



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR-21-2020


- WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe (Tribes) is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 19, 1934, 48 Stat. 984 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C), to exercise certain home rights on home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is currently a party in litigation efforts to settle the Tribe's water rights claims within the Walker River Basin; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has a need to employ and utilize legal experts to assist in achieving all of its stated goals as well as look out for the best interest of the Tribe in water related matters; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has retained the Law office of Wes Williams Jr. as legal counsel for water related issues and wishes to continue with a Special Attorney Contract to continue to work on water issues through February 28, 2021, for a term of 12 months; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has received funding through contracts and grants that will pay for fees, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Attorney Fees for Adjudication of Water Rights Settlement; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the Tribe's best interest to legally protect its rights through litigation, settlement and to ensure that as upstream water is obtained that our irrigation water and historical water and storage rights are protected for the Tribe, its members, allottees and other land owners; and
- NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby agree to pay for fees to the Law office of Wes Williams Jr. in an amount that does not exceed \$220,000.00 for the contract period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Tribe receives funding from other sources for water related issues that the Law office of Wes Williams Jr. could receive compensation for work performed on behalf of the Tribe; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or designated representative of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to negotiate, enter into and execute the Special Attorney Contract with the Law Offices of Wes Williams Jr., a professional corporation, and that this resolution shall remain in effect until such time as this contract is terminated, amended or renegotiated.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of Seven (7) members, of whom 4 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting held on 18th day of February, 2020 and that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.


Gina Wachsmuth, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE