Community Council elections

Candidates and voters are getting ready for the 2014 Community Council election. Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have a total of 24 names on the ballot for seven available seats on council. Seats up for election by district: District 1—one seat; District 3—one seat; District 4—two seats; District 5—two seats; District 6—one seat. The elections will take place May 6. The following candidates were certified by Community Council on April 2.

**District 1**
Augustine Enas
Joey Whitman
Shirley F. Miller
A. Joyce McAfee
Wally Jones

**District 3**
Dale G. Enos*
Avery White
Kristina D. Morago
Rebecca Kisto
Rodney Jackson
Elisha Bishop
April Crawford

**District 4**
Jennifer Allison*
Barney B. Enos Jr.*
Christopher Mendoza
Ramona Sabori
Weldon Salkey
Darrell Gerlaugh

**District 5**
Janice Stewart*
Brenda O. Kyyitan
Brian E. Davis Sr.
Vernon Sunna Sr.

**District 6**
Terrance B. Evans*
Sandy Nasewytewa*

*Incumbent

New gaming commissioners sworn in

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Two new commissioners and one incumbent were sworn into the Gila River Gaming Commission April 14 at the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center. Rhonda Whempner and Denise Allison are new to the commission, while GRGC Chair Serena Joaquin was reappointed to a new, three-year term.

Whempner is a community member from the west end. Her father is the late Byron Sanderson and her mother is Melinda Sanderson. She is a former Miss Gila River (’92-’93) who currently resides in Laveen with her husband Jeff, sons Emmanual and Aaron and daughter Danielle. She has 16 years of management experience with Gila River Gaming Enterprises, during which she worked at all three of Gila River’s casinos. “I appreciate the opportunity of contributing in the growth of this rewarding organization,” she wrote in an email.

Allison is also from the west end, District 6. Her father is the late Gilbert C. Allison and her mother is the late Helen C. Allison. She also lives in Laveen with her children Melissa, Jacob, Zachary, Suzannah and Manuel. Similar to Whempner, Allison has more than 15 years of management experience with the GRGE, during which she worked at Vee Quiva Casino. In an email, she said, “Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Gila River Indian Community.”

Joaquin, District 5, was reappointed to the commission and subsequently reelected as the Commission Chair. Her parents are Joseph T. Joaquin and the late Ethelyn L. Joaquin. She resides in Casa Blanca with her son Josh and daughter Alyssa. Joaquin has been working in the gaming industry since 1995. Starting as a revenue audit clerk, she has nearly 15 years of experience in GRIC gaming, having worked in both the operations sector with GRGE and the regulatory sector with GRGC. She has also served as a commissioner for the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency.

“My goal in gaming was either to be [on the] Board of Directors for the casino or be a Commissioner,” she said. As commission chair, she achieved that goal. The GRGC is the regulatory body of the Gila River gaming enterprises. Its primary jobs, among various other tasks, is to “protect the assets of gaming activities” and to “manage and enforce regulatory compliance to class II and class III…pursuant to [the] Tribal State Gaming Compact provisions [and] the US Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988,” according to gilariver.org.

Voting convenience for Gila River registered voters

Submitted by Tribal Elections Office
Gila River Indian Community

The Tribal Elections Program will kick-off a new voting system called Auto Vote, beginning with the 2014 Community Council Election, May 6, 2014. Gila River Indian Community members who are registered to vote with the Tribal Elections Program will find a more convenient way to vote!

WHAT IS AUTO VOTE?

Auto Vote is a database system that will transfer all registered voters information from the Tribal Elections Office to all polling sites on Election Day. It will make it easier for any GRIC registered voter to go to any polling site within the Community and cast their ballot. The voter must show photo identification to the Election Clerk who will verify their information in the system. Once verification is made as to which district they are registered in, a ballot will print out on the spot, specific to the district they are registered at. Your voting participation is then transmitted to all the other polling sites to notify them that you voted. This eliminates the possibility of trying to vote again at another site; deterring voter fraud. This system will be set up at all polling sites in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Example: If you are registered in District 6, but work in District 3, you can go to the District 3 polling site to vote and a ballot for District 6 will be printed out for you. This could save you travel time and the possibility of not being able to vote, in case it is close to the time the polls close.

PLEASE NOTE: this does not mean you can go to the District 3 polling site and vote for District 3 candidates, if you are not registered there. This applies to all districts.

Because this system needs internet access, here are the polling sites that will be OPEN for you to vote:

District 1 – U.S. Kek Hav- Anedum KI, D01 Elderly Center, 1042 W. Blackwater School Road
District 3 – District 3 Service Center, Church and Canal Road
District 4 – District 4 Service Center, 1510 West Santan Road
District 5 – Veteran’s Building, 3500 West Casa Blanca Road
District 6 – District 6 Learning Center, 5230 West St. Johns Road

These sites will be CLOSED:

District 2 – Casa Blanca Indian Mission Church (Feast house)
District 3 – Zone 1, Billy Parrish Memorial Hall (St. Peters’ Feast house)
District 4 – Zone 1, St. Ann’s Catholic Church (Feast house)
District 5 – Zone 2, Lower Santan Presbyterian Church
District 6 – Zone 4, Goodyear Presbyterian Church
District 7 – Zone 1, Billy Parrish Memorial Hall (St. Peters’ Feast house)
District 8 – Zone 3, West Casa Blanca Indian Mission Church

The absentee voting process will remain the same; by mail, with your District Judge or you can cast your absentee ballot at the Tribal Elections office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Tribal Elections Office, 562-9735 or 562-9758.
Please check your mail for distribution of the new Contract Health Services (CHS) Insurance Card. You can assist the Gila River Health Care (GRHC) Manage Care Department to ensure payment for your medical bills are received and processed as quickly as possible for services offered by external medical providers. This new card will be mailed to you within the next week, or perhaps you have received it already. You will need to carry this card at all times; in the same manner you carry your other medical insurance card, Tribal Identification, and/or driver license.

Using the Card:
Please present the CHS Insurance Card during all medical visits outside of Gila River Health Care. The external medical provider will want a photocopy of this card, and will ask you for the information contained on this insurance card. Please make yourself familiar with the information included on the card.

There is key information that is critical when using your new CHS Insurance Card. First, is the policy # which is your date of birth. This will assist with identifying you as a patient that is covered through this benefit. Second, is the Group #, which will be CHS-0001. There are steps to follow when using this card:

1. External facilities must contact Manage Care for eligibility and covered benefits.
2. Notify Manage Care of hospital services.

This card is not a guarantee of payment for medical services by GRHC, but will assist external facilities (hospitals, emergency departments, and specialty care centers you are referred to) with the correct information to bill the Manage Care Department with your medical claims. This process will improve the timeliness of obtaining medical claims. It will make certain the Manage Care Department receives your medical claims and will assist in the arrangement of payment for the approved services provided by external healthcare facilities.

Most importantly, patients must continue to comply with all other procedures in place, such as, providing a 72-hour notification and receiving prior authorization prior to utilizing various services.

If you should need further assistance on using your CHS Insurance Card, please contact the Manage Care Department at (602) 528-5000 or (520) 562-7997.

A career at Gila River Health Care puts you in the center of one of the most sophisticated and industry-leading health care systems in Native country. We are recognized nationally for creating real value for our Native American patients.

If you are serious about joining a team of engaged professionals, apply online at: WWW.GRHC.ORG.
Goodbye letter

Dear Gila River Indian Community,

It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Community over these past years as the Community Health Nutritionist (Health Resource Department). I truly enjoy and love speaking, meeting people at events, mentoring others and helping plan some of the events throughout the years. I love the Community, the sharing and the learning.

However, last week was my last week as the Community Health Nutritionist. I have been putting off writing this letter because while I am excited for the next chapter, it is still hard to let go of my current job. I will miss this Community dearly and hope that you will continue to strive for a healthier future. Remember to eat your fruits and vegetables! GRIC Community, thanks for everything you have taught me, and for the support and friendships.

With my gratitude and thanks,

Annabelle Garcia
The voters of Arizona in November will select a new governor to succeed Jan Brewer. No clear favorite has yet emerged, but one of the top candidates on the Democratic side is Fred Duval, who made a stop at the Gila River Indian Community Council April 2.

Duval, who grew up in Tucson, worked in former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt’s office in the late 1970s, where he worked with Lt. Gov. Stephen Lewis’s father Rod Lewis. Duval also held the position of director of intergovernmental affairs in President Bill Clinton’s White House. According to Duval’s campaign website, he brings recent experience in renewable energy and has served as a member of the Arizona Board of Regents.

Duval introduced himself to the Council, complimenting the Community on its recent accomplishments. “I have been a student of your history, the stewardship of this extraordinary part of our state and admire greatly the vision that you have been showing,” Duval said.

The state of Arizona and tribes like GRIC share a lot of challenges, Duval said, including unemployment, poverty, healthcare and education. During his time working with the Clinton administration, he said he learned much about the importance of tribal sovereignty. If elected governor, Duval envisions a much more significant collaboration with tribes.

“This relationship matters a great deal to me,” Duval said.

Duval would start by addressing Tribal Legislation Day at the state capitol, which he said has become little more than a formality. “We must re-infuse that process with real substance, real meaning,” he said.

If elected, Duval also promised to elevate the Office of Tribal Affairs to cabinet-level rank “to assure that [tribal] issues get cross-agency attention.”

The gubernatorial candidate promised the state would honor its commitments around issues like water rights and the gaming compacts. While admitting that he didn’t have all the information about the Tohono O’odham Nation’s proposed West Valley casino, Duval said, “The gaming industries must stay in their respective lands. Commitments have meaning.”

He mentioned the pending Bay Mills Supreme Court case and the ripple effects it could have on Native American gaming enterprises in Phoenix and tribal sovereignty in general. “I respect sovereignty,” Duval said. “But I do not want to see the compacts that were so carefully and fairly negotiated across all gaming tribes in the state of Arizona eviscerated.”

Duval said he would also insist on “significant collaboration” with GRIC as the proposed South Mountain Loop 202 extension moves forward.
Community Updates by GRIN Staff

New District 7 Multipurpose Building likely to open in June

The District 7 Multipurpose Building is expected to open in early June. Though there have been many stalls and starts along the way — the building was scheduled to be ready last July and was first designed in 2007 — the construction team is putting the finishing touches on the long-awaited two-story structure.

The district’s current service center was built in 1976. By all accounts, however, the new service center will be worth the wait. The multipurpose building will house administrative offices, recreation rooms for youth and elders, a fitness center, a gymnasium, a kitchen, a water park area, an outdoor pool, and traditional and current Pee-Posh pottery on display along with local Community artwork.

The second floor, where the fitness room is housed, will be dedicated to health. Community members can go there to get a workout in and also attend health education classes.

The building is seeking a Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, a program that recognizes energy efficient building projects. The building will use 15 to 20 percent less electricity and 20 to 25 percent less water than a building of comparable size, according to project manager Benny Dixon.

The District 7 building will be the second Community building to receive the distinction (the Domestic Violence Shelter in Sacaton is the first). GRICUA’s new administrative building, currently being constructed, is also seeking LEED certification.

Governor’s Employee of the Month: Brian TaCheenie

Submitted by Human Resources Department

The Gila River Indian Community would like to recognize Governor’s Employee of the Month for March: Brian TaCheenie. Brian works for the Office of the Prosecutor as a Prosecutor I. Brian has been with the office for more than a year and a half. During his tenure, Brian has handled a full caseload at the Sacaton Judicial Court and he also prosecutes the criminal cases that are heard at the Westend Judicial Court. Mr. TaCheenie has a tremendous work ethic and often stays late processing his cases. Brian uses sound judgment as he strives to see that justice is done in each and every case. On a daily basis, Brian TaCheenie exhibits those qualities that make him a selfless team-player, a valued member of the Office of the Prosecutor and an asset to the Gila River Indian Community.

Nominations for Governor’s Employee of the Month are available through Human Resources Employee Development Program. Employees can nominate one (or more) full-time, non-probationary employee in good standing.
Maricopa Village held its annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace celebration April 11 to 13 at Pee Posh Park.

Every year the celebration reminds Community members of the historical union between the Pee Posh, O’otham, Hualapai, Yuma and Chemehuevi tribes, who formed a military and commercial pact in April of 1863 for the area then known as the “Territory of New Mexico.”

“The Five Tribes were [recognized] for agreeing to protect the Arizona settlers as well as self protection. This was extremely critical since the settlements were vulnerable to attack and the loss of communication and supply lines from raiding Apaches and other marauders,” reads the event program handout, which provides an historical account of the treaty.

It concludes, “The recognition of the Festival of Peace will serve as a bridge between the old and new. The hopes and dreams of those original treaty signers show how the original pact has brought benefits that can be enjoyed by all.”

Saturday, April 12 kicked off with a 5K Run and a family walk at 6:45 a.m. and the parade started at 9. Kiohud Sanderson was honored as the parade Grand Marshall.

Sanderson is a captain with the Gila River Fire Department. He’s 30 years old and has been there for eight years. Working there has “been a way to give back to the people,” he said.

During his time in public service, he said he noticed that Native American “traditions are starting to go away.” He said, “We really need to start focusing and start teaching our young ones… who we are and where we came from.”

District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird is a life-long friend of Kiohud and called him “a role model for our young ones.”

Local artist Paul Molina was recognized as the male Volunteer of the Year for his artistic contributions to the Pee Posh Park. His work can also be seen in the new Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino and the Phoenix Premium Outlets.

Taylor Middaugh was chosen as the female Volunteer of the Year and the District 6 Head Start took first place in the parade competition.

Traditional dancers gathered Saturday afternoon for the Bird Dance Competition at 4. But then they kicked off their moccasins and slapped on their cowboy boots when D Faktion Nyne got the Chicken Scratch started at 7.

As always, the weekend-long celebration was a fun, sunny event that brought old friends together and reunited rarely seen relatives. From the men’s basketball tournament to the elder chair volleyball competition to the children’s splash pad, fun was just around the corner for the whole family.
FitnessFest comes to Gila River

submitted by FitnessFest

In July of 2012, Gila River Indian Community’s Governor Mandara appointed a team led by the Director of the Community Services Department to Chair the Healthcare Initiative Team. The purpose of the Healthcare Initiative is to gather information and ideas from each team member regarding services that they would like to see implemented to enhance the Community’s youth, elders, and employees’ overall health and wellness. The services and programs proposed in this initiative will not only assist in reducing the costly medical interventions that are associated with health disparities, but are also culturally diverse and represent an important part of the Community’s comprehensive services. The idea for “FitnessFest Gila River” has developed into an opportunity which brings the Community’s fitness/exercise staff together to learn from each other, but most importantly to be encouraged and motivated to commit to our individual fitness journeys.

FitnessFest has been providing fitness and wellness conferences in Arizona since 1998, and we are honored to have the opportunity to bring an event to YOU, designed specifically for GRIC members to experience safe and simple exercises, better eating options, and a whole lot of fun! Come and explore ways to live a healthier lifestyle and embrace life!

Workshops for the Community on Saturday, May 3rd include:
- 10:15am Zumbaw® Gold OR How to Use Your Fitness Center
- 11:45am Group Workout
- 12:30pm Lunch & Keynote with Billy Mills
  - 1:30pm Choreographing Your Journey with Billy Mills
  - 2:45pm Preparing Healthy Snacks on a Budget OR Upper Body & Back Strengthening
  - 4:15pm Stretching & Cool Down
  - 5:00pm Celebration Party!

Please come out and join us at the District 5 Service Center for a full day of fitness, freebies, food and FUN! Snacks throughout the day and lunch provided – PLUS, we will be giving away prizes in each workshop to EVERYONE who attends! We will also be raffling off an iPad mini, a bike, Wal-Mart gift certificates, DVDs and MORE!

If possible, please register online at www.FitnessFest.org/GRIC or call (480) 461-3888. You do not need to register to attend, but it is helpful! See you at the District 5 Service Center on May 3rd.

FOR GRIC MEMBERS ONLY

Earth Day Festival

April 22, 2014
10AM-2PM
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
SACATON, AZ

Earth Day Fashion Show!

Display your creative side by designing an outfit using only recyclable/reusable materials. Represent your department as you enter to win an iPad mini, a bike, Wal-Mart gift certificates, DVDs and MORE!

Ideas for items to use:
- Plastic flowers
- Reusable grocery bags
- Natural materials such as dried flowers, sticks
- Plastic bubble wrap (please keep it for later use)
- Old CDs attached to clothing
- Twine
- Jewelry made from bottle caps, old buttons, etc.

“Please be sure all materials are handmade, and stay true to the concept of recycling in your designs.”

Entries are limited to one contestant per department. For application, please contact Janet Travis or Allena Walker.

If your department would like to register a booth, contact Manual Fontes. All can be reached via GRIC employee email or 515-0132 cell.

Earth Day Event: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Earth Day Fashion Show: Noon

For more information, please contact: Department of Environmental Quality
520.562.2234
KYNADUUM-TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2014
MKII- SALT RIVER CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPT.
KALYVIISH DIIKM- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Attention all Píi-paash speakers you are all invited to join us as we work towards revitalizing our language. When our language is only known to a handful of older speakers, and is not being used by the younger generation and has stopped changing with the times this tells us our language is dying. Language loss separates people from the richness of their culture and traditions. We need your help to keep our language alive for the next generation.
A.M. SNACK AND LUNCH ALWAYS PROVIDED

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Classes start June 2014!

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By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton bookworms have surely noticed a number of renovations at the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library in recent years. Most recently, the Community saw fit to refurbish the library’s old dirt parking lot with brand new asphalt pavement.

Ramona Tecumseh, the librarian, and really the heart of the Ira Hayes library for the past eight years, said that she’s been there allistic about the parking lot upgrade.

“Tecumseh is deeply grateful to GROCOT, DOT,” she wrote in an email. “I received numerous compliments from both community members and visitors. It does so much to enhance the quality of life for our community.”

The asphalt pavement project was her idea and GROCOT readily responded.

“DOT was able to pave the entire area,” Tecumseh said on February 10th, wrote GROCOT Supervised Road Maintenance Technician Jimmy Garcia in an email. They applied “emulsion oil to the entire parking lot to keep it stronger and tougher.”

On top of all that, they said they “also hailed in decorative rock and placed it around the yard and the flagpole giving the landscape a better aesthetic.”

A member of the Nebraska Winnebago Tribe, affectionately calls the Ira Hayes library “the little library that could.” She is responsible for nearly all of the improvements made to the library in recent years.

During a visit last week, she explicitly listed some her favorite things about the library for me and gave me a brief tour. The library has improved in children’s room, in which it replaced an old air conditioning unit with a new one, opened an old exterior door that used to be sealed shut, added some cafe-style chairs for the older youth and installed a television for the kids to watch on weekdays.

She also showed me the back where she keeps a small barn for storage (which she said reminds of her home in the Midwest), a mini basketball court and a couple of pomegranate trees to teach children about plant growing.

The little library even has its own server room (tucked in a closet) to provide internet to its handful of computers. “We’re trying to get WiFi,” said Tecumseh.

The library has about 3,000 registered cardholders in the Community and it works with local schools regularly. This year, for its annual summer reading program for elementary school children and their families, “we will be focusing on in science,” said Tecumseh over the phone.

Last year, students learned about Arizona history. “We have things going right and left.” she said.

The smooth, freshly paved parking lot is a point of pride for Tecumseh, GROCOT and Community members who frequent the library. “It’s like night and day,” Tecumseh said about all of the facility improvements.
ACTION SHEET
Community Council; PO 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, April 2, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by president Chairman Governor Greg Mendoza at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Governor Greg Mendoza
Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:
D1- Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Mike E. Enos, Carolyn Williams; D4- Jennifer Al- lison; D5-Annette J. Stewart (9:11), Janice F. Stewart
Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villa- real; Sr. Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans; D7- Devin Redbird
Council Members Absent:
D4-Monica Antone, Norman Wellington, Barney Enos, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS /INTRODUCTIONS
1. Gila River Indian Community Chief of Prosecutor, Rebecca Plevel
Presenter: Nada Celaya
DIVISION MANAGER NADA CELAYA INTRODUCED MS. REBECCA PLEVEL. MS. PLEVEL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND HER PLANS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR.

2. Intergovernmental Liaison, Manuel Johnson
Presenter: Governor Greg Mendoza
GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA INTRODUCED MR. MANUEL JOHNSON. MR. JOHNSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND.

3. Fred DuVal, Democratic Candidate for Governor of Arizona
Presenter: Governor Greg Mendoza
GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA INTRODUCED MR. FRED DUVAL. MR. DUVAL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS INTENTIONS IF ELECTED AS GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA.

[ADDENDUM]

4. Close-Up Introductions
Presenter: Michael Preston

MICHAEL PRESTON AND DEVIN REDBIRD PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW AND GAVE SCENARIOS OF WHAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON WITH THE STUDENTS OF THE CLOSE-UP PROGRAM. INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE TO THE STUDENTS OF THE CLOSE-UP PROGRAM.

5. Fred DuVal, Democratic Candidate for Governor of Arizona
Presenter: Governor Greg Mendoza
GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA INTRODUCED MR. FRED DUVAL. MR. DUVAL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS INTENTIONS IF ELECTED AS GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA.

[ADDENDUM]

6. A Resolution Approving And Designating 4.8805 Acres, Plus Or Minus, Of Tribal Reservation Land Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Dean Howard

7. An Agreement Providing For A New Twenty Year Right Of Way (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; LSC concurs)
Presenter: RoseMarie Hornov

8. A Resolution Approving The Termination And Cancellation Of The Lease Agreement Dated September 19, 1971 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Arts & Crafts, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; EDSC concurs)

REPORT HEARD
1. Defense Services’ Response To The Indian Law and Order Commission Report
Presenter: Cecilia Vacca

REPORT HEARD
2. Prosecutors’ Response To The Indian Law and Order Commission Report
Presenter: Chuck Allen

REPORT HEARD
3. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation
Presenter: Jeff Williamson, Fernando Marquez and Aaron Allery

REPORT HEARD
4. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation 1st Quarter Report
Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD
5. Culture Program Update – Tribal Education Department
Presenter: Mario Molina

REPORT HEARD
6. Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation
Presenters: Sun Valley Marina Development And Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park Board Of Directors

REPORT TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 90 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
RECONVENED AT 2:15PM]

7. Fourth Quarter San Carlos Irrigation Project Report
& Fourth Quarter Bureau of Reclamation Report
Presenter: David H. DeJong

REPORT HEARD
8. Arizona Passenger Rail Study
Presenters: Michael Kies, Sasha Pachito and Carlos Lopez

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Janice Ponzi-interim CEO and Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
February 2014 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Courtney Moyah and Serena Joaquin

RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; LSC concurs)

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Designating 3.0 Acres, More Or Less Of Reservation Land Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Community For The Purpose Of Developing, Constructing, Maintaining And Operating The Blackwater Gas Station & Convenience Store As Drawing Job No. 13-112-51 (NRSC forwards to Council for discussion & action; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Dante Nash

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED

11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Naomi Rae Stevens Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osile and Enrollment Department

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Nicole Lynn Barehand Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osile and Enrollment Department

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointment (1)

Presenters: Community Council

RHONDA WHEMPNER APPOINTED

2. Wild Horse Pass Development Board of Directors Appointment (1)

Presenters: Community Council

GARY WILLIAMS APPOINTED

3. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board

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of Directors Appointments (2)

Presenters: Community Council
NEIL BANKETEWA AND JOHN LEWIS
APPOINTED

[ADDENDUM]

4. Code of Conduct Complaint
Presenter: Brian Schulman
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FIND MS. EVANS FAILING TO UPHOLD THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AND BE PREVENTED FROM BEING APPOINTED FOR ANY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS

[ADDENDUM]

5. Gila River Farms
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE FIVE VACANCIES FOR THE GILA RIVER FARMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 30-DAYS; THE INTERIM BOARD WILL REMAIN UNTIL THE VACANCIES HAVE BEEN FILLED MOTION MADE AND SECOND A STANDING MOTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT REQUIRING A MONTHLY REPORTING BY THE FARM BOARD IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE OPERATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Board Of Directors Vacancy (G&MSC motioned to declare the vacancy of one unexpired term for 30-days for Gila River Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors; appointment will be made at the May 7, 2014 Council Meeting)

Presenters: Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. & Board Of Directors
DECLARED FOR 30-DAYS
2. 2014 Community Council Candidates – Certification of Qualifications (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to certify the following candidates)
Presenter: Nadine Shelde
a.   D-1: Augustine Enas, Joey Whitman, Shirley F. Miller, Alberta Joyce McMee, and Wally Jones
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY AUGUSTINE ENAS, JOEY WHITMAN, SHIRLEY F. MILLER, ALBERTA JOYCE MCAFEE, AND WALLY JONES
b.   D-2: Dale Gordon Enos, Avery White, Kristina D. Morago, Rebecca Kisto, Rodney Jackson, Elisha Bishop, and April Crawford
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DALE GORDON ENOS, AVERY WHITE, KRISTINA D. MORA GO, REBECCA KISTO, MR. RODNEY JACKSON, ELISHA BISHOP, AND APRIL CRAWFORD

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. G&M HAS A SPECIAL MEETING WITH HOT IN THE MORNING AT 9AM
> COUNCILMAN DALE ENOS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CONCERNS OF EDSC SITTING ON LONE BUTTE BOARD WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
> COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD STATED THAT HE WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE SPECIAL G&M MEETING BECAUSE OF A PREVIOUS MEETING SCHEDULED
> COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG WILL BE TAKING CARE OF PERSONAL ISSUES AND WILL BE AT THE WORK SESSION ABOUT 10:00AM

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:12pm
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

PREPARING MAKES SENSE, GET READY NOW

In the past, dust storms, flash floods, wildfires, extreme heat, and severe winter weather have threatened GRIC. Now consider the possibility of home fires and even terrorist attacks. Are you prepared to make it on your own for a few days in the event of an emergency?

1. BE INFORMED
Learn what to do before and during an emergency. Before a disaster, learn how you will get information on hazardous events through local alerts and warnings.

2. MAKE A PLAN
Prepare, plan and stay informed for emergencies. Learn what to do in different situations, customize your plan for your local hazards. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes; how you will get to a safe place, how will you contact one another, how will you get back together.

3. BUILD A KIT FOR DISASTERS

Recommended Supplies for a Basic Kit:
- Water, one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food like dried fruit, meat, or fish, protein bars, and canned goods
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust masks or cotton t-shirt to help filter the air
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation

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