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The Honorable Frank White Clay
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature
144 Makawasha Avenue
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Dear Speaker White Clay,

For your consideration I hereby transmit the Chairman's Quarterly Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2019, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians.

Sincerely,

Alvin "A.J." Not Afraid, Jr.
Chairman, Crow Tribe of Indians

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First Quarter Report

EXECUTIVE BRANCH
OF THE CROW TRIBE OF INDIANS

Fiscal Year 2019



OCTOBER 2018

MEETINGS WITH THE LEGISLATURE

The Executive Branch provided the Legislative Branch with numerous budget proposals. The Executive Branch met with Legislators throughout the month, in an exhaustive effort to reach a sensible and fiscally responsible budget.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) FINANCE & MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Given the heavy financial burden placed on the Tribe by the mismanagement of funds and programs during previous Administrations, the Executive Branch continued to communicate and coordinate with BIA staff and Directors to strengthen internal controls and effective processes within the Finance Department. Supporting Crow Finance Department staff via a set of stable policies, developed from best practices, will ensure that programs maintain compliance, accountability and high standards of performance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT PROGRESS

Financial accountability and progress toward paying off old debts from FY2015 and FY2016 continued to be a focus for the Executive Branch throughout the Fall. This included multiple meetings with the Comptroller and numerous CPAs.

The Finance Department, through the Contracts & Grants Office, also continued to focus on assisting Program Directors with meeting their reporting requirements, in order to improve program management and relationships with state and federal government offices.

HEAD START PROGRAM

Head Start is an important program for young Crows, providing them with early education opportunities. Throughout the first quarter of FY2019, the Executive Branch has built a team of staff and officials to provide support to Head Start staff as they face many programmatic challenges. We continue to make progress within the program today, working with the local and national level offices.

MEETING WITH BOR

The Executive Branch coordinated and met with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) staff to negotiate a path forward for the important projects being tied up in the BOR bureaucracy. Negotiations helped to move forward and complete the CIP project for the year. Discussions about the Office of Inspector General (OIG) report regarding BOR funds was also discussed.

DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTMORELAND

The Executive Branch met and coordinated on numerous occasions with Westmoreland officials regarding the company's bankruptcy status, as well as levels of coal sales.

COORDINATION BETWEEN CROW & FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM STAFF

The Executive Branch participated in multiple meetings, conference calls and communication with federal grant program staff. This included issues such as financial expenditure

reimbursements, programmatic reporting, corrective action plans, newly hired Crow staff introductions, technical assistance to the Tribe as well as coordination among staff for newly awarded grants.

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

During the month of October, Executive Branch officials and staff met with AMM Operating, LLC, an oil exploration company. We also held a productive meeting with the Department of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) to discuss grant progress and opportunities.

NOVEMBER 2018

MEETING WITH ENERGY AGENCIES AND COMPANIES

During the First Quarter of FY2019, progress was made toward the financing of a solar energy project, which will produce inexpensive electricity for Crow residents, and will bring in additional income for the Tribe.

MEETINGS WITH GRANT DIRECTORS & THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Executive Branch continued to hold coordination and collaboration meetings with various grant program Directors and Finance Department staff, providing assistance to those Directors needing help with reporting requirements and other grant compliance requests.

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Executive Branch participated in a Veterans Day celebration, to honor those who served in the Armed Forces. The most enjoyable honor of the Chairmanship is participating in community events throughout Crow and the six districts.

MEETING WITH WATER RESOURCES TEAM

The Executive Branch continued to hold internal coordination meetings regarding progress on water resource projects. To provide more valuable and consistent financial management of these important projects, a new Finance Director for Water Resources was appointed.

MEETING WITH BOR

The Executive Branch met with BOR staff multiple times, over the course of a two week intensive process, to assist the BOR in answering the OIG audit report. This process included numerous staff and hundreds of man-hours to locate so-called "missing" documentation, which had been either misplaced by the previous Administration or had not been provided to OIG auditors. This was a huge step forward and Crow staff are to be commended for helping to correct the record. The Crow Water Resource team also negotiated with BOR and assisted vendors with payment approvals, in an effort to continue progress toward a successful 2019 project season.

MEETING WITH LOCAL ARTISANS AND ENTREPRENEURS

Executive Branch officials and staff met with numerous entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations and local artisans, in order to support efforts to increase private economic activity and support local events.

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Executive Branch met with multiple companies to discuss economic development opportunities, alternative energy project development and new energy technologies. Executive Branch staff and officials also met with the National Park Service, Westmoreland, and the Montana Attorney General's Office.

THANKSGIVING ELDER FEED

All three branches of the Crow Nation held the annual Thanksgiving Elder Feed. It was an enjoyable occasion, to be able to speak with so many of our Elders from the surrounding districts, communities and region.

DECEMBER 2018

HEAD START MEETINGS

The Executive Branch continued to coordinate with the national Head Start Office to bring the program into compliance, working toward the re-opening of the program.

HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATION

A number of health programs received good news regarding a renewal of their grants, including the opioid/meth prevention program and the diabetes program. The Directors of these vital programs have the gratitude of the Crow Tribe, for their persistence and great performance toward improving the lives of Crow Tribal Members.

CHRISTMAS ELDER FEED

Executive Branch staff coordinated and presented the annual Christmas Elder Feed. Special Event staff, along with all Department Directors and staff should be commended for their work to make the event a success.

CONSULTATION WITH PRYOR SCHOOLS

Executive Branch officials and staff participated in a consultation session with Pryor Public Schools staff. The event provided opportunities for both the Tribe and the public schools to discuss outstanding issues, solutions and answer questions from the community.

MEETING WITH THE IRS

The Executive Branch met with the IRS to determine the requirements for entering into a repayment plan agreement.

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Crow Executive Branch continues to build important relationships with individuals and groups by participating in meetings with companies, investment group and organizations that seek economically-viable options for financial and commercial progress in Crow.

Executive Branch – Delegated Projects & Programs

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