

APRIL SESSION 2016 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR16-04

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 THE EXPENDITURE OF LBBP LEASE REVENUES
FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ARROW CREEK RANCH
FOR OPERATION OF A TOURIST RECREATIONAL AND BUSINESS
CONFERENCE FACILITY AS A TRIBAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE.”**

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe is committed to promoting, supporting and engaging in economic development within the Crow Reservation for the benefit of all Crow Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Crow Tribe acquired the Arrow Creek Ranch (formerly known as the Hairpin Cavvy Ranch) located in Yellowstone County near Billings, Montana, on the Crow Reservation, consisting of approximately 1,934 acres and including two A-frame dwellings and a 19,000 square foot metal building used for stables and as an indoor arena; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists for the Crow Tribe to develop the Arrow Creek Ranch as a tourist recreational and business conference facility, and the Executive Branch has conducted preliminary planning for operation of a bed and breakfast, RV park, business conference center, and indoor horse training and boarding facility and other possible future businesses; and

WHEREAS, grant funding has been obtained for a feasibility study for the various businesses to be operated at the Arrow Creek Ranch; and

WHEREAS, pending completion of the Arrow Creek Ranch feasibility study and other planning activities, funds are needed for refurbishing and renovating the buildings and additional funding will be required to construct the improvements necessary to operate the businesses at the Arrow Creek Ranch; and

WHEREAS, CLB No. 15-06 (July 16, 2015) authorizes and directs the use of lease revenues from lands acquired for the Crow Tribe pursuant to the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (“LBBP Lease Revenues”), for land and business property purchases for economic development purposes, including use as collateral for loans to make such purchases,

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and in Section 1(b), “for repairs, improvements, and working capital for Tribal economic development projects, provided that amounts used for such purposes shall be repaid as a first priority from profits earned by such Tribal economic development enterprises;” and

WHEREAS, JAR15-14 (October 15, 2015) authorized the use of a portion of the LBBP Lease Revenues as security and the primary source of repayment for a \$3.3 million loan (hereinafter, the “2015 Loan”) for the Tribe’s purchase of certain business property on the Crow Reservation; and

WHEREAS, additional LBBP Lease Revenues are currently available for the purposes specified in CLB15-06 beyond those necessary for repayments of the 2015 Loan; and

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 economic development affecting the Crow Tribe and to administer any funds within the control of the Tribe and make expenditures for tribal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to its “powers and duties” in Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution to “promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, ordinances, codes, regulations and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe and to grant final approval or disapproval of an annual budget prepared by the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, developing the Arrow Creek Ranch as a Tribally-owned economic development enterprise is in the best interests of the Crow Tribe and Crow Tribal members;

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

Section 1. That the expenditure by the Executive Branch of LBBP Lease Revenues is hereby authorized for the development of the Arrow Creek Ranch as a Tribal economic development enterprise as follows:

- (a) The sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) for materials and labor to repair and renovate the existing buildings and the barn.**

presentation of a business plan based on the feasibility study and a financial management plan as a Tribal LLC or Tribal Enterprise established as an arms-length business.

Section 3. That the Executive Branch shall provide a financial report with documentation of all expenditures authorized by this Resolution to the Chair of the Legislature Finance Committee.

Section 4. That the Executive Branch and the Tribal Comptroller shall take care to ensure that sufficient funds from LBBP Lease Revenues are maintained to provide for the repayment of the 2015 Loan as a first priority before the expenditure of the funds authorized by this Resolution.

Section 5. That the FY2016 Tribal Budget approved by CLB15-13 is hereby amended to approve additional expenditures from the LBBP Lease Revenues as authorized by this Resolution.

Section 6. That the authorization granted herein is effective on the date of approval of this Resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution titled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LBBP LEASE REVENUES FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ARROW CREEK RANCH FOR OPERATION OF A TOURIST RECREATIONAL AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE FACILITY AS A TRIBAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE** was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 8 in favor 4 opposed, and 1 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 20th day of April, 2016.



Sen. Patrick Alden, Jr.
Speaker Pro Tem
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Sen. Tyson Gros Ventre
Secretary Pro Tem
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: JAR16-04 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 4/20/2016
Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
G. Three Irons	_____	_____	_____
B. Rogers	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
F. White Clay	_____	_____	_____
P. Hill	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
E. Birdinground	_____	_____	_____
S. Real Bird	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
V. Nomee	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
T. Gros Ventre	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	_____	_____	_____
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	_____	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
B. Hugs	_____	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
B. Good Luck	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
H. Male Bear, Jr.	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Old Crow, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Totals:	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote:

Passed

 Not Passed

 Tabled

 Veto-Override

Patrick Alden

 Senator Patrick Alden, Jr.
 Speaker Pro-Tem

4-26-16

 Date

Tyson Gros Ventre

 Senator Tyson Gros Ventre
 Secretary Pro-Tem

4-20-16

 Date