

**ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE**  
**Resolution No, 2020-171**

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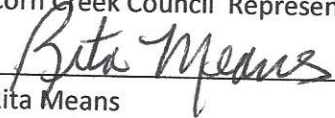
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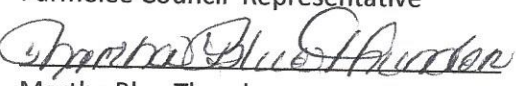
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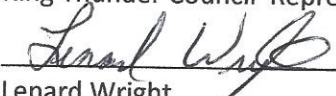
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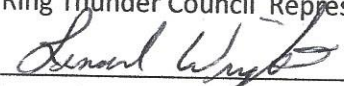
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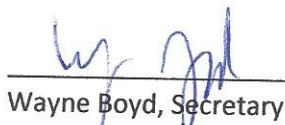
  
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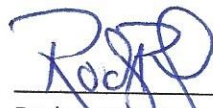
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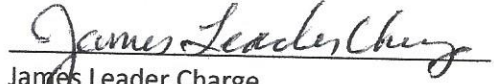
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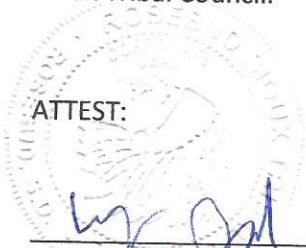
  
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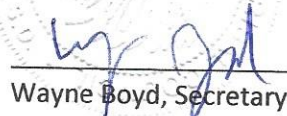
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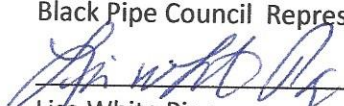
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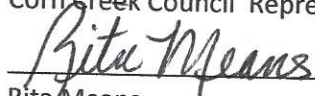
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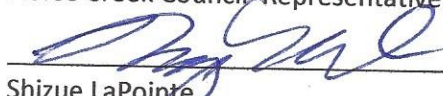
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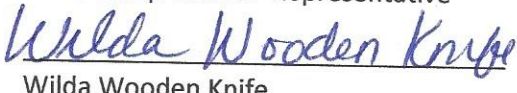
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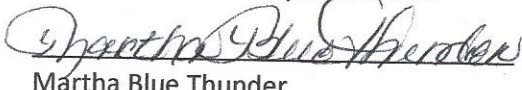
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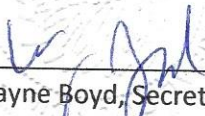
  
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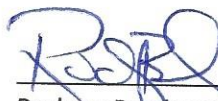
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Delores Totes Wain  
Antelope Council Representative

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Date

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Russell Eagle Bear  
Black Pipe Council Representative

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Date

  
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Lisa White Pipe  
Bull Creek Council Representative

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Date

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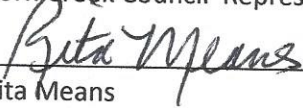
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8-6-2020

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Clifford Lafferty

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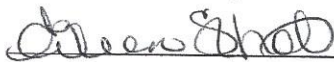
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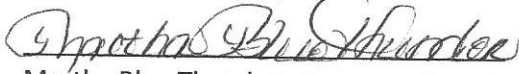
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Martha Blue Thunder

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Rosebud Council Representative

Kathleen Wooden Knife  
Soldier Creek Council Representative

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Spring Creek Council Representative

8-6-20  
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Sharon Swift  
St. Francis Council Representative

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James Leader Charge  
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08-06-2020  
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Richard Whipple  
Two Strike Council Representative

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Date

Dwight D. Spotted Tail  
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Upper Cut Meat Council Representative

08/06/2020  
Date

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the above Resolution No. 2020-171 was duly circulated and signed by representatives of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council. Said petition was duly passed, as signed by a majority of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council.

ATTEST:

Wayne Boyd  
Wayne Boyd, Secretary  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Rodney Bordeaux  
Rodney Bordeaux, President  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe





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Administration

**AUG 24 2020**

Honorable Rodney Bordeaux  
President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
Post Office Box 430  
Rosebud, South Dakota 57570

Attention: Louis Wayne Boyd, RST Secretary

Dear President Bordeaux:

The following resolutions received in this office on 08/20/2020, have been reviewed and re-routed to the appropriate branches.

Resolution No. 2020-100 (Rescinded: 08/07/2020)  
Resolution No. 2020-168  
Resolution No. 2020-170  
Resolution No. 2020-171  
Resolution No. 2020-172  
Resolution No. 2020-173  
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Sincerely,

Lee A. Beardt  
Superintendent

Enclosure