

OCTOBER 2016 REGULAR SESSION CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

LR No. 16-14

Introduced by Senator Knute Old Crow, Sr
Lodge Grass District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH UNIFORM COMMITTEE BY-LAWS “**

Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter “Legislature”) has the power and duty under Article V, Section 2 of the Crow Tribal Constitution to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the 2001 Crow Tribal Constitution the Legislature shall operate as a separate and distinct branch of the Crow Tribal Government and shall exercise a separation of powers from the other branches of tribal government; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the 2001 Crow Tribal Constitution provides that the Legislature shall conduct meetings in accordance with the most current version of Robert’s Rules of Order and any rules of conduct duly adopted by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has the constitutional authority to provide for the establishment of Branch rules and policies governing its review of proposed legislation and other matters requiring legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the LR 13-10 reorganized and consolidated the Legislative Branch committees, for increased efficiency and effectiveness in review of proposed tribal legislation, legislative resolutions and other proposed legislative actions and enhanced oversight of all matters of importance to the Crow Tribe and the Crow Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature now seeks to formalize and ratify the Uniform Committee By-Laws to operate by practice and to increase efficiency and productivity for oversight and to promote all powers necessary and proper to effectuate the committee’s duties and authorities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN
REGULAR SESSION:**


That, the Legislature hereby amends the uniform committee by-laws, Article IV, meetings, a quorum shall three (3) plus the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair with a delegation from the Chair of the Legislative Branch Committee. Legislative Branch Committee By-Laws are attached hereto and hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

This Legislative Resolution take effect immediately upon becoming duly adopted by the Legislature.

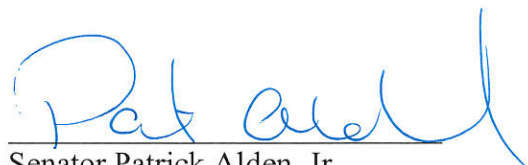
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled “**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AMEND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH UNIFORM COMMITTEE BY-LAWS**” was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 20th day of **October 2016**.



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

ATTEST:



Senator Patrick Alden, Jr
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature



**LR – A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION ENTITLED:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL
APPLICATION FOR FEE TO TRUST ACQUISITIONS OF CROW TRIBAL FEE LANDS**

Bill or Resolution: LR16-14 **Introduced by:** R. Knute Old Crow, Sr. **Date of Vote:** 10/20/2016
Number

Representative:	Yes	No	Abstained
G. Three Irons	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Rogers	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
F. White Clay	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Hill	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
E. Birdinground	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
S. Real Bird	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Nomee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Hugs	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
H. Male Bear, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Secretary of the House	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Speaker of the House	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals:	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

 10-20-16

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

 10-26-16

Senator Pat Alden, Jr. Date
Secretary of the House

CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT



UNIFORM COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Article I: Duties and Authorities. The Committee shall have all powers necessary and proper to effectuate each of the following duties and authorities:

- (1) To review proposed tribal legislation and legislative resolutions, and make recommendations to the full Legislative Branch on action which can and should be taken on such;
- (2) To draft proposed tribal legislation and legislative resolutions for introduction to the full Legislative Branch;
- (3) To review federal, tribal, and state laws and intergovernmental agreements of impact or importance to the Crow Tribe;
- (4) To provide and maintain oversight of tribal government activities and operations;
- (5) To receive reports and hear testimony on matters of relevance to the Committee;
- (6) To make reports and findings to the Legislative Branch based upon evidence presented to the Committee;
- (7) To request information from federal, state, and local government agencies and other persons or entities with regard to matters of importance to the Crow Tribe;
- (8) To request legal opinions from the Legislative Branch Legal Office and, where appropriate, from the Crow Tribe Office of Legal Counsel; and
- (9) To direct the Legislative Branch staff to perform such tasks as is deemed appropriate to support Committee duties and authorities; and
- (10) To carry out such directives and tasks as shall be determined by the Legislative Branch or as otherwise provided for under Crow tribal law.

Article II. Membership. Every elected Legislator shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be determined each January during the quarterly session of the Legislature. A Committee membership roster shall be kept by the Committee Chairman. Any Legislator may resign or join following the January session by indicating their intent in writing to the Committee Chairman.

Article III. Officers; Elections and Duties. There shall be two elected officers of the Committee: A Chairman and Vice-Chairman. A Legislator shall be required to have at least one year of service as a Crow Legislator to be eligible to serve as Committee Chairman.

Elections. Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Committee membership through a secret ballot conducted in a Legislative Branch session under the supervision of the Legislative Branch Sergeant-at-Arms, unless only one nomination is made and no vote is therefore required. Nominations may be made by any Committee member by motion and second. Elections shall be conducted to ensure all officers receive a majority vote of Committee membership.

Duties. The Committee Chairman shall call and conduct meetings of the Committee, receive and make reports and correspondence on behalf of the Committee, and shall sign all papers and letters for the Committee. No person may address the Committee unless first duly-recognized by the Chairman. The Chairman may delegate his duties in writing to the Vice-Chairman for such purposes and time as deemed appropriate. The Committee Vice-Chairman shall attend all Committee meetings and provide such assistance to the Chairman as may be required or requested. The Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman in his absence or unavailability, as verified by the Branch Officers, in such event no *pro tem* Vice-Chairman shall be required. In the absence of Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman, a *pro tem* will be elected. In the absence of the either committee officers a quorum shall be required to elect either *pro tem* officers, and shall receive the rate of pay of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. The Absent Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall receive the base pay rate for that day.

Article IV. Meetings. The Committee shall meet at the Legislative Branch Chamber on a regular basis, not less than once per month. If a Committee Chairman does not schedule a Committee meeting by the fifteen of any month, the Vice-Chairman will have the authority to call a committee meeting. A quorum shall be at least three Committee members plus the Committee Officers. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the Rules of Order of the Legislative Branch, where applicable. All meetings shall be publicly-noticed as to purpose and agenda in accordance with established Legislative Branch policy, with notice also provided to the appropriate officers and departments of the Executive Branch of Government. Meetings shall be scheduled in consultation with the Administrative Officer of the Legislative Branch and House Speaker. With approval from the Branch Officers, meetings may be conducted outside the Legislative Branch Chamber as a public field hearing when deemed necessary and appropriate. A written record shall be kept of each meeting, which shall be deemed a public tribal record unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

Article V. Legislative Subpoenas. [Reserved].

Promulgated and Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016 pursuant to LR No. 13-10

Signed: 
Speaker of the House

Signed: _____
Secretary of Legislature