



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Jandreau".

Michael B Jandreau

Eighteenth Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

October 1984– April 3, 2015<sup>1</sup>

Born: October 20, 1943 Died: April 3, 2015

**Before Chairmanship:**

- Tribal Council Member
  - 1976–1978; 1980–1984
- Vice Chairman 1972–1974
- Chairman
  - 1974–1976
  - 1978–1980

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<sup>1</sup> Chairman Michael B Jandreau Passed April 2015 and the position was vacant until the 2016 election

## 1984 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Patrick Spears (Incumbent) running for his 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 5<sup>th</sup> term on council. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member.

### Results

#### 1984–1986 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
- Kay Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- William “Bill” Ziegler, Secretary–Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Charles Langdeau
  - Ted Rouillard
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Bill Jandreau (Off-Reservation Rep)

## 1986 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 3<sup>rd</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. Serving his 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive term (14 Years)

### Results

#### 1986–1988 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Recording Secretary
- Kay Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- Wilma Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - John Estes Sr.
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Arnold Sazue

## 1988 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1988–1990 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Recording Secretary
- Ramona Johnson, Vice-Chairman
- Shirley Crane, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - John Estes Sr.
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Quinten “Bim” Estes

## 1990 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1990-1992 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Kay Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- Richard P. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Elvera Driving Hawk
  - Orville "Red" Langdeau Jr.

## 1992 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1992-1994 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Kay Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- Shirley Crane, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Benjamin "Bugsy" Thompson
  - John Estes Sr.

## 1994 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1994-1996 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau, Vice-Chairman
- Shirley Crane, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Richard P Thompson
  - Benjamin “Bugsy” Thompson
  - James Hawkwing

## 1996 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1996–1998 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau, Vice-Chairman
- Shirley Crane, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - James Hawking<sup>2</sup>
  - Emily Flute
  - Wilma Wilson<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> James Hawking Passed Dec 1997

<sup>3</sup> Wilma Wilson Appointed Jan 1998



## 1998 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 6<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 13 terms (26 Years).

### Results

#### 1998–2000 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr., Vice-Chairman
- Charles Flute, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - William “Pooh” Ziegler

## 2000 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).

### Results

#### 2000–2002 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr., Vice-Chairman
- Charles Flute, Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Alfred “Sonny” Ziegler

## 2002 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).
- John R. (Jack) Estes (Community Member), military background and previously served as an EMT for the Ambulance Service. Ran for Chairman in 2010.

### Results

#### 2002–2004 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr., Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Benjamin “Bugsy” Thompson
  - Shawn LaRoche
  - Alfred “Sonny” Ziegler

## 2004 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).
- John R. (Jack) Estes (Community Member), military background and previously served as an EMT for the Ambulance Service. Ran for Chairman in 2010.

### Results

#### 2004–2006 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Sandy Lacroix, Administrative Assistant
  - Mary Jane Harmon, Recording Secretary
- Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr., Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Shawn LaRoche

## 2006 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).

### Results

#### 2006–2008 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Patti Moore, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Sandy Lacroix, Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Boyd Gourneau
  - Shawn LaRoche

## 2008 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).

### Results

#### 2008–2010 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Patti Moore, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Boyd Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Shawn LaRoche
  - Gayle Ziegler

## 2010 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).
- John R. (Jack) Estes (Community Member), military background and previously served as an EMT for the Ambulance Service. 2010.

### Results

#### 2010–2012 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Patti Moore, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Boyd Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Shawn LaRoche
  - Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr.

## 2012 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 19 terms (38 Years).
- John R. (Jack) Estes (Community Member), military background and previously served as an EMT for the Ambulance Service. Ran for Chairman in 2010.

### Results

#### 2012–2014 Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Patti Moore, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Boyd Gourneau, Vice-Chairman
- John McCauley Sr., Secretary –Treasurer
- Council Members
  - Darrell Middletent
  - Shawn LaRoche
  - Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr.

#### *Other Tribal Administration*

- Tara Adamski, Tribal Attorney
- Lee Brennan, Tribal Manager
- Scott Jones, Administrative Officer
- Claire Green, Public Information Officer
- Lorrie Miner, Chief Judge



## 2014 Lower Brule Tribal Chairman Election

### Candidates

- Michael B Jandreau (Incumbent) in his 16<sup>th</sup> term as tribal chairman. Previous chairmanships, served as vice-chairman, and council member. The longest serving council member at 20 terms (40 Years).
- Lewis Grassrope (Conservation Officer), first ran for council in 2012.
- Travis Ziegler (Community Member).

### Results

- The primary election was held on August 5, 2014 between Incumbent Chairman Michael B Jandreau, Lewis Grassrope and Travis Ziegler. The results were Chairman Jandreau placed first with 40.5% and 184 votes, Lewis Grassrope placed second with 39.8% and 181 votes, and Travis Ziegler finished third with 89 votes and 19.60% of the vote.
- The general election took place on September 2, 2014. Incumbent Chairman Michael B Jandreau won a 22<sup>nd</sup> term as Chairman with 273 votes and 52.4% of the vote to Lewis Grassropes 47.6% and 248 votes.

		Primary	General	Precent of Voters-P	Precent of Voters-G
<b>Chairman</b>					
<b>Michael B.</b>	<b>Jandreau</b>	184	273	40.53%	52.4%
Lewis	Grassrope	181	248	39.87%	47.6%
Travis	Ziegler	89		19.60%	
Total	Voters	454	521		

## October 2014 – April 3, 2015<sup>4</sup> Jandreau Administration

- Michael B Jandreau, Chairman
  - Jerauld Jandreau, Administrative Assistant
  - Scott Jones, Recording Secretary
- Kevin Wright, Vice-Chairman
- Orville “Red” Langdeau Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
- Council Members
  - John McCauley Sr.
  - Sonny Ziegler
  - Desiree LaRoche

### Other Tribal Administration

- Tara Adamski, Tribal Attorney
- Lee Brennan, Tribal Manager
- Scott Jones, Administrative Officer
- Claire Green, Public Information Officer
- Lorrie Miner, Chief Judge

### BIA Administration

- James Two Bulls, BIA Superintendent

### Major Events

- December 12, 2014: Vice-Chairman Wright and Councilpersons Desiree Laroche and Sonny Ziegler held an impromptu meeting in the Tribal Council Chambers without notice. This meeting was recorded and posted with much editing on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZ0-7OYzW1M>). During this meeting they proceeded to call roll-call and declared Chairman Jandreau and Councilmen John McCauley and Orville Langdeau absent. They proceeded to appoint replacements, naming Lewis Grassrope as the new Chairman, Loretta Grassrope as the new

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<sup>4</sup> Chairman Jandreau passed away on April 3, 2015

Secretary Treasurer and Robbie Her Many Horses as Councilman. This was an attempted overthrow of the tribal Government – a violation of the Constitution's Code of Ethics.

- Human Rights Watch Report Published in January 2015.
- March 27, 2015: Chairman Jandreau was flown to a Sioux Falls, SD hospital.
- Chairman Jandreau Passes Away on April 3, 2015 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

### Setbacks

- Constant Court Battles between council members
- Health was deteriorating