

NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GRIC goes virtual for 16th Annual Water Rights Day

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Thursday, Dec. 10, the Gila River Indian Community held the 16th Annual Water Rights Day Celebration, which was televised on Gila River Broadcasting Corporation channels 19.1 and 29.1 and available for stream on the GRIC Facebook page. Current and past tribal leaders, Gila River royalty, Rep. Tom O'Halleran, and newly-elected Sen. Mark Kelly provided insightful remarks on the landmark decision and its history for the Community and state.

The 45-minute program included speakers, traditional presentations, and a video of the Water Rights relay.

The celebration commemorated the historic Arizona Water Settlement Act of 2004 signed by President George W. Bush while recognizing accomplishments like the MAR-5 and MAR-1 sites, and GRIC's critical role as a stakeholder in Arizona's decisions on water.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis opened the program.

"I'm glad each and every one of you made some time to tune in to help us celebrate, although virtually because of the ongoing pandemic. But for now, on this day, it's important that we still celebrate what means so much and defines us as Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people, and that's our Shudag," said Gov. Lewis.

Miss Gila River Alyse Marrietta and Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson provided

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

a history of the celebration. The presentation, set to historical images, emphasized the profound effects of the diversion and damming of the Gila River, which "forever changed the life for the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh," said Jackson.

Marrietta reflected on the Community's perseverance before the Water Settlement Act.

"It's been stated that 'when the water rose, we rose as people' together we will continue to prosper and remain strong," said Marrietta.

The annual water relay was also modified due to the pandemic, and a video of this year's Water Right's Relay also showcased two families who ran water from the MAR-1 site in District 1, Blackwater, to the MAR-5 site in District 3, Sacaton.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone offered remarks on the agricultural revitalization that is steadily

increasing today. "We were resilient when fighting for our water so we could continue to farm, and here we are now with our water, canals being built, farmers getting back into farming, and it shows as we can physically see our fields in production," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Ted Cooke, General Manager for Central Arizona Project, acknowledged GRIC's role in statewide water developments. Specifically, speaking of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), "which helps improve the reliability of Colorado River water supplies for future generations."

A video segment of former Gov. Donald Antone Sr. highlighted the strenuous legal effort during the settlement negotiations. Antone recognized the past leaders and the legal team's sacrifice and resiliency which led to the Water Settlement Act of 2004.

Rep. O'Halleran and Sen. Kelly acknowledged GRIC's contributions to Arizona's future with the implementation of the DCP.

"Even in the early days of my time in the state legislature, I learned that there were few water discussions in the state that didn't involve the Gila River Indian Community. We must not overlook the decades long fight to restore water rights that were unlawfully stripped from the Community," said O'Halleran.

In his statement, Kelly said, "When the Community's



Sen. Mark Kelly during his remarks at the 16th Annual Water Rights Day Celebration broadcast on Dec. 10. GRIC Photo



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis filmed on location for the 16th Annual Water Rights Day Celebration broadcast on Dec. 10. GRIC Photo

water rights were taken away, the Community wasn't a party to those decisions. Today the Community is not only a party but, in many cases, the key decision-maker when it comes to water negotiations in Arizona and throughout the United States."

The Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council also contributed a video, which featured District 1 Representative Thalia Ayala who urged viewers

to "not take our water rights for granted."

Quail Singers and Dancers, led by Kristopher Davis, concluded the program before Gov. Lewis' closing remarks.

"Please use this day as an opportunity to reflect on everything that makes us strong as a Community, that has kept us resilient through hardship and hard times. And let's always stay Gila River strong."

Phoenix Rising announces new home at Wild Horse Pass



Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Rising Football Club has found a new home in the Gila River Indian Community.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, Phoenix Rising announced a permanent stadium and training facilities at Wild Horse Pass.

The announcement was held at Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass.

Mark Grado, Rawhide and Motorsports Park, General Manager, began the

announcement along with Berke Bekay, Phoenix Rising Football Club, Club Governor, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, which was followed by a video rendering of the future stadium and facilities.

The new stadium will be completed around May 1, 2021, before starting the 2021 United Soccer League's 2021 Championship season. The stadium will provide infrastructure lacking from the previous stadium, including an increased seating capacity of 35 percent, enhanced video

Rendering of the future home of the Phoenix Rising Football Club. Courtesy of Phoenix Rising FC

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UNIFIED COMMAND



Wishing you
Peace & Wellness
this holiday season.

Although we are facing life changing events,
the end goal is finally in sight. Stay home
with your loved ones this holiday season,
do not gather, and have a safe holiday.

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*Have a Safe & Healthy
Holiday*



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The Gila River Indian Community is finalizing plan for COVID-19 vaccines

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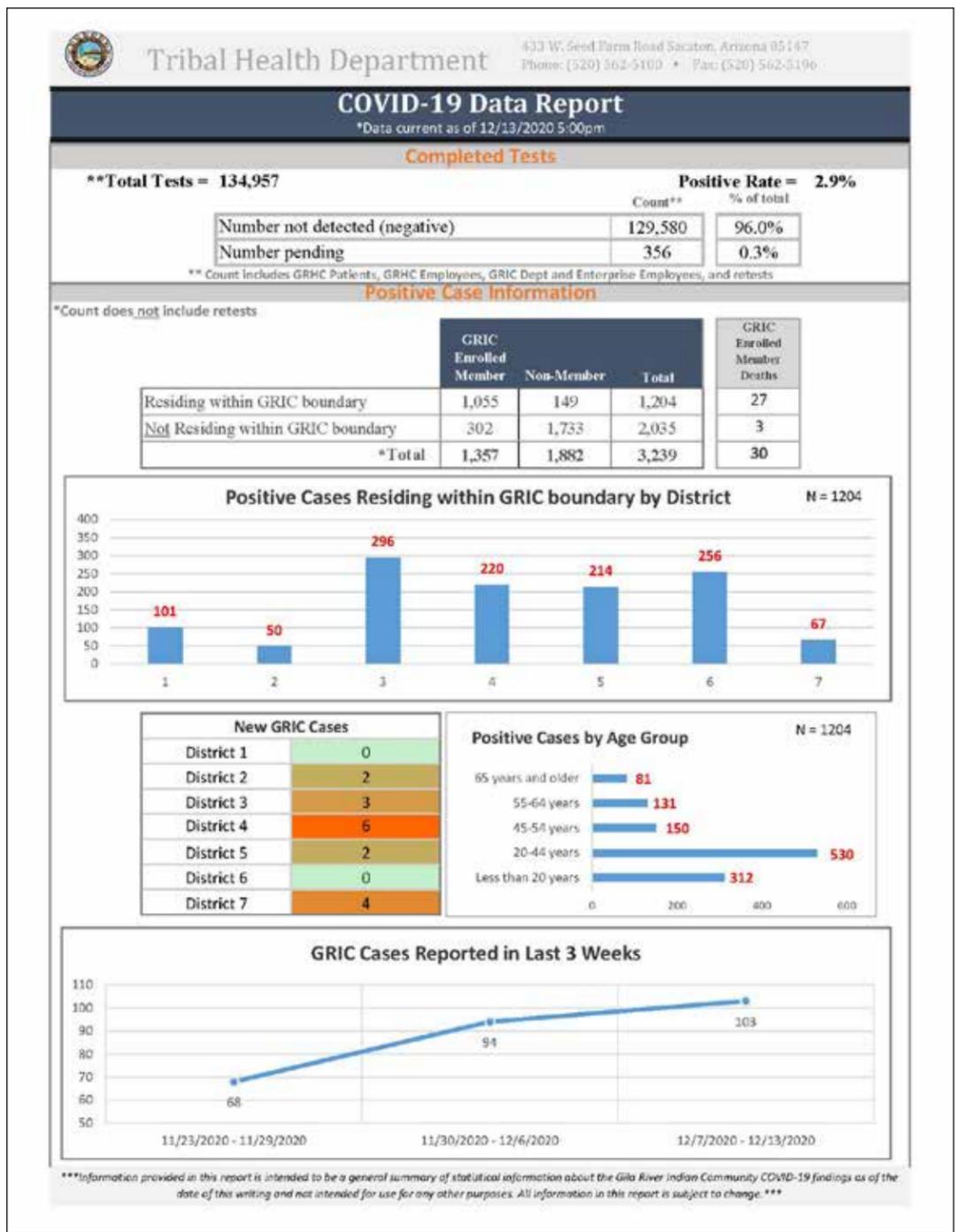
The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to affect the U.S., reaching 16,317,892 cases and 300,032 deaths due to the virus. As of Dec. 13, the Gila River Indian Community reached 3,239 COVID-19 cases. 1,357 Community members; 302 of those members do not reside in the Community; 1,882 non-members, 149 of those positive cases reside in the Community. There have been 30 deaths among Community members due to the virus.

On Dec. 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the first emergency use of a vaccine. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has shown to be 95 percent effective against COVID-19. It will be administered in two doses, three weeks apart for individuals 16 years and older. Some of the most commonly reported side effects of the vaccine are pain at the injection site, headache, tiredness, fever, chills, muscle and joint pain. It is unknown how long the vaccine will protect against the virus

Currently, there is a limited supply of the COVID-19 vaccine but that is expected to increase in the upcoming weeks and months. Additional vaccines are being developed and tested.

Vaccination is intended to help the body develop an immunity to the COVID-19 virus without actually contracting the virus. While reinfection of COVID-19 is possible, the vaccine may still help those who have recovered from the virus

Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines were shipped to more than 600 distribution sites in the U.S. on



Dec. 14, including Arizona. “We are facing the greatest health challenge of our lifetime,” said Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey.

Maricopa County received the first batch of vaccines in the state. A second vaccine, Moderna

could be available by next week.

The Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Health Care are creating a plan to receive and administer the vaccine. It is important to continue to wear a mask when

around others, keep physical distance and stay home as much as possible unless conducting essential business to prevent the spread of the virus.

For more information, visit the HUB at GRHC.org/HUB.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

board, paved parking with better entry and exits, and permanent bathrooms, among other features.

“On behalf of myself, our elected leadership, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and our 17-member Community Council, we are honored to be your partner, to provide a home to an amazing, successful franchise, we welcome you to the GRIC family, and we look forward to helping hoist another championship for Phoenix Rising and the Gila River Indian Community,” said Gov. Lewis.

Phoenix Rising FC Club Governor Bekay thanked Gov. Lewis, Community Council, and the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board partnership upon taking the stage.

“I’m very excited, I’m excited for our partnership, and I’m excited for getting here and calling Gila River our home. And hopefully, this is only the first stage in the beginning of where we are going from here,” said Bekay.

Bekay cited that before COVID-19, Phoenix Rising had



Berke Bekay (right), Phoenix Rising Club Governor, presents Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (left) with a commemorative jersey in honor of the partnership between Phoenix Rising and the Gila River Indian Community on Dec. 10 at Wild Horse Pass. Kyle Knox/GRIN

sold out 23 consecutive games that highlighted the need for a bigger stadium.

Phoenix Rising is relocating from the Phoenix Rising Soccer Complex at the Casino Arizona Field located on the Salt

River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

In addition to the new facilities and stadium, Gov. Lewis said he is eager for the partnership to foster new avenues of economic development and

health initiatives for the youth in the Community.

“With soccer, I’m thinking about our youth, by exposing them to one of the largest and fastest-growing sports in the world.”

Arizona Tribal leaders discuss pandemic during virtual conference

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

As tribal communities across the nation address the COVID-19 pandemic, tribes in the state of Arizona recently discussed their efforts to bring down the number of positive cases on their tribal lands. Arizona State University's Office of American Indian Initiatives hosted a virtual conference on Dec. 9-10, centered on Native communities in Arizona called the Indigenous Communities Response, Recovery, and Renewal in a Pandemic Era.

Native communities in Arizona have been hit the hardest by the pandemic and the agenda covered tribal response, plans for surges in cases and the financial impacts it has placed on tribal governments.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, participated as well as Ned Norris Jr., Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman, Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman for the Hopi Tribe and Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

"One advantage that we have is science and technology, that's really helping us move things forward," said Gov. Lewis about life during the pandemic.

Lee-Gatewood said there are individuals who are able to check on some of their members, but that only goes so far when there are challenges in transportation and infrastructure to contact their tribal members.

"The impact is there, it affects the elders," said Lee-Gatewood.

Lee-Gatewood also said this is a time for families to come together, to teach children and family members new things about cooking, how to fix things and other important life skills.

"[This] has such an enormous impact on how we are as people. This pandemic has really changed how we do things culturally and spiritually," said Norris.

He said Native people have lived through a lot of dire circumstances, but have prevailed even during the pandemic.

Gov. Lewis said tribes have come together to support one another in times of crisis, but that it reveals long standing issues in tribal communities.

"We've lived with this disease for the past nine months. The virus itself has a way of amplifying things, those conditions that have been unaddressed in Indian Country," said Gov. Lewis.



Tribal leaders during the Indigenous Communities Response, Recovery, and Renewal in a Pandemic Era virtual conference. Clockwise from top left, Jacob Moore, Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Office of American Indian Initiatives Screenshot



From left to right, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr. and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during the Arizona's Electoral College Meeting on Dec. 14. Gov. Lewis was one of the three Arizona tribal leaders to cast a vote for Biden and Harris. GRIC Photo

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When Available

DON'T WAIT, VACCINATE



COVID-19 Vaccine and You - Info for Elders

COVID-19 and You

If you are 55 and older your risk of contracting a severe case of COVID-19 is significantly higher than the rest of the population.

Those with severe cases of COVID-19 may require:

- Hospitalization
- Intensive care
- A ventilator to assist with breathing

COVID-19 can also result in death.

Has a vaccine been approved?

As of 12/12/2020, the Pfizer was officially authorized for use and distribution by the Food and Drug Administration. This vaccine has been proven to be 95% effective in clinical trials with minimal side effects.

Who will get the vaccine first?

At this time, GRHC will receive two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines - Pfizer and Moderna. Both vaccines are proven to be 95% effective in clinical trials and produce minimal side effects.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, COVID testing and more, visit [GRHC.org/HUB](https://www.grhc.org/HUB)





O’otham I:mik, Kinship Terms

As the year rapidly comes to a close, we notice that the days get shorter and nights get longer. This is the time of year when we spend time with our families celebrating Christmas and New Year. Being together as a family and knowing the relationships we have to one another is very important in keeping our Himthag intact. In these pandemic times, it’s also important to practice social distancing according to the current guidelines.

O’otham ñeo’ok has its own set of terms and expressions called “i:mik” that tells how our immediate family is related to us. This system is unique to our Community and more precise than the English words that are replacing them. Each set of grandparents has their own specific terms. When a O’otham speaker hears someone say out loud “eñ ba:ba’a!” or “eñ lu:lu’u!” they automatically know that the person is talking to their maternal grandparents. In turn, ba:ba’a calls his

grandchildren “ba’amaḍ” and lu:lu’u calls her grandchildren “mo:ms.”

On dad’s side, the term for grandfather is “vosk” and for grandmother the term is “ka:k or ga:ga’a.” Likewise, vosk calls his grandchildren “vopsmaḍ” and ka:k calls her grandchildren “ka’akmaḍ.” There are also terms for our aunts and uncles. Aunts older than mom are called “tha:d ‘o:ks” and aunts younger than mom are called “jisk.” Uncles older than mom are called “je’es” and uncles younger than mom are called “thathal.”

On dad’s side, the aunt and uncle terms are different. Aunts older than dad are called “o:k ‘o:ks” and aunts younger than dad are called “vo:vaith.” Uncles older than dad are called “‘o:k keli” and uncles younger than dad are called “ha:kith.” Knowing our relationship to one another and using the appropriate kinship term is very important as a sign of respect. Using the possessor “eñ” (my), makes it more personal, as

in “Eñ jisk Victoria!” (My auntie Victoria!).

Christmas time in O’otham is referred to by the expression “Jiosh alithag ma:sig thash”. Translated literally, this means God’s son’s birthday. O’otham Christians recognize Christmas as being the date that celebrates the birth of Jesus. What this phrase also shows is that for O’otham, Jiosh is a male entity. This is because the phrase “Jiosh alithag ma:sig thash” uses the i:mik term “alithag” which is a specific term only used by a man to refer to his child or by others when referring to a man’s child. The opposite term in our i:mik is “maḍ” and is used by women when they refer to their child or by others when referring to a woman’s child.

Altogether, our immediate relatives are called “eñ hahajuñ” (my relations). As our families gather together, we should reflect on how the language we use influences the way we think and act towards one another. Talk with an elder or speaker on how

Klishmas Haichu Match the O’otham word with its picture!

Hu’u



Choikuḍ lu:lsi



Gev Otham



Huai



Santha Klo:s



Ma:kigthag



Kampañ



Kakalsi:tha



to say and address i:mik. Terms may be slightly different between the villages.

This month’s word match will test your knowledge of items

associated with Klishmas Haichu. From all of us here at your Huhugam Heritage Center, we wish Everyone “S-he:kig Jiosh Alithag Ma:sig Thash ch heg Vechij Aithag!”

A special Thank You for the Vah-Ki District Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham I:mik which made this article possible.

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The Coronavirus pandemic changed the way we covered the Gila River Indian Community. But through it all, we thank you for another year while looking forward to 2021.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Regina Antone-Smith

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:48)

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #20, #28, AND #29; AND RESOLUTION #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #19, #21 THROUGH #27, #31 THROUGH #33, #35 AND #36; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2 AND #4 AND NEW BUSINESS #4 AND #5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction Of K12 Student Advisor

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Andrew Garcia

MR. ANDREW GARCIA INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND PROVIDED A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY. GOVERNOR LEWIS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED MR. GARCIA BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

2. Introduction Of K12 Student Advisor

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Catherine Jackson

MS. CATHERINE JACKSON INTRODUCED HERSELF AND PROVIDED A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY. GOVERNOR LEWIS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED MS. GARCIA TO THE COMMUNITY.

REPORTS

*1. Tribal Projects FY 20 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Howard Reno

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Department of Transportation FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Management Information Systems FY2020 Annual Report – October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Presenter: Chris Cabanillas

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. Communications & Public Affairs Office FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: June Shorthair

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*5. Department of Housing Development FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Wayne M. Allison

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*6. FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) – Human Resources Department

Presenter: Joyce John-White

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*7. Facilities Maintenance Department FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Steve Mendoza

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*8. Department of Public Works FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Mark T. Horn

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*9. Akimel O'Odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*10. Veteran & Family Services Office – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Palmer R. Miller III

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*11. Community Services Department – District One Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Alan Blackwater

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*12. Community Services Department – District Two Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Ralph Grajiola

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*13. Community Services Department – District Three Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Erma Antone, Valerie Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*14. Community Services Department – District Four Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Alicia Ochoa, Nada Celaya

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*15. Community Services Department – District Five Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Jose Gonzales, Sandra Thayer

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*16. Community Services Department – District Six Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Rebecca Carpio, Rhonda Whempner

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*17. Community Services Department – District Seven Service Center FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Pamela Valdez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*18. Community Services Department – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*19. Department of Community Housing FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Ramsey Moffett

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*20. Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Ronald Allison

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*21. Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*22. FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) Department Of Environmental Quality

Presenter: Willard Antone III

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*23. Department Of Rehabilitation And Supervision-FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Ron Lopez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*24. Office Of The Prosecutor's FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Michael Voyles, Carleton Giff, David Williams

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*25. Judicial Department – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Joseph Manuel

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*26. Gila River Police Department - FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Timothy Chavez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*27. THPO FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – Sep-

tember 30, 2020)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*28. FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) – Huhugam Heritage Center

Presenter: Shirley Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*29. Tribal Education Department – FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

30. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila River Indian Community Quarterly Report

Presenters: Jason Jones, Emiliano Morondos, Soyet Antone

REPORT HEARD

*31. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila River Indian Community Transition Plan Report

Presenters: Jason Jones, Nancy House, Jocelyn Young

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*32. Lone Butte Development LLC FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenters: Christina Waquie, Esther Manuel

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*33. Arizona's Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Study Committee Report Summary

Presenter: Sunshine Whitehair

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

34. COVID – 19 Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, June Shorthair, Timothy Chavez, Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 45 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:20 P.M.]

*35. Sovereignty In Indian Education Final Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*36. Head Start Monthly Report – October 2020

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

37. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council October 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, Melvin S. Sanderson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

38. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for October 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving The Title VI Implementation Plan For Gila River Transit, A Program Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Dawn Coomer

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. A Resolution Authorizing An Increase Of The Wild Horse Pass Enterprise Fund From Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) To Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with an amendment, to include the Blackwater Store, and to be placed under the consent agenda; EDSC motions to change out Rawhide to GRBE Enterprises in reference to the information provided)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Bob Keller, David White

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-114-14 And Approving The Petition For Membership For Robert Perales Betancourt Jr. Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Deanna Enos

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DENY

*4. A Resolution Approving A One-Time Payout Of Excess Annual Leave Accumulated During Calendar Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to the December 2, 2020 Council Meeting with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. WHPDA Master Plan (EDSC forwards to Council for approval)

Presenter: David White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of Two (2) Gaming Commissioner Vacancies (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancies and advertise for 60 days; subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND ADVERTISE 2 VACANCIES FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2. FY 2020 Lone Butte Development Audit / Audit Wrap Up Report (G&MSC forward to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Chris Bitakis, REDW

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. The Smart and Safe Arizona Act (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REFER BACK TO LSC TO REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE TO DECRIMINALIZE THE CODE, EVALUATE CONTROL OVER USES AND PROHIBITED AREAS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

*4. Blackwater Community School Tribal Education Allocation Written Plan 2020-2021 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF

THE AGENDA

*5. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation Written Plan 2020-2021 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Lillian Kim Franklin

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. Sheraton Project Update (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business; G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: David White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE TREASURER TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION AND BRING BACK TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

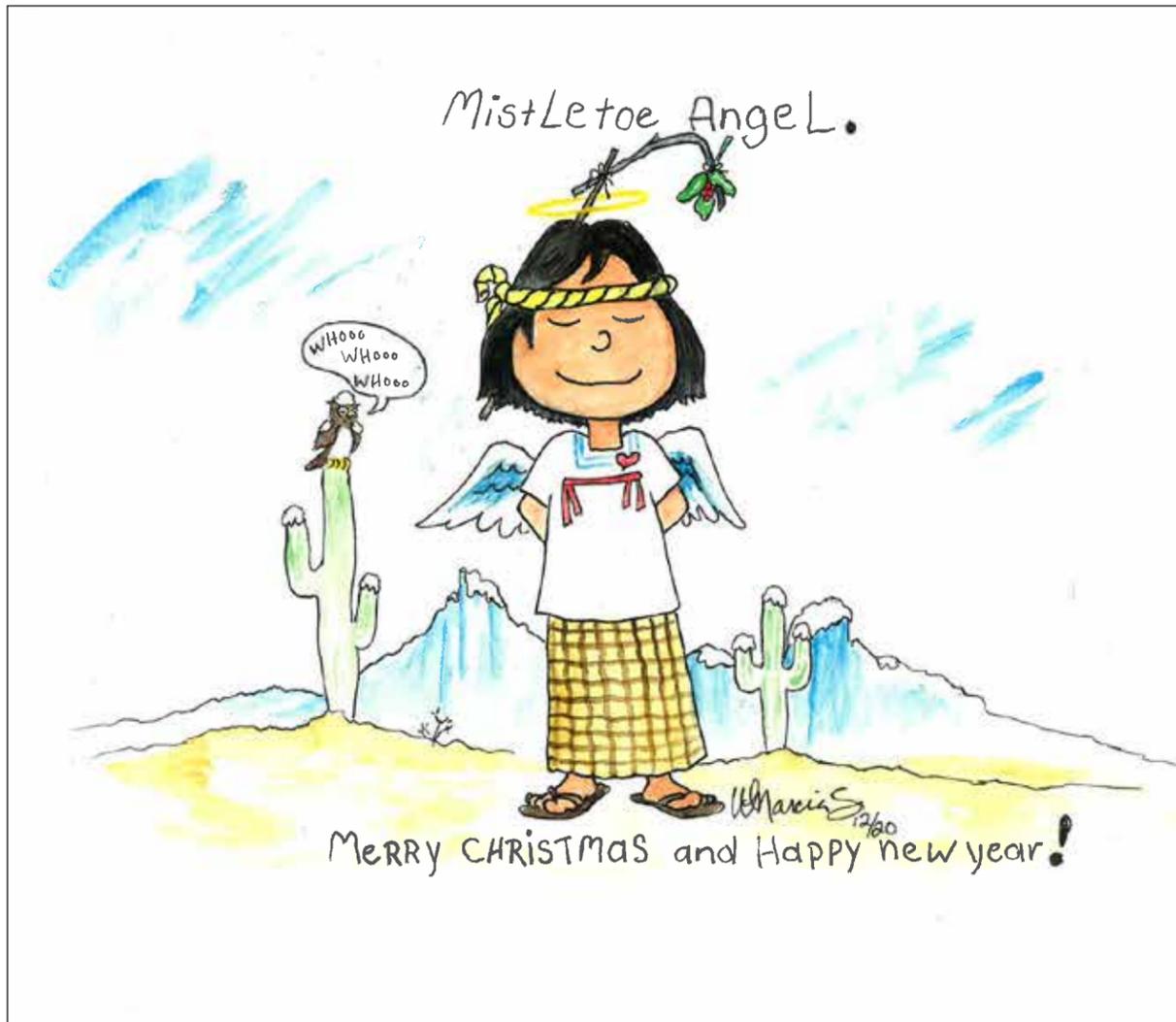
~ Special Health & Social Standing Committee meeting December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:44 P.M.

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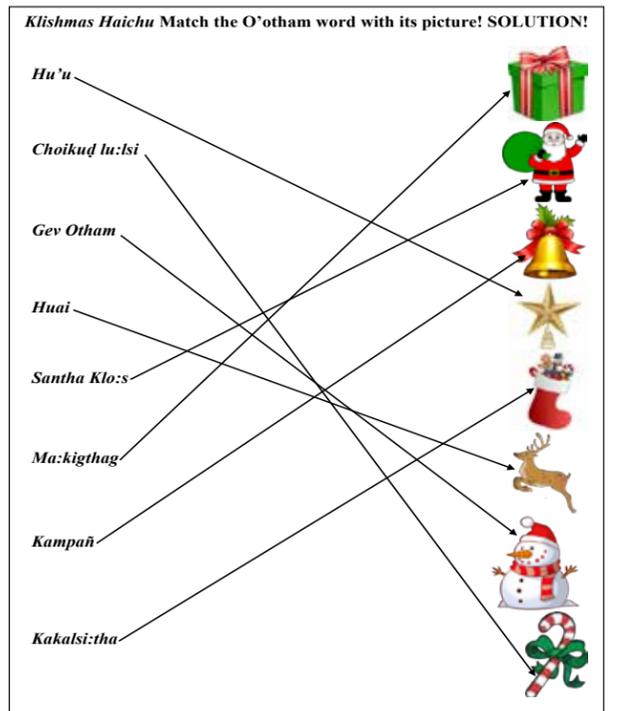
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IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF: Carol Denise Parra, Petitioner vs. Jerica Hope Antone, Respondent Case No. JC-2012-0144 ORDER ON A MOTION HEARING The above-entitled matter comes before the Court on a Motion Hearing

on Per Capita Garnishment. Petitioner, Carol Denise Parra is present. Respondent, Jerica Hope Antone, is absent. The Court upon considering statements, and good cause appearing orders that: 1. A Hearing is set for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. 1. Respondent, Jerica Hope Antone, will be summoned for the hearing through publication.



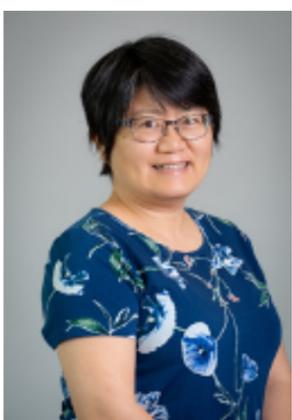
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master of accountancy degree at Texas State University in 2003. She is a Certified Public Accountant with over 17 years of accounting, finance and auditing experience working in various industries. Besides her passion for her profession, Paula enjoys spending time with her husband and three children volunteering at local nonprofit organizations, taking part in outdoor

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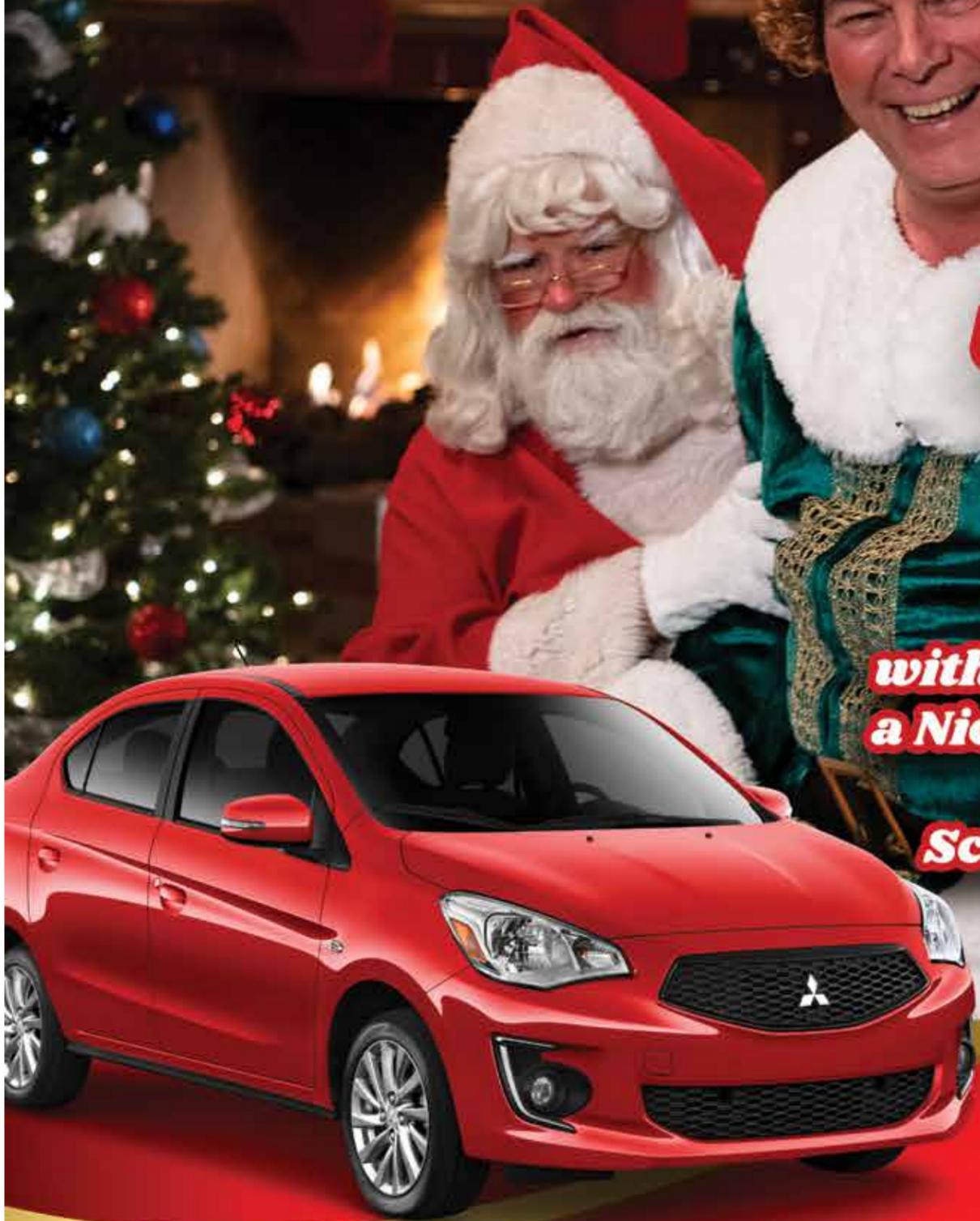
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