

CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 2019 REGULAR SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

Introduced by Legislative Branch

A Legislative Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature titled

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO ENGAGE WITH
BARNET B. SKELTON, JR. P.C., BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE
CROW TRIBE'S INTEREST THROUGH THE CROW LEGISLATURE**

Statement of Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch (hereinafter "Legislature") has the power and duty pursuant to Article V, Section 2(c) and (e) of the Crow Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of severance tax and lease income is derived from coal leases with Westmoreland Resources Incorporated ("Westmoreland"); and

WHEREAS, Westmoreland has entered bankruptcy in Federal Bankruptcy court in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Westmoreland entering bankruptcy significantly impacts the future of the Crow Tribe as it impinges Crow lands and threatens Crow jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Executive Branch has relied solely upon the Department of Interior to represent its interests in Bankruptcy Court; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe no longer has legal representation from the Executive Branch, and the Westmoreland bankruptcy is fast-tracked with deadlines threatening Crow sovereignty quickly approaching; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Legislature has determined it cannot carry out its Constitutional obligations and duties to approve or disapprove any Westmoreland business without more information; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Legislature has determined the most effective way to gather that information is to hire a bankruptcy specialist with specific experience in Indian Country law and bankruptcies involving such; and

WHEREAS, Barnet B. Skelton, bankruptcy attorney from Houston, Texas, is familiar with the bankruptcy and the current state of affairs at Crow Tribe, including the leases between Westmoreland and the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Barnet B. Skelton has agreed to represent the Crow Tribe's interest, through the Legislature, in the Westmorland bankruptcy.

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

That Barnet B. Skelton shall be engaged with the Crow Legislature to represent the Crow Tribe's interests in the Westmoreland bankruptcy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Speaker of the Legislature is empowered to sign the engagement letter attached to this Legislative Resolution and incorporated hereto.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution Titled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO ENGAGE WITH BARNET B. SKELTON, JR. P.C., BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE CROW TRIBE'S INTEREST THROUGH THE CROW LEGISLATURE** was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 17th day of January 2019.



Senator Frank White Clay
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Senator Lawrence DeCrane
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature



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THROUGH THE CROW LEGISLATURE**

Bill or Resolution: LR19-06 **Introduced by:** Crow Legislative Branch **Date of Vote:** 1/17/2019
Number

| REPRESENTATIVE: | Yes | No | Abstained |
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| M. White Clay | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| D. Spotted | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L.Hogan, III | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| B. Brown | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| S. Real Bird | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| V. Nomee | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| T. Yellowtail | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| T. Gros Ventre | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| P. Alden, Jr. | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Not Afraid | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| G. Bouyer | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Demontiney | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| B. Hugs | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| N. Old Crow, Jr. | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| B. Good Luck | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| H. Male Bear-Stone, Jr. | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. DeCrane, Secretary | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| F. White Clay, Speaker | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total: | <u>13</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

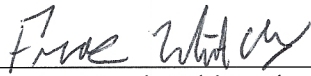
Result of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed


Tabled

Veto-Override



Senator Frank White Clay
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Date



Senator Lawrence DeCrane
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Date