

**FEBRUARY 10, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION  
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR14-06**

INTRODUCED BY DARRIN OLD COYOTE, CHAIRMAN  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECT EXPENDITURES FROM THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT LOAN FUND AT FIRST INTERSTATE  
BANK FOR RESERVATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,  
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, AND LAND PURCHASES.”**

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe is committed to securing its land base and supporting economic development within the Crow Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate opportunities exist for the economic development projects within the Reservation, including purchase of agricultural land and businesses, and development of renewable energy projects;

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Executive Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to the “enumerated powers” in Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians to represent the Crow Tribe in negotiations with Federal, State and local governments and other agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals in matters of welfare affecting the Crow Tribe; to “negotiate and approve or prevent any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interests in lands or other Tribal assets, including buffalo, minerals, gas and oil with final approval granted by the Legislative Branch;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to its “powers and duties” in Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution “to grant final approval or disapproval of items negotiated by the Executive Branch of Government pertinent to the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interests in lands or mineral assets”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature and the Crow Tribal Executive Branch enacted Joint Action Resolution No. JAR13-19 on October 24, 2013 to approve a loan agreement for a loan from First Interstate Bank in the amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), secured by interest from the 107<sup>th</sup> Settlement Trust Fund (the “Loan”), for the purposes of funding land purchases and economic development projects, and paying off the 2013 Unsecured Line of Credit, and such Loan closed on November 1, 2013 and all BIA and OST approvals have been obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Joint Action Resolution No. JAR13-19, the balance of the Loan proceeds, after repayment of the 2013 Unsecured Line of Credit and transaction costs for the Loan, have been deposited in a separate Economic Development Account with First Interstate Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Action Resolution No. JAR13-19 required additional Joint Action Resolutions to approve all Future Project Expenditures from the Loan funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Branch has identified and evaluated several economic development projects that will provide jobs and services for the Reservation, including the purchase or construction of Convenience Stores, Farm and Ranch operations, the Yellowtail Afterbay Hydroelectric project, and other projects, as well as Reservation land purchases to support such projects and community services; and

**WHEREAS**, JAR13-19 approving the loan agreement on October 24, 2013 contemplated future expenditures for the above purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
AND THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

**Section 1.** Future Project Expenditures from the Economic Development Account are hereby authorized for the following projects and purchases, pursuant to the approved business plans and/or project budgets for each such project:

- (a) Yellowtail Afterbay Dam Hydroelectric feasibility and engineering studies;
- (b) Tribal Farm and Ranch operations;
- (c) Convenience Stores; and
- (d) Purchases of lands.

**Section 2.** Each Project Expenditure shall be authorized and immediately available upon approval by Legislative Resolution.

**Section 3.** All other future legislative authorizations which may be required for any project as described in Section 1 shall require approval by Joint Action Resolution.

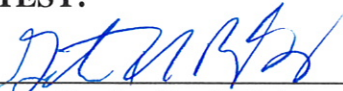
**Section 4.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution entitled “**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECT EXPENDITURES FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT LOAN FUND AT FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FOR RESERVATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, AND LAND PURCHASES**” was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
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Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**


  
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Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature



**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

I hereby ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ X approve or  
\_\_\_\_\_ veto.

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Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch


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**Bill or Resolution:** JAR14-06 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 2/10/2014  
**Number**

<u>Representative:</u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
G. Three Irons	_____	_____	_____
B. Rogers	X _____	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	X _____	_____	_____
P. Hill	X _____	_____	_____
E. Birdinground	X _____	_____	_____
A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.	_____	_____	_____
(Vacant)	_____	_____	_____
T. Gros Ventre	_____	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr.	X _____	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	X _____	_____	_____
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	X _____	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	X _____	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	X _____	_____	_____
B. Hugs	X _____	_____	_____
B. Good Luck	X _____	_____	_____
G. Stewart	X _____	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	X _____	_____	_____
R. K. Old Crow, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	X _____	_____	_____
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14</b> _____	<b>0</b> _____	<b>0</b> _____

Result of Vote:

**Passed**     
  **Not Passed**     
  **Tabled**     
  **Veto-Override**

  
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 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.      Date  
 Speaker of the House

  
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 Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.      Date  
 Secretary of the House