ORDINANCE CREATING THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE’S LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council hereby ordains:


There is hereby created a committee for the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation to be called the Land & Natural Resource Committee. The Committee shall operate with participation from tribal members and communities to develop and coordinate all aspects of natural resources of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

SECTION 2. Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of six (6) members of the Tribal Council and three (3) at-large members.

SECTION 3. Terms of Office

The terms of the members of the Committee shall coincide with their terms of the Tribal Council.

SECTION 4. Officers of the Committee

There shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Their duties shall be as follows:

4-A. Chairman – conducts the meeting.

4-B. Vice-Chairman – conducts meetings in the absence of the chairman.

4-C. Secretary – records and disperses minutes of meetings.

SECTION 5. Meetings

The rules for the holding of meetings shall be as follows:

A. The Committee shall meet at least twice a month at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

B. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail for committee conduct.

C. Other special meetings shall be held as needed.

D. To miss four (4) meeting shall be cause for dismissal.
SECTION 6. Quorum

Five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum in which to conduct business.

Any elected Council Representatives and Tribal Vice Chairman who is available at the time a scheduled meeting is to take place, can sit in on that meeting and vote in order to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7. Powers of the Committee

Said Committee shall review and recommend legislation for concurrence by the Tribal Council. All legislation offered to the Tribal Council shall be researched by the Committee.

SECTION 8. Duties of Committee

A. Responsible for providing direction and overseeing of the following programs: Forestry, Natural Resources, Water Resources, Energy, Mineral and other Natural Resources related areas.

B. Management, protection and conservation of Tribal Natural Resources.

C. Securing the rights of the Tribe through revenue collection in Natural Resource Program.

D. Provide guidance and input for more efficient and productive Natural Resource Programs.

E. Ensure proper and environmentally safe development plans for the Tribe.

F. Act as liaison between the programs and the Council for dissemination for information relating to Natural Resource Programs.

G. Uphold the rules, regulations as established by the Tribal Council.

H. Provide long range planning to insure preservation of Tribal Lands for the Rosebud people.

I. Coordinate and provide input on all Natural Resources matters with the BIA and other federal, state, and tribal importance.

J. Evaluate and keep abreast of all latest development of federal, state and other tribal importance.
K. Develop tribal policy relating to Natural Resources, development, protection on all tribal lands and Right-of-Way.

L. Have responsibility for other related tribal property rights to be developed.

M. Have responsibility to the Grazing Resolution and all matters relating thereto.

N. The Committee shall review and make recommendations for allocation of range units to the Tribal Council at the start of each five (5) year grazing contract. During the interim of the contract period, the Committee shall have oversight authority to review applicants and make selections for allocation of range units. Any land issues involving a member of the Land & Natural Resource Committee shall be recommended to the Tribal Council for final approval.

O. The committee shall have the authority to make determinations of home assignment requests and to grant home assignments and to grant home site leases and modifications. A report shall be made to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council.

SECTION 9. Removal of Inactive Members of the Committee

Any member of the Committee may be removed upon missing four (4) meetings. Upon recommendation of the remaining members of the Committee, a new member can be appointed by the Committee.

SECTION 10. Amendments

The Tribal Council may amend this Ordinance by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Council at a regular or special meeting of the Tribal Council.

SECTION 11. The Officers shall have the authority to act on an emergency basis when the Committee is not in regular session.

This Ordinance hereby rescinds and supercedes any and all previous tribal ordinances creating a committee of this nature.

SECTION 12. Reimbursement

The expenses of the At-Large members of the committee can be reimbursed according to the current policy of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Council for committee work. Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council members and employees who are member of the committee shall not be compensated.

(Amending Resolutions: 91-16, 93-248, 94-159, 98-200, 00-11, 04-38, and 09-74)