which he asked the council to reconsider and approve, after informing the council by letter at the previous meeting to cancel the loan due to delay. It was left until the next regular meeting for further action.

A letter was read by the Secretary, Harvey Big Eagle, from Thomas Eagle Thunder asking the council for an extension on the period of time given him in which to vacate. He stated he did not have, at present, a place in which to move, and had paid his rent in full. A motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle to support the motion of the previous meeting and pronounce the house vacant, by notifying him through a letter written by the Secretary. Mr. Hyde suggested an ammendment of the motion, empowering the Chairman to take such legal steps as would be necessary to pronounce the house vacant. Harvey Langdeau seconded the motion made by Harvey Big Eagle, and it carried by a vote of 8 for and 1 against.

The next matter brought up by Mrs. Spotted Hawk was that concerning an Island, which had been discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Hyde stated that he had written a statement concerning this matter to Washington, but hadnot, as yet, received an answer.



the W.P.A. build all the toilets and it was seconded by Jim Byrnes. The motion carried by a vote of 5 for and 4 against. It was decided that Reuben Estes be appointed to decide where these houses would be placed.

Peter Flute asked the council for a permit to trap five beavers which is the maximum, on his allotment of tribal land. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to authorize the Superintendent to submit a permit for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

The next matter was brought up by Mr. Roush, informing the council that the Sewing machine should be repossessed from Susy Langdeau, as she is back four months on her payments. As there are buyers for this machine it should either be repossessed or the payments attended to immediately. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau notifying her, by letter, of the repossessing of the machine. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Next, Mr. Jakes brought up an agreement for the purpose of transferring the funds from Mr. Hydes account to the account of the tribe. The tribe will then disperse it through Mr. Hyde instead of through the office at Watertown. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau empowering the Chairman of the tribal council to enter into the grant agreement for \$11,835.00 in accordance with the program which has already been approved. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle, and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Mr. Roush presented the loan agreement of Oscar Two Hawks to the council for its acceptance. A motion was made by Jim Byrnes to accept this loan agreement and was seconded by Harvey Langdeau. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Another loan agreement presented by Mr. Roush, was that of George De Sheugnette. A motion was made by Jim Byrnes to accept the loan agreement and it was seconded by Emma Bad Horse. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Mr. Scott presented a bill to the council members for the purpose of paying George De Sheugnette for the care and responsibility of the hall during community activities. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to pay George De Sheugnette five dollars for the past month and hereafter fifty cents a night. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle, and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.



Mr. Big Eagle brought up the question concerning the well on his temporary assignment which needed repairing. He stated that it had been throwing mud. It was decided that Mr. Hyde would see that some one take care of the matter.

The question of buying the store from Mr. Wattson, was brought up by Harvey Big Eagle but it was decided that the council would refer the matter to the committee for further investigation.

Mr. Hyde gave a brief synopsis of the work accomplished at the special meeting of the stock association. Changes were made in the Constitution and By Laws and they should be taken care of before any division of profits could be made. The date at which the new apportionment of funds would go into effect would be on Feb. 28, 1939. Another change was also made in that the members of the stock association would not only get back the two dollars paid out for each share but plus the earnings of the past year from each head, and any person owing the tribal council will not be permitted to withdraw from the association. A motion was made by Jim Byrnes that the amendment of the special addition to the By Laws of the Lower Brule Stock Association as adopted at the special meeting on December 16, 1938, be approved. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Mr. Hyde also suggested a vote be taken concerning two paragraphs in the loan agreement that had been revised at the previous meeting of the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Jim Byrnes to approve the action of the Board of Directors of the Lower Brule Live Stock Association in amending its loan agreement at its meeting on January 7, 1939, and was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Another matter brought up by Mr. Hyde was about the construction of sanitary toilets. He stated that the State Board of Health had come to him to obtain material for the construction of toilets on each of the Indian homes on the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Reservations. A deal was made with the W.P.A. concerning this, and it was decided either to have the W.P.A. build the houses with lumber etc. furnished by the government and they make the cement slabs and use their own workers; or, have W.P.A. build the slabs, and set up forty toilets, letting the Indian boys set the other twenty up and use the Rehabilitation house funds for this purpose. A motion was made by Emma Bad Horse to let



Another bill was presented by Mr. Scott for the purpose of obtaining six window panes 10/18, at nineteen cents apiece, making a total of \$1.14. A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to grant this bill and was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

It was discussed and decided that the minutes should be typed and sent to Mr. Hyde as soon as possible so that he may act upon them before the next meeting.

A report of the Rehabilitation house rentals were given by Mr. Scott. A suggestion was made by Mr. Hyde to adopt a motion stating that all rent bills payable on the tenth of each month be paid or pay a certain percent more according to the amount of time taken to pay.

Another bill was presented by Mr. Scott, for the purpose of paying Jim Byrnes for services rendered during the months of July and August. A motion was made to that effect by Harvey Langdeau and seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to grant to Russel Long Turkey, Rehabilitation house No. 3, on the condition that he pay his back rent up to date. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it was carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

Another motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to grant House No. 1, which will be the next vacant one to Mr. Eagle Horse, if he is willing to accept this house. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle and it was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Harvey Langdeau to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. The motion carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.P.M.

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Regular meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

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COUNCILMEN AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

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3. Loan Application Canceled (Dick La Roche)-----	" 3.
4. Temporary Assignment (Benjamin Thompson Jr.)--	" 3.
5. Bill Presented (Mr. H.T. Scott)-----	" 4.
6. Including Sub-Marginal Land in Advertising----	" 4.
7. Bill Presented (Mr. George De Sheugnette)-----	" 4.
8. Wattson Store Proposition Excepted-----	" 5.
9. Bill Presented (Helen Langdeau)-----	" 5.



MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, Reuben Estes. The roll was called and all were present except Harvey Langdeau. Chaplain, Mrs Spotted Hawk read the prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by James Byrnes to adopt them and was seconded by Abe Langdeau. The motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

Mr. Scott presented the loan applications of Millard Johnson, and Harvey Langdeau for final approval. He also stated that the renewed loan application made by Philip La Roche has been withdrawn. The loan committee were asked to give their recommendation or opinion concerning each of these loans. In behalf of the loan committee, Harvey Big Eagle recommended the loan made by Harvey Langdeau in the amount of \$1925.00. A motion was made by Abe Langdeau acknowledging the recommendation and was seconded by Emma Bad Horse. The motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against. The Millard Johnson loan application amounting to \$950.00 was recommended by Harvey Big Eagle. A motion was made by Emma Bad Horse acknowledging the recommendation and was seconded by Abe Langdeau. The motion was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

Mr. Scott informed the loan committee that more preliminary requests were ready for further action. He also stated that a letter had been received from Charles R. Mountjoy, asking information concerning Moses Two Hawks loan payment due October 1, 1938, in the amount of \$190.00 plus interest. It was decided that the loan committee question Mr. Two Hawks with regard to his delinquent status. Another letter had been received from Mr. Mountjoy regarding a loan agreement of Lyle and Alyce B. La Roche, having a payment due December 1, 1938 in the amount of \$30.00 plus interest. As no money has been drawn from this account there will be no payment due or interest. It was decided that Mr. Mountjoy be informed of this matter.

The report was given by Mrs. Spotted Hawk regarding the condition of the Rehabilitation houses for the month of January. She also suggested that each house be given a garbage pail and barrel in which to dispose of rubbish etc. It was decided to leave this matter in



the hands of the house committee. A report was given by Mr. Scott regarding the Rehabilitation house rentals. A suggestion was made by Mr. Hyde in which he stated that some action be taken in curbing delinquent rentals. He thought a penalty should be added in the amount of a twenty five percent increase for every ten days they are delinquent. Another suggestion, made by Mr. Scott was that the house committee be given the authority to draw the unpaid rent from the C.C.C.I.D. pay checks. Similar suggestions followed. A motion was made by Mrs. Emma Bad Horse asking the council to empower the house committee to bring action before the tribal court against delinquent rentals. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Spotted Hawk and was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A petition was read by Harvey Big Eagle from members of the Sioux Tribe represented by George Yellow and Thomas Eagle Thunder. As the statements contained in this petition were illegal the matter was closed.

Another letter was read by Harvey Big Eagle from Dick La Roche asking the council to cancel his loan application. He also wishes to inform the council that in 1916 he had borrowed \$590.00 of reinversable funds with which to buy heifers, and has receipts showing the payment has been paid back in full.

Mr. Harvey Big Eagle read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thompson Jr. asking to be granted a temporary assignment to what is known as the Tom Somers place, when it is available. A motion was made by Abe Langdeau and seconded by John La Roche to grant this temporary assignment to Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Thompson Jr. The motion was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

The Secretary read another letter from Laura Zigler asking to be granted a temporary assignment to the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sec. 5: 107-74. This land has been bought by the Resettlement and is available as a temporary assignment. Mr. Scott stated that he has received a more recent letter from Mrs. Zigler saying that she wished to lease this land. Another application was read for this same piece of land from Mr. Earnest Bad Horse. It was decided that this land should be leased to the Indians and that bids be placed, with the advertizing handled by Mr. Scott. A motion was made by John La Roche and seconded by Harvey Big Eagle to place bids for this resettlement allotement. The motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against. Another motion pretaining



to land assignments, was made by Harvey Big Eagle and seconded by James Byrnes, empowering the office to include sub-marginal land when advertizing units. Discussion followed as to the running of sheep on the grazing units of the Brule Reservation. A motion was made by Emma Bad Horse and seconded by Harvey Big Eagle, discontinuing the grazing of sheep on these units. The motion was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A letter was read by the Secretary, from Edward De Freeland, Superintendent of National Park Service, Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, South Dakota, relative to the possibility of starting a Buffalo herd on the Lower Brule Reservation. Information was also received regarding the handling of these animals. A motion was made by Jim Byrnes to have the Secretary write a letter thanking them for their interest, as there is no available place in which to keep them at the present time. The motion was seconded by Abe Langdeau and it was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

The Secretary next read a letter from Job White stating that he wished to relinquish what is known as Marions Island, back to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. A trustpatent dated in 1924, accompanied this letter. This Island has never been surveyed and because of a misunderstanding, he was of the opinion that it had belonged to him. The lot described in the trustpatent is located at Cedar Creek. Mr. Hyde also read a letter from Washington relative to the unsurveyed Island. It stated that more information or proof should be given before further action could be taken. It was decided that Mr. Scott prepare affidavits from individuals who are certain that the Island was there at the time of the survey and have them submitted to Washington.

A bill was presented by Mr. Scott for tribal council stationary, in the amount of \$22.80. A motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle and seconded by James Byrnes authorizing the payment of this bill. A motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

Another bill was presented for police work and care of the hall, by George De Sheugnette, in the amount of \$14.50, for the month of January. A motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle and seconded by Abe Langdeau authorizing the payment of this bill. The motion was carried by a vote of 7 for and 1 against.



A request was asked for the purpose of cutting posts on the Island located near the Agency. These posts would not only be useful on projects but would also furnish employment for the CCCID Boys. A motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle not to grant this request, as all Islands were to be used for tribal use. Another motion was made by Peter Flute to grant this request. Mr. Hyde informed the council that the ranger would report as to the possibility of this enterprise. Peter Flute's motion was seconded by Dan Quilt and was carried by a vote of 7 for and 1 against.

Another bill was presented by Helen Langdeau for secretarial work done for the tribal council in the amount of \$13.50. A motion was made by Harvey Big Eagle and seconded by John La Roche, authorizing the payment of this bill. The motion was carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

The next business was brought up with regard to the buying of the Wattson store. A motion was made by James Byrnes to accept the proposition. The motion was seconded by Harvey Big Eagle. More discussion followed regarding the handling and buying of the store. Mr. Hyde suggested a modification of Mr. Byrnes' motion, and said that the committee talk over its activities with the idea of developing a plan for the purchasing and operating of the Wattson store, to draw up a program with Mr. Mountjoy and Mr. Hyde and work out the acceptable plan of operation. Then place it before the council for their action. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 for and 3 against.

A motion was made by John La Roche and seconded by Emma Bad Horse authorizing the Superintendent to pay tribal members from another available fund rather than get them from Washington. The motion was carried by a vote of 6 for and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30. P.M.

*Arthur Ester*

*Harvey Big Eagle*