

Frank White Clay

Chairman of the Crow Nation

Chairman White Clay was elected in November of 2020 to lead the Crow Tribe of Indians on a platform of restoring accountability to government and delivering sustainable growth across his communities.



First elected to the Crow Tribal Legislature in 2015 as a Black Lodge District Legislative Representative, he later became Speaker of the House before his successful run for Chairman.

While being an elected leader was not his initial path, many think he embodies his Crow name, “Bear that Leads.”

Chairman White Clay grew up on the Crow Reservation. He graduated from Hardin High School and later studied at Little Big Horn College. He worked local blue collar jobs, including mining coal, and ultimately became an IT systems administrator.

Within the first months of Chairman White Clay’s administration, clear direction and strong leadership on where capacity and sustainability is anchored is already making a difference on multiple fronts on the reservation.

- The new Crow administration under Chairman White Clay quickly mobilized to help navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and ensured vaccines were delivered for the reservation, establishing the fast growing Apsáalooke Service Corps (ASC) in the process.
- Chairman White Clay has deployed the ASC to support daily operations and maintenance on the reservation, expand elder support and broaden emergency response. The ASC is fast becoming a key service resource for Tribal members and regional neighbors.
- Chairman White Clay negotiated a transition of a legacy hospital to Indian Health Services, saving millions for the Tribe. The move converted local employees to federal employees with pay and benefits.
- Chairman White Clay negotiated new easements with the Western Area Power Administration to remedy a trespass legacy across the reservation and build a strong relationship with a key digital age regional economic partner in a 50-year pact.
- Chairman White Clay jumpstarted irrigation and clean water projects with full engagement of Bureau of Reclamation project management in an era of critical watershed strain. The first projects will break ground in the coming weeks.
- Under Chairman White Clay’s direction, the Tribe is launching a series of communications channels to support core government functions, promote cultural understanding and develop individual, institutional and commercial information

resources. The Crow Connectivity Program will provide the operational infrastructure for these initiatives.

The Chairman and his wife, Jade, are raising five children.