

**APRIL 2023 QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. LR 23-04

Introduced by the Natural Resources Committee

A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE CONFIRMING
MEMBERS OF THE CROW LAND USE BOARD.**

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

WHEREAS the Crow Tribe established a Crow Land Use Board under CLB 09-04 (the “Leasing Ordinance”) consisting of seven (7) members, one from each district, plus the Chairman of the Executive Branch or his/her authorized designee; and

WHEREAS Section II(1) of the Leasing Ordinance, empowers the Chairman of the Executive Branch (the “Chairman”) to appoint six members of the Crow Land Use Board, one from each district, following his receipt of concurrence from the three legislative members representing such districts, and subject to confirmation by majority vote of a quorum of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS members of the Land Use Board must, at a minimum, be enrolled Crow tribal members who possess a high school diploma or GED, and are familiar with Crow Land laws, federal provisions governing the use of tribal and allotted lands, the history of the Crow Tribe, and who possess knowledge and experience regarding sound agricultural practices; and

WHEREAS members of the Crow Land Use Board serve staggered four (4) year terms, with the initial members from the Arrow Creek, Black Lodge, and Wyola districts serving two (2) year terms; and

WHEREAS the terms of all confirmed members of the Crow Land Use Board expired at some unknown point in the past and no replacements were ever appointed or confirmed as required by Crow tribal law; and

WHEREAS the Crow Land Use Board serves as an important component of the Crow Tribe’s agricultural leasing regulations, authorized and required to complete duties that include, but are not limited to: generating forms and establishing criteria to be used for application and approval of Certified Crow Operators, and for awarding of leases, setting and requiring bonds,

in conformity with the requirements and preferences in the Leasing Ordinance, and presiding over all disputes regarding the award of leases for Crow Tribal Lands; and

WHEREAS the Chairman submitted a list of his proposed appointments for Land Use Board members to the Legislature in November 2022 for consideration and concurrence of the district representatives from each of the six (6) legislative districts of the Crow Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS the list of the Chairman's appointments received concurrence of the district representatives in April 2023, and was transmitted to the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature for the purpose of holding hearings to determine whether such appointments met the minimum qualifications required under the Leasing Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature met on April 14th and 17th, 2023 and held hearings on all appointments made by the Chairman and voted unanimously to recommend that all appointments be confirmed by the full body of the Legislature during the April 2023 Quarterly Session.

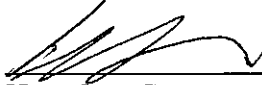
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN REGULAR SESSION:

1. That the following individuals are hereby confirmed by the Crow Tribal Legislature to serve as members of the Crow Land Use Board, for the term specified herein, and shall exercise all authorities and duties associated with such office, pursuant to CLB 09-04, or any other subsequently enacted legislation constituting the most current version of the Crow Land Leasing Ordinance:
 - a. Joe Whiteclay, representing the Black Lodge District for a two (2) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2025.
 - b. Ellsworth DeCrane, representing the Arrow Creek District for a two (2) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2025.
 - c. Wales Yellowtail, representing the Mighty Few District for a two (2) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2025.
 - d. Gary Big Hair, representing the Big Horn District for a four (4) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2027.
 - e. Kelly D. Passes, representing the Reno District for a four (4) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2027.
 - f. Roman Whiteman, representing the Valley of the Chiefs District for a four (4) year term, commencing on April 21, 2023, and ending on April 21, 2027.

2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon becoming duly adopted by the Legislature, provided that the terms of the above-identified members of the Land Use Board shall commence immediately upon the administration of the oath of office by the Speaker of the House, or his designee.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be immediately delivered to the Chairman of the Executive Branch and Chief Judge of the Judicial Branch by the Secretary of the Legislature.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE CONFIRMING THE CHAIRMAN’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE CROW LAND USE BOARD.” was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 21st day of April, 2023.




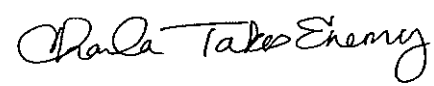
Hon. Sen. Sampson DeCrane
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:


Hon. Sen. Charla Takes Enemy
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature



"A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE CONFIRMING MEMBERS OF THE CROW USE BOARD."

Bill or Resolution:	Natural Resources			
	JAR 23	Introduced by:	Committee	Date of Vote
REPRESENTATIVE:	Yes	No	Abstain	
V. Pickett	X			
D. Spotted	X			
C. Other Medicine				
Y. Little Light, Jr	X			
L. Hogan III	X			
C. Meeks	X			
D. Don't Mix	X			
H. Small				
T. Gros Ventre				
P. Alden, Jr				
T. Plainfeather	X			
J. Kills Pretty Enemy	X			
B. Hugs				
N. Old Crow, Jr	X			
B. Good Luck	X			
H. MaleBear-Stone	X			
S. DeCrane <i>Speaker of the House</i>	X			
C. Takes Enemy <i>Secretary of the House</i>	X			
TOTAL	13		0	0
Result of Vote:	Passed	Not Passed	Tabled	Veto-Override
		4/21/2023		
Senator S. DeCrane Speaker of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch		Date	Senator C. Takes Enemy Secretary of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch	Date