



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### The Gila River Indian Community honors graduates at drive-in celebration

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Tribal Education Department (TED) found a safe and fun way to honor Gila River Indian Community graduates by hosting a Graduation Drive-In Ceremony, Friday, June 19, at the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park.

The event brought in 75 families who filed into the parking lot for a drive-in style celebration with speakers, gifts, and

entertainment.

“Initially we thought about a parade, but there’s so many going on, then Governor suggested the Motorsports Park that is already equipped with a concert stage and sought sponsorships for the event and said let’s try it,” said Tribal Education Department director Isaac Salcido.

Trina Hart, TED K-12 Manager, said that the drive-in required minimal set up to accom-

modate their event.

Hart said, “It’s set up like a drive-in, but we’re abiding by all the CDC and Community safety guidelines and masks are required.”

Hart was pleased to have such an event stating, “I want to celebrate the graduates for 2020 in any way, especially for those first-time graduates while honoring the struggle everyone endured to graduate this year.”

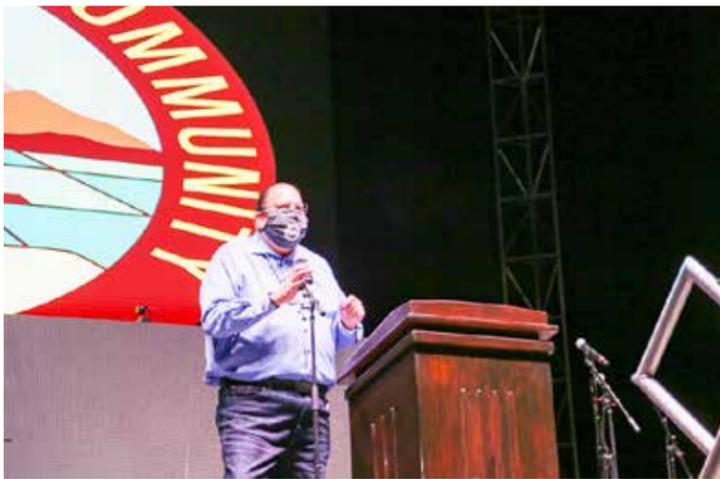
The entire parking lot was outfitted with designated parking areas for families with gates to keep a safe distance. The parking areas were large enough for cars and families to sit outside their vehicles for the evening.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said he looks forward to recognizing GRIC graduates every year and he was happy it continued despite the current circumstances.

“I know it took perseverance and determination to get to graduation this year. Those strong traits will serve you well, no matter what you decide to do in the future,” said Gov. Lewis.



Cars check-in at the drive-in celebration for graduates on June 19. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the graduates and families from the stage at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park. Kyle Knox/GRIN

“Be proud, be strong, and stay together as a family and never forget our culture, our songs, our language, our pottery because it makes us elders feel proud because you’ll continue it as you go along,” said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Gila River Broadcasting Corporation aired the event live on TV and Facebook Live.

Several speakers also shared their experiences in education including Cameron Andrew (High

School Award Speaker), Cassandra Peña (College Award Speaker), and a special address by Belinda K. Galeano, M.D., Ph.D. Miss Gila River Alyse Marrietta and Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson also gave remarks.

TED staff read out the names of all the graduates, and handed out awards and incentives to students during check-in. The event concluded with a fireworks display.

### Community-wide food distribution held in districts for GRIC members

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The Gila River Indian Community continued with assistance for Community members during the COVID-19 pandemic with an additional food distribution, Friday, June 19, with items donated from Gila River Hotels & Casinos’ inventory.

Trucks delivered the food items to district service centers, which were prepared for distribution. Staff arranged the boxes based on household size and pre-sorted the donations to ensure an equal share of the food was available for the districts.

Abiding by all safety precautions for a contactless distri-

bution, staff members loaded the vehicles. All staff wore masks and gloves to ensure safe transit to the cars. Community members receiving the food were also required to wear masks to ensure the safety of staff members.

Those who were homebound or without a vehicle had food items delivered to them at a later time. Additionally, food items were available to urban members who could pick up items at District 3 and District 7 service centers.

As with previous distributions, the donations consisted of perishable items with limited shelf life, including fruits, vegetables, milk, and eggs.



Fruits and vegetables bagged for distribution in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Cars line up for the distribution in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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# HEALTH ALERT

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



### Upcoming District RE-TESTING Dates:

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC's recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis.

All GRIC members, and those residing within the GRIC boundaries, who have previously tested negative and who have no symptoms – should get retested.

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Districts 1, 2, 6 & 7 - Have not been scheduled, but follow us on Facebook for updated information.

## CDC Recommends That You Stay Home As Much As Possible & Practice Physical Distancing

### If you are Asymptomatic:

Meaning you are showing no signs of illness or if you believe you may have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but have no symptoms, visit one of the seven District Centers during testing week.

### If you are Symptomatic:

Meaning you are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include (but is not limited to):

- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste/smell
- Fever
- Cough

**Contact your physician and schedule an appointment right away.**

## Stay Home If You Are Sick!

- Order online or use curbside pickup
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# Water flows into the Gila River from recharge site

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
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The Gila River Indian Community released water into the Gila River at a new recharge site.

Located on the far eastern side of the Community, a new Managed Aquifer Recharge Site came online on June 25.

For the first time, the MAR 1B site introduced water into the Gila River via a flood control valve. The designation "1B" stands for the site identification number, as well as a second site down the river called MAR1A.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone oversaw the release of water into the Gila River along with David DeJong, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project director.

"Today, we had 20 cfs (cubic-feet-per-second) of water delivered to the MAR 1B site. This will be the anticipated rate of delivery for the remainder of the year," said DeJong.

The release of water would allow approximately 7,000-acre feet recharged this calendar year. The permit allows 10,000 acre-feet annually for 5 years.

He said when the water was released into the river, it was a symbolic gesture to the heart of the Akimel O'otham (River People). "When the water was flowing through the large valve it was like a heart beating, because it means so much to the hearts of the people, despite what we are going through, during [this] COVID crisis," said Gov. Lewis.

DeJong said the new site will function like the MAR 5 site releasing water back into the Gila River, which will eventually seep into the surface to replenish underground aquifers. In the permitted area, DeJong said the water could flow 10 and half miles downriver, but at time of release,

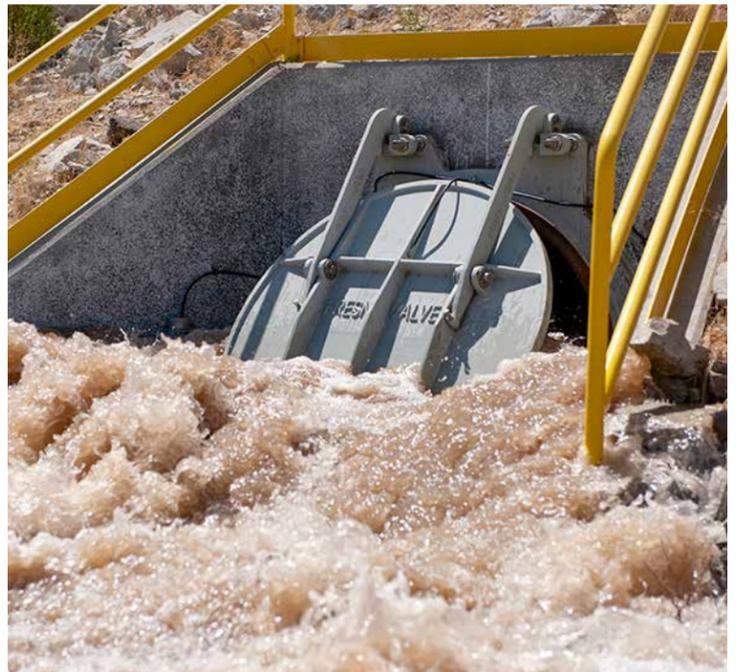
it will flow about one to two miles upriver.

Gov. Lewis said being in control of the Community's water rights means having water independence from the issues that others are facing elsewhere during drought conditions. "We should not underestimate the importance of sites like MAR 5 and now MAR 1B, which are a testament to our long-standing fight for our water rights."

Lt. Gov. Stone said watching the release of the water back into the Gila River is akin to watching the river flow, like the Community's ancestors witnessed.

"The overall scope of our Community with our water settlement, is a big part of our effort to bring that same feeling of who we are as Akimel O'otham back to the people," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Gov. Lewis said, "It's another historic step that we are doing to bring back the river to protect our water settlement and water supplies during this really critical



Open valve that released water into the Gila River on June 25. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

time."

DeJong said there are plans for future MAR water delivery sites, but before any water is released, certain steps need to be

cleared for that to happen. "These MAR sites would be very much like the MAR 1B site, meaning it would be simply delivering water to the Gila River."



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone on the banks of the Gila River as water is released. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## YOUR GRIC COVID-19 PANDEMIC LIST OF DO'S & DON'TS

**If you have a medical or clinical question about COVID-19, please call the Gila River Health Care Coronavirus Hotline around the clock at (520) 550-6079.**

**If you would like to speak with someone about general information, contact our Public Information Officer Veronica Z. Vaughn at (520) 610-6052.**

**If you want to receive pandemic updates by text message, please text GILARIVER to 797979 for real-time updates.**

To help mitigate the spread, please do the following:

- **WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING WHEN YOU'RE ON COMMUNITY LAND.** A mask is not required at home or in the car, please be cautious in your contacts with other people, including family members older than 65 or those who have a pre-existing condition that makes them vulnerable.
- **STAY AT HOME AND STAY SAFE** unless you must leave the house for essential activities.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS** often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- **AVOID TOUCHING** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **COVER YOUR COUGHS & SNEEZES** with a tissue or cough or sneeze in your sleeve.
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- **CLEAN ALL SURFACES** such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, & bedside tables daily.
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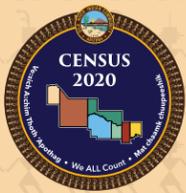
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# Time to Mask Up Gila River

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With the recent spikes in COVID-19 cases across the state of Arizona, the Gila River Indian Community put Executive Order No. 8 into effect, mandating facial coverings and protective face masks in public areas within GRIC on June 18.

The mask requirement applies to all Community members over two-years-of-age to wear masks or face coverings in public areas of GRIC, unless traveling through on a federal or state right-of-way. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the spike in COVID cases is real and is deeply troubling, which prompted the Community to take protective measures, which includes wearing masks.

He said it comes down to three basic things to follow: Wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

"We want our Community members to take it upon themselves as their responsibility to mask-up, practice social distancing and wash your hands often," said Gov. Lewis.

Although some may find wearing a mask uncomfortable, Gov. Lewis



**New Executive Order mandates face masks in the Gila River Indian Community to slow the spread of COVID-19.** GRIN Photo

said, "We have to get to this 'new normal' to wear masks, to protect our most vulnerable, and our youngest Community members."

He said wearing a mask is especially important where there are multi-generations living in a household.

"With the masking requirement, I am calling on each of [you] to help us continue this fight. Our medical officials are advising us that it will help break the spike," said Gov. Lewis. He said the Community has been closely monitoring the spike in cases of COVID-19 as they continue to rise across the state, which prompted the new

executive order on masks.

The Community also provided mask fact sheets to explain the mandatory order, which included recommendations on wearing masks around individuals 65-years-old and older, those with underlying medical conditions, around others when traveling in a vehicles and tribal government buildings.

Community members can obtain a mask at district service centers. For those over two-years-of-age, it is recommended to wear a face mask, unless they have a medical condition where a face mask is not recommended by the child's doctor.



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# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

A wise man, Denzel Washington, said: "You pray for rain, you gotta deal with the mud, too. That's a part of it." Hot winds are part of our monsoon recipe, too. As this is being written, those winds are fanning wild-fires in Arizona. Flames are searing ground where our ancestors patrolled to protect our jeved – some scorching "lands of the mountain people"/ enemy/ "O:b." The Bush Fire is charring the Mazatzal Mountain Range, home of the Four Peaks. (Mazatzal may have come from O'otham—"Ma:sad Sha'alik"/ Moon Pass.) O'otham and O:b were familiar with this area, as conflicts with Apaches had gone on for centuries. Beginning in 1865, O'odham/Piipaash became scouts and soldiers in the first USA Arizona Volunteer Infantry at Fort McDowell.

In the book *The Pima-Maricopa*, author Henry Dobyns writes that when Antonio Azul observed the intense training of troops at Fort McDowell, he offered O'otham/Piipaash assistance, a relationship which continued to 1869. In December of 1865, an Army campaign left Fort McDowell with a group of O'otham/Piipaash; 82 soldiers along with 40 Native volunteers. (Army officials realized they could not gather enough men to equal O'otham/Piipaash numbers.) The scouts--Antonio Azul included--would find enemy camps in and around the McDowells and Mazatzal mountains at locations known as Rattlesnake Spring, Rattlesnake Creek, and Rancho de Tules/ "Vaapk"/reeds growing in the water. O'otham/Piipaash scouts once led the Army to an enemy encampment and during the battle; an enemy with a strangely long foot was killed. Frank Russell, author of *The Pima Indians*, wrote that this battle was noted by a foot etched on an 1866 calendar stick. In 1873 O'otham/Piipaash decided to head north pursuing the enemy, but when they arrived at the Salt River, the water level too high. Part of the group constructed a raft to ferry the saddles and blankets across, but they lost everything. Some warriors found a place to ford the river safely and continued their mission. Near Four Peaks they found an Apache encampment and killed many. They spared an enemy boy, Wassaja, who later in life became better known as Dr. Carlos Montezuma. Much has been written about his activism for Native rights. He also published a newspaper (1916-1922) and called it "Wassaja"— a good name for a newspaper since it means "signal" or "beckon." (Some of you may recall that from 1973 to 1979, the Amer-

ican Indian Historical Society published a newspaper also named Wassaja.)

The Sawtooth Fire which flared on the eastern end of the Superstitions probably burned ancient trails, locations known to few. These mountains served as a boundary between us and the mountain people. Great care had to be taken if one ventured into these mountains. The Pima Indians notes that Owl Ear's calendar stick was etched to recall that in 1864 a wagon full of supplies was driven to the Superstitions to appease the enemy, but that gesture just confused them, and they attacked the wagon. A calendar stick from the Blackwater area relates that in 1867 when the O'otham went after the enemy in the Superstitions, an enemy who tripped over his shield was killed while trying to escape.

The Bighorn fire, north of "S-cuk son"/Tucson in the Catalina Mountains, burned areas the enemy and O'otham knew well. On the western edge of the Santa Catalina Mountains, a large rock resembles a sitting "babad"/ frog, looking northwest, so that range is called Babad Doak. According to a Tohono O'odham calendar stick, the taming of the enemy began in 1857. East of Tucson, in the Rincons, O'odham from "Jewak"/Rotten Ground were behind "Tova Kusva"/Turkey Neck Mountain. The enemy found them and in the ensuing skirmish, two of the enemies were killed. The O'odham warriors' bodies were cremated, as was the practice of the day (and some community members still observe that tradition.) The roasted agave hearts were burned, but enough was saved to sustain the Tohono O'odham back to Jewak where more was picked, roasted, and stored. On April 30, 1871, a group of Tohono O'odham with Mexicans and Americans had taken the road north by the Santa Catalinas and massacred Eskiminzins' Apache camp at Arivaipa Canyon.

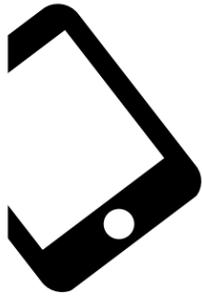
These old trails are still there, but hard to find, time walks on. The "kohtpul"/cicadas are humming, baidaj has been harvested, the torrid winds are blowing--Let's hope our rain prayers are answered soon. Babad Doak could use a long shower.

*Additional sources used Shadows at Dawn by Karl Jacoby, [https://library.brown.edu/cds/repository2/repoman.php?verb=render\\_xslt&id=1227643173834934.xm-l&view=1226416901875000.xsl&colid=55](https://library.brown.edu/cds/repository2/repoman.php?verb=render_xslt&id=1227643173834934.xm-l&view=1226416901875000.xsl&colid=55) and O'odham Place Names: Meanings, Origins, and Histories Arizona and Sonora, by Harry Winters, 2012.*



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# COVID-19 pandemic affects summer youth WIOA program

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Summer break is an excellent opportunity for youth, 16-25, to gain workplace experience through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program at the Employment & Training Department. Because this isn't a typical year, the summer WIOA program has had to pause its programming due to COVID-19 leaving the 149 enrolled participants without the program this summer.

DeAnna Ringlero, Program Supervisor, WIOA & Tribal Youth Programs, oversees the program and has seen the effects of COVID-19 on the summer program. Ringlero said the program remains in operation, but summer programming has ceased "due to the closure and/or limited full-time workforce of so many of the departments we partner with, who help our youth by providing practical, job-related training."

The summer program is only one portion of the

WIOA program; the other is a year-round program catering to juniors and seniors in high school, however, many of those sites have been forced to close.

But with keeping everyone's safety in mind, Ringlero said, "For the most part, our participants and parents have been understanding of the reasons why our summer work experience has not happened yet." And as a program, she also mentioned that "It's a challenge for all of us, but what we can all agree upon

is that the safety of our youth comes first."

WIOA remains active with the current 45 year around participants by utilizing the CTC lab and GED program at Central Arizona College.

The program has also been active in delivering food boxes, check-ins, incentives, and support services while participants pursue their post-secondary education.

WIOA has utilized teleconference and online webinars to provide to par-

participants. Ringlero stated, "We are in the process of partnering and co-creating another facet of our Summer Youth Program. It will serve students interested in learning more about the environmental field and the importance of understanding how it affects other career paths. We will most likely be able to include other ways to deliver services utilizing technology, some that we may have never thought of before."

Until programming can continue as it did be-

fore the pandemic, Ringlero wants the Community to know, "We are still here and working for the youth."

Further saying, "[The pandemic] has forced us to think differently about how we deliver services and will undoubtedly impact the programs we develop in the future. We look forward to serving the youth in new and exciting ways. Thank you for your understanding, and continue to stay safe."

## Youth Council works with task force

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

While the Community actively combats the spread of COVID-19, testing trends show that positive cases among youth demographics are among the highest in the Community. To address those under the age of 21, the COVID-19 Task Force will be working with the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) to assist in promoting health and safety to the youth.

Michael Preston, AOPPYC Coordinator, said, "The GRIC COVID-19 Task Force was seeing a rise with infections among youth and thought the youth council could help."

They will assist by producing messaging catered to the Community's youth population.

As of June 29, 76 of

the 260 positive cases in the Community are under the age of 21. That's a total of 29% of the infected population.

AOPPYC members will assist the task force with videos and imaging aimed at youth to stay home, wash hands, and wear masks. Preston said, "The Youth Council members have to research their message, write the scripts, and then film and sometimes edit them before submitting to the Tribal Health Department or CPAO."

The media created will be distributed on popular social media platforms to drive home the urgent messaging.

Hunter Nish, AOPPYC president, said, "Everyone has their role to play right now. That is to stay safe at home and take precautions if you leave for essential

services. And we must work alongside the task force to further our understanding of what's being done for the Community in regards to COVID-19."

Nish is looking forward for the youth council to be a part of this work since it affects everyone in the Community.

"The truth of the matter is that our situation will not get better until we decide to do better," said Nish.

Their work begins with guidance from the Tribal Health Department and the Communications & Public Affairs Office to ensure messaging is accurate and abides by task force standards. Photographs and videos are currently being produced by the council members and will begin distribution in July.



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • June 17, 2020

## ACTION SHEET

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

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

## 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 Del La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth (9:29), Terrance Evans (9:25); D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS # 1, #2 AND #8 AND RESOLUTION #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #4, #5, AND #9 THROUGH #11; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #4, #5, #6, #7, #9 AND #10 AND NEW BUSINESS #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE RESOLUTION #1, APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED AND ADD COUNCIL CONCERNS #1 GRGE CONCERNS AND #2 WHPDA CONCERNS PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Barbara Valenzuela–Meeks Director of Tribal Social Services

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY PROVIDED AN INTRODUCTION FOR MS. BARBARA VALENZUELA-MEEKS. MS. VALENZUELA-MEEKS PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WELCOME SEDIMENTS.

## REPORTS

>1. Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary 2020 1st Half Report

Presenter: Carletta McDaniel

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

>2. American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post 84 2020 1st Half Rpt

Presenter: Bill Dixon

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Housing Owner's Team Status Report

Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr.

## ITEM HEARD

>4. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 FY 19 4th Qtr and FY 20 1st & 2nd Qtr Financials and Summaries

Presenters: Pamela Thompson; Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Head Start Monthly Report – April 2020

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. COVID-19 Funding

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

## ITEM HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS CALLS FOR A BREAK AT 11:27 A.M. LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 11:54 A.M.]

7. Report on Community Testing

Presenter: Governor Stephen Lewis

## ITEM HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLS FOR A BREAK AT 1:18 P.M. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:44 P.M.]

8. COVID-19 CPAO

Presenter: June Shorthair

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

>9. GRTI Notice of Filing Connect America Fund – Inter-Carrier Compensation (CAF – ICC) Data Submission

Presenters: GRTI Board; Courtney Hogancamp

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp. Quarterly Reports FY – 19 Q2 Q3, Q4

Presenters: Michael H. Morago Donna Stowell

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. GRTI Notice of Filing Rate Floor Submission

Presenters: GRTI Board; Courtney Hogancamp

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority's Participation In The Department Of Energy Technology Deployment On Tribal Lands 2020 Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317, CFDA 81.087, For The Development And Installation Of Battery Storage Infrastructure At Key Location(s) On The Gila River Indian Community Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: John Lewis; Leonard Gold

DISPENSED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving A 9-1-1 Program Grant Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Administration (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Teresa Villescaz

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 47 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2020 Through 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Approving The Location For The New Casa Blanca Community School And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Recognizing The Community's Ownership Interest In The Buildings Situated On Community Land And Operated By The Casa Blanca Community School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-058-18 And Approving The Revised Site Plan For The New Gila Crossing Community School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenter Michael Carter

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving Amendment No.5 To Sec-

tion VII Of The Gila River Indian Community's "Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide" To Add The Community Wireless Access Acceptable Use Policy", To Be Placed In Section III Of The Management Information System Departments "Information Technology Policy" (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Christopher Cabanillas

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. A Resolution Approving The Delivery Agreement Between The United States Of America And The Gila River Indian Community For The Delivery Of Intentionally Created Surplus (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

>9. A Resolution Amending GR-47-88 The Petition For The Enrollment Of Alida Kay Thomas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Approving The Articles of Incorporation And Bylaws Of The Digital Connect Innovation Fund (EDSC approves and forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: GRTI Board; James Meyers; Clarice Chiago-Jones

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts An Amendment To Title 2, Section 2.111, Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Javier Ramos; Nadine Shelde

APPROVED

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCILMAN DELMAR JONES RECUSED HIMSELF FOR THE DURATION OF THE ITEM

1. Treasurer Mentee Position (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion and action)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXTEND SUZANNE JONES AS THE TREASURER MENTEE FOR THREE YEARS

2. Revised Term Sheet – Pinal County Right of Way Re: Hunt Highway and Arizona Farms Road (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with recommendation for approval; NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald N. Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant 90HI00031 COLA And Quality Improvement Supplemental Funding Application (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Head Start – Early Head Start Grant 90CI009952

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COLA And Quality Improvement Supplemental Funding Application (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Letter of Support For Stimulus Funding (ESC forwards to Council for the Community to initiate federal lobbying efforts to support the release of CARES Act funding to the Community's three tribally-controlled schools with those efforts to include a letter from Governor Lewis if necessary)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. GRTI Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors; James Myers; Eric Vreeke

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. GRHC Letter of Request for GRIC Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval of the August 18, 2020 orientation date for newly elected Council)

Presenter: Myron Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020 ORIENTATION DATE

6. GRHC & The Caring House FY 19 External Audit Report (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: REDW

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

7. Letter of Resignation for Councilman Franklin Pablo (LSC forwards to Council under New Business District Five Councilman Franklin Pablo Sr. letter of resignation with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

COUNCIL CONCERNS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. GRGE Concerns

Presenters: Community Council

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE CLOSURE OF GILA RIVER GAMING FACILITIES BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON JUNE 18, 2020 FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS; WITH ALL EMPLOYEES FURLOUGHED WITH PAY; TO ADDRESS THE DRAMATIC SURGE OF CORONAVIRUS CASES, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS; AND TO DIRECT IOPC AND GRGE MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING THE CLOSURE

2. WHPDA Concerns

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.



Gabrielle Alana Martinez

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### COURT HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA Carol Denise Parra Plaintiff(s) Vs Wayman James Thomas Case Number: CV-2020-0096-RO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining order is needed and the court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Re-

straining Order against the named defendant, WAYMAN JAMES THOMAS. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED CAROL DENISE PARRA, IN ANY MANNER: UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ FURTHER A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

### CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA VERA MICHELLE SUNNA, Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. ANTHONY MICHAEL GARCIA, Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: CV-2020-0093-RO CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING Please take notice that a(n) Restraining Order Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

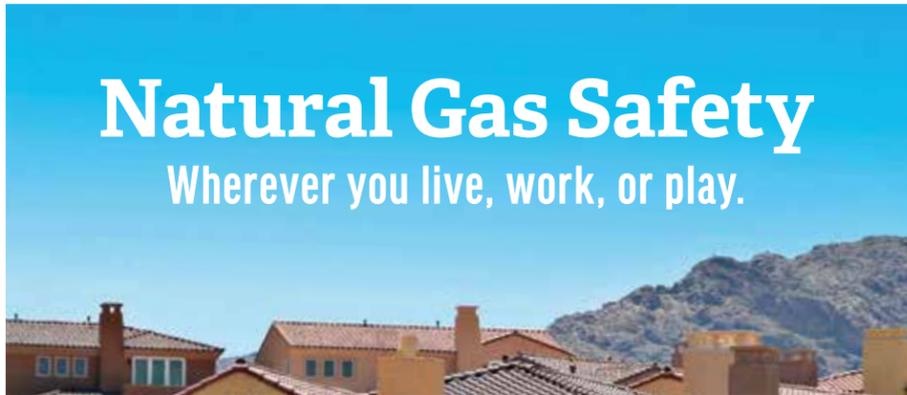
This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below: Monday, July 20, 2020 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ. GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

### CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA CHASTATIE VALEN CIA, Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. WALTER LEE RIGGINS JR., Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: CV-2020-0079-RO CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a(n) Restraining Order Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ. GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

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## WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

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**The deadline to file a claim is July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

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**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**



# AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

**BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, GRIC HAS REQUESTED A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOV 3RD.**

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## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Deleting the 20-year residency requirement for members:

Currently, Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution states that a Community member who remains away from the Reservation continuously for 20 years shall automatically forfeit his or her tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove this language from the Constitution and allow member to keep their membership if they remain away for 20 years.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

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## ARTICLE XI DISTRICTS

Currently, Article 11, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the area known as Co-op shall be within District 6; however, the legal boundaries stated in Article 11 place Co-op within District 7.

- A YES vote will change the legal boundaries of District 7 and District 6 to move the area known as Co-op from District 7 to District 6.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

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## ARTICLE XV POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Currently Articles 3 and 15 of the Constitution state that the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to review certain kinds of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Community Council, including civil and criminal codes, and ordinances regulating tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process.
- A NO vote will keep the current Constitution.

### IN ORDER TO CHANGE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XVII STATES -

“Proposed amendments will be approved by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Community voting in an election called for the purpose by the Election Board, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters vote in such election.”



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