

JULY 2002 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO JAR0234

INTRODUCED BY: Blaine J. Bulltail, Executive Aid

BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBE

A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION FOR THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE CROW TRIBE OF SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROPOSED BY CONOCO OIL COMPANY TO REDUCE FINANCIAL PENALTY PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES TREASURY RESOLUTION FOR THE 1998 CONOCO PIPELINE SPILL.

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Conoco Pipeline, which crosses the Crow Reservation, ruptured and caused a contaminating oil spill on the Crow reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe filed a lawsuit against the Conoco Oil Company in the Crow Tribal Court that was settled by the renegotiation of a new right way for the Conoco Pipeline in a total amount of \$58,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice commenced an enforcement action against the Conoco Oil Company under the National Environmental Protection Act that resulted in substantial financial penalties for the Conoco Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has agreed to allow the Conoco Oil Company to finance Supplemental Environmental Projects on the Crow Reservation to count as deductions of the financial penalty due to the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe will directly benefit from the proposed Supplemental Environmental Projects rather than for Conoco to pay the required penalty into the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Conoco Oil Company has identified the following four Supplemental Environmental Projects of the Crow Reservation:

1. Re-introduction of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout into the lower 1.8 miles of Lost Creek near Pryor, Montana.
2. Proper abandonment of old community well in Wyola, Montana to prevent algae contamination of the Wyola water supply and to prevent injury to children and animals who may fall into the well.
3. Upgrade and repairs to the Pryor drinking water system to include construction of wellhead protection, investigation of the capacity of existing wells, renovate and rework the existing wells based on investigation, repair existing tank ladder and screen, and paint the storage tank interior.
4. Upgrade and repairs to other reservation communities as needed.

BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF THE CROW TRIBE:

That the Legislative and Executive branches of the Crow Tribal Government hereby endorse the above described Supplemental Environmental Project proposed by Conoco, Inc. on the Crow Reservation and that the Crow Tribal Government will cooperate with Conoco, Inc. on the coordination and completion of the projects including any necessary public notice, exchange of relevant information and cooperation with retained contractors.

CERTIFICATION

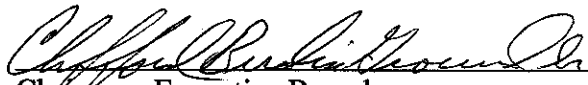
I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 16~~X~~ day of July, 2002.



Speaker, Crow Tribal Legislature

EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby approve, veto this Crow Legislative Bill pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians.



Chairman, Executive Branch
Crow Tribe of Indians

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Bill or resolution number _____ Introduced by _____ Date of Vote JUL 16 2002

Representative	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Bull Tail	✓	—	—	—
Costa	—	—	—	—
Crooked Arm	✓	—	—	—
Little Light	✓	—	—	—
Plain Feather	✓	—	—	—
Stewart	—	—	—	—
Not Afraid	—	—	—	—
Goes Ahead	✓	—	—	—
Hogan	✓	—	—	—
Old Elk	✓	—	—	—
Passes	—	—	—	—
Pease	—	—	—	—
Medicine Horse	✓	—	—	—
Russell	✓	—	—	—
Real Bird	—	—	—	—
Black Hawk	—	—	—	—
Stone	✓	—	—	—
Cloud	✓	—	—	—
Results (If tie vote)	—	—	—	—
Vice Chair Goes Ahead	—	—	—	—
Results	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of vote: Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto Override

Signature of Officer: Bern Cloud Date: 7-16-02