Gila River Indian Community increases testing capabilities

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community has entered into a partnership with the Mayo Clinic – Phoenix Campus to increase the availability of testing, with results that are expected within 48 hours. Through contacts initiated by our Senate Delegation of Kyrsten Sinema and Martha McSally, I spoke with Dr. Richard Gray and we formed a partnership that will allow use of Mayo Clinic labs for testing.

In addition, Gila River Health Care is working to bring TGEN, a local genomics research institute that has the capability to test for COVID-19. [These] testing sources, will allow us to roll-out a broader testing plan. With increase testing, we can expand out to other vulnerable areas of the Community.

Lewis added, “the Community has entered into a partnership with the Mayo Clinic – Phoenix Campus to increase the availability of testing, with results that are expected within 48 hours. Through contacts initiated by our Senate Delegation of Kyrsten Sinema and Martha McSally, I spoke with Dr. Richard Gray and we formed a partnership that will allow use of Mayo Clinic labs for testing.”

Lewis said, “Seeking ways to increase testing capacity has paid off.” Testing numbers have significantly gone up throughout his recent video updates as the Community explores ‘new ways’ to improve testing.

Gila River Indian Community implements Abbot analyzers to test frontline staff and increase availability of testing. Gov. Steven Roe Lewis updated the Community about the need to increase testing for patients coming in with symptoms associated with COVID-19 during a video address on April 22.

“We’ve already been able to put this into effect, using the Abbott analyzer to test key employees in the facility where COVID-19 was detected to confirm that none of the employees were infected and could remain at their stations,” said Lewis.

He said the ability to test employees and get results in a matter of minutes is crucial in caring for the welfare and safety of healthcare and first responders on the frontline. It also allows the Community to maintain a level of critical services to GRIC members during a health crisis.

Gila River Indian Community increases testing capabilities

GRIC schools will still honor class of 2020

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

While many are finding ways to cope with stay at home orders from the coronavirus outbreak, Gila River Indian Community students must also contend with their own changes in education for the remainder of 2020. The spring semester is the end of the school year in GRIC. It is the capstone to their academic accomplishments followed by graduation and promotions. These occasions typically include gymnasiums and venues packed with families and family celebrations.

With the world dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, social and physical distancing has forced everyone to reconsider their academic celebrations. Today, all schools must consider new ways to honor student accomplishments including Sacaton Middle School and Gila Crossing Community School.

Sacaton Elementary School District Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Paul said, “We want to make sure that all our eighth graders and families are exploring ways to celebrate for different milestones that adhere to social distancing. Many are hosting ‘virtual’ gatherings with their families. Another popular option that many are trying is ‘parades’ for students hosted by teachers and staff. There are a variety of ways these occur where sometimes the parade of well-wishers drives by honking and yelling words of encouragement outside a person’s home. Or at times the honoree drives past their well-wishers as they cheer them on.

As the state considers reopening businesses and services in May, many schools are refraining from hosting any graduations or virtual ceremony are still on hold. Still, inevitably, schools and families will find a way to think about when it comes to promotions. Traditional graduations with addresses from dignitaries, walking across the stage may be on hold. Still, inevitably, schools and families will find a way to recognize their students.

Sacaton Middle School eighth grade promotion from 2018. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The world is currently dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to significant changes in education and daily life. Schools and families have had to adapt to new ways to celebrate academic accomplishments, such as virtual ceremonies or parades. Despite the challenges, many schools and families are finding creative ways to honor their students.

Gila River Indian Community has increased their testing capabilities through partnerships with Mayo Clinic and TGEN. These partnerships allow for increased testing capacity, which is crucial in caring for the welfare and safety of healthcare and first responders on the frontline.

In the future, more plans are expected to unfold for all schools as the state reopens. Planning for this is all new territory for everyone to think about when it comes to promotions. Traditional graduations with addresses from dignitaries, walking across the stage may be on hold. Still, inevitably, schools and families will find a way to recognize their students.
HEALTH ALERT
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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We at GRHC wish for all our patients to know that it is never appropriate to ingest or inject a disinfectant or household cleaner. Please use these products as intended – to clean a surface such as a countertop or a bathroom fixture. To do otherwise can cause grave injury or death.

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For general info about the Coronavirus, go to GRHC.org/Coronavirus

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Gardening During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Many of us are struggling to find ways to stay busy during the COVID-19 pandemic while practicing isolation and self-distancing. Gardening can help. It can be a relaxing activity with great personal rewards.

Here are some benefits of gardening:

• May help cope with boredom
• Can create a sense of security
• Can provide relief from stress and anxiety

Get creative!

Gardening is a great outdoor activity that can add positive energy to your life while giving you a fun, new way to spend time with your family. Just imagine the sheer joy of growing your own garden! What an accomplishment!

Are you new to gardening?

The Life Center Community Garden Project offers some excellent resources to help you learn how to grow your garden. The project can teach you about soil preparation, seeding, transplanting, and more!

For more information please contact, Life Center’s Community Garden Project at (520) 610-0509

Reminder
MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE
Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be
CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
**District 3 Head Start holds a social distancing parade for children**

**Submitted by Annie Gutierrez**
Gila River Indian Community

On Friday, April 24, teachers and staff of the D3 Head Start Center came together to host a social distancing parade for their students in the program. Teachers and staff decorated their personal vehicles and coordinated with families all in efforts to boost spirits of children and their families during the COVID-19 outbreak. Along the parade route, Head Start staff got waves from many members in the community and were excited to see their students and families outside their homes cheering while holding up signs with thoughtful messages. School closures have students in the community learning from home including students in the Head Start program ages six-months to five. The once lively and cheerful singing classrooms of D3 Head Start center is quiet for now. Teachers expressed how much they miss their students and hope to see them back in the classroom soon.

**MAR-5 Interpretive Trail highlighted in Parade.com feature**

**Kyle Knox**
Gila River Indian News

On April 17, Parade Magazine highlighted the Community’s Managed Aquifer Recharged Site 5 Interpretive Trail as part of its annual Earth Day feature. The feature portion highlighted one location for every state that is both educational and active. The MAR-5 Interpretive Trail was only one of two sites throughout the country that was Native-based or within a Native American reservation. The other was on the Sioux Nation’s Standing Rock Reservation in Cannon Ball, N.D., which established the biggest solar energy farm in their state.

The author of the article, Kathleen McCleary, stated that “in honor of Earth Day, we’re highlighting some of the best Earth Day activities across America. We’re inspired, and we hope you are too!” The article hoped to encourage readers to consider visiting the sites and enjoy what they had to offer in terms of education, ecological, and conservation efforts in the area.

The article also cited Governor Stephen Roe Lewis’ remarks, that “[MAR-5 Interpretive Trail] will be a living tribute to our water rights, our Huhugam [ancestors], and teach our future generations our historic and ongoing ties to the Gila River.”

Parade is printed every Sunday and online at Parade.com, where it “provides engaging entertainment coverage supplemented with inspiring stories, home and health content designed to make life and community connections more meaningful.”

You can find the original article by visiting parade.com/1023304/kmccleary/earth-day-activities/
Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

SAULT – 200422-01888: Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to an auto theft. During the altercation the victim was cut by the vehicle and the two suspects drove off the vehicle.

SAULT – 200419-01839: Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a subject being stabbed and requesting an ambulance. Upon officer arrival contact was made with the victim and was observed to have a large laceration to the top of their head. Investigation revealed the victim and suspect were drinking alcoholic beverages together and engaged in a physical altercation with the victim and witness observed the suspect with a hatchet in hand. The hatchet was located in the residence, photographed and entered into evidence. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was not located.

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Status: Closed – Vehicle Located

District Four – Stony Stony
AGGRAVATED AS Sass – 200420-01861: Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a prior assault. Investigation revealed the suspect came to the victim's residence and attempted to argue with the victim and assaulted the victim causing a laceration above the eye that was actively bleeding. The victim ran to the neighbor's residence and called police. The suspect would not exit the residence and threatened to shoot officers if they did not enter the residence. Officers entered and took the suspect into custody. The victim needed stitches but refused to be transported.

Status: Closed – Suspect arrested and booked into jail.

GILA R L A R Y – 200419-01844: Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a burglar. Investigation revealed that three televisions were taken from the residence and the suspect is unknown. A person of interest has been identified and follow up will be conducted.

Status: Open Investigation

AUTO THEFT – 200421-01876: Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a vehicle theft. The victim stated the vehicle was left at residence due to being inoperable and was notified that the vehicle was no longer available.

The victim was able to contact the homeowner with negative results; officers searched surrounding areas and places known for possible follow up to conduct investigations.

The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

ARREST – 200420-01895: Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a domestic disturbance. Investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation and were owned by both individuals. During the altercation the victim was cut by the vehicle and the two suspects ran to the neighbor's residence to the area in reference to a domestic disturbance. The suspect was located and arrested. Photos taken will be uploaded to evidence.

Status: Suspect arrested.

ARREST – U R G E N T – G R I C – 200419-01844: Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a vehicle theft. The surveillance company advised of a subject going between the fence. The investigation revealed that the suspect took a fire extinguisher from the residence and the suspect is unknown. A person of interest has been identified and follow up will be conducted.

Status: Pending Investigation

**Precautions:**

- Wear proper PPE.
- Identify and respond in a timely manner.
- Maintain proper distance.
- Report any incidents to the immediate supervisor.
- Follow all applicable health and safety guidelines.

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Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

In continued efforts to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, the Gila River Indian Community has extended the partial shutdown of government departments and offices until Friday, May 15. The Community also extended suspension of on-reservation travel for Community employees. Funeral services, wakes and cremations have been allowed to proceed under strict conditions that no more than 10 people attend and must wear PPE. Families are encouraged to consider larger memorial services once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. Executive Order No. 6 was also amended on April 30 to extend the “Stay at Home” order for GRIC.

Through an ongoing series of video updates from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on the Community’s official Facebook page, on April 29, he stated that there has been a total of 996 COVID-19 tests conducted by Gila River Health Care (GRHC). 915 of those tests are negative, 33 pending, and 3 canceled by the reference lab. 45 positive cases for the coronavirus, 13 of those are Community members. Gov. Lewis continues to make testing one of the key priorities while working with GRHC and the Community’s Tribal Health Department. This allows us to see where any COVID-19 cases are, where resources are needed and allows the Community Council, Lt. Gov. Stone and myself to make critical on-going decisions related to the health, safety, and economic welfare of the Community,” said Gov. Lewis in his April 29 video update.

On April 28, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey announced the state’s stay at home order will also be extended until May 15, with some modifications.

Gila River Indian Community continues in efforts to slow the spread of coronavirus

Gila River Indian News

May 1, 2020

Teaya Vicente  
Gila River Hotels & Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (April 28, 2020) – Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. has extended the temporary closure of Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Vee Quiva. This includes the partial shutdown of the Gila River Indian Community and offices until Friday, May 15, as well as many other casinos. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has extended the closure of their casinos through the month of May.

Local tribal communities continue to combat the coronavirus and prevent spread. On April 28, a press release from the Navajo Nation announced that they would be issuing another public health emergency order due to the high number of positive COVID-19 cases. The emergency order enforces a 57-hour weekend curfew on top of a 24-hour “shelter-in-place” order that’s already in effect. The tribe now has 1,973 positive COVID-19 cases with 10,772 tests that have been administered.

The Tohono O’odham Nation extended their departaments and programs partial closure until June 4 and their stay at home order will remain in effect until further notice. As of April 24, the Tohono O’odham Nation reported 25 positive cases with 16 members belonging to the O’odham tribe. The enterprise will also continue to closely monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). For more information regarding promotions, concerts, and future hotel room reservations please visit PlayArica.com.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has zero positive reported cases of community member for the COVID-19. SRPMIC continues to take precautionary measures with stay home orders and enacted a new civil ordinance that would issue fines for those not obeying the order.

The Gila River Indian Community continues to encourage practicing safety measures to prevent the spread of the virus with physical distancing, wearing a face mask, washing your hands and only leaving the house when necessary.

Something to be told or talked about
By Billy Allen

May 2020 – what a month to remember! So many life expectations and goals were货架, put on ice because of COVID-19. Graduations with balloons and flowers went by the wayside as Gila River Community members completing their studies in elementary, high school, trade school or college had no ceremonies. It is a valid concern. The value of earning positive skills and talents for adulthood.

Parents to share the pride of finishing your course of study— you will always be yours. It is a something to be told or talked about.

Thank you to all person- nel, O’otham, Piipaash, and Natives have been through tough times before. We’ll get through this too. When Cortes entered Aztec land in 1521, un- seen weapons unleashed on Natives were Euro- pean diseases. Our genetic makeup had no resistance. It is estimated over 22 mil- lions died in that one year. The Spanish Flu in this coronavirus are invisible germs, but other kinds of diseases have hurt our communi- ties. Alcohol was illegal for GRIC members until 1948, but destructive patterns still developed. The same can be said with the introduc- tion of the “drug” culture going mainstream in the 1960s.

Kudos and props to all “essential workers” who kept people fed and lived. It is hard to get in line before supplies ran out. The temporary peace of mind could not have been any different from what our ancestors felt when food crops were bountiful. We all depend on many in our com- munity, it’s essential that healthcare treatments, appointments, and prescription access continue. Thank you to all person- nel on the front lines. Of course, this pandemic has taken us beyond our boundaries. We are a sovereign nation, but need outside resources— just as needed. You when you’re out and about using your hands and only leav- ing the house when necessary.

Dr. King asked for glad- titude and told the sanitation workers, “You are demon- strating a way to get on with your life in the face of this. You are not superman and superwoman, you’re out and about using your hands and only leaving the house when necessary.” It sounds like a traditional O’odham expression… if one person suffers, if one person is down, we are all down.” It sounds like a traditional O’odham and Piipaash thought. Let’s stick together and do the es- sential steps to help defeat this coronavirus.

Some information was taken from these sources: https://www.cdc. gov/flu/pandemic-re- sources/1918-pandem- ic-h1n1.html and https:// cenuserporter.org/pro- files/25200US1310R-gi- la-river-indian-reserva- tion.
IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Veronica Enos vs. Adrian Reyes
Docket Number: FM-20-19-00-19-PT

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing
Westend Judicial Center,
475L West Pecos Road,
Laveen, AZ 85339
18th day of May, 2020 at 11:00 AM
in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Dallas Delowe

The Natural Resource Standing Committee ("NRSC") will be considering the Environmental Assessment Form from the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. regarding a communication site lease on approximately 1.33 acres of land near Seed Farm and Bluebird Roads at their regular meeting on May 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., located in Conference Room C of the Community Council Secretary’s Office. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Form is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary’s Office.

If you are interested in providing comments to the Environmental Assessment Form, please attend the scheduled NRSC meeting. You may also contact your Council representative or the NRSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Written comments may be emailed to Casaundra Wallace at casaundra.wallace@gric.nsn.us or mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 87, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casaundra Wallace.

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**
COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AT SEED FARM AND BLUEBIRD ROADS

"NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT"
By Community Council resolution, GRIC has requested a special election to be held in conjunction with the General Election on Nov. 3, 2020

**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.

**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.

**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.”
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community was awarded a grant to fund a portion of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project by a federal government agency. P-MIP received a grant notification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of $9,090,909, for the construction of a two-year canal project on April 17.

According to a GRIC Communications & Public Affairs Office press release, the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program, awarded the Community to help fund a portion of P-MIP’s canal infrastructure.

“The work proposed under this RCPP program will assist the Community in its efforts to address the effects of the on-going drought in the Lower Colorado River Basin through the regional Drought Contingency Plan,” Dr. David Delong P-MIP Director.

For the Community, the RCPP is focused on conserving Colorado River water stored in Lake Mead, reducing the probability of a shortage declaration by the Secretary of the Interior.

Delong said, “Improving canals will not only conserve water but result in better water measurement and water use efficiencies for tribal growers.”

The grant allows the Community to proceed with the Canal 13 project, that will start in the late summer of 2021, with a projected completion date of 2023. The section of new canal will span 14.62 miles in length across District 5, in north Casa Blanca, just west of Interstate 10.

The Community is one of 48 conservation projects, that spans across 29 states, who were selected by the RCPP to receive the grant, which draws from a $200 million pool of funds by the federal government.

Within the state of Arizona, there are a total of three separate projects in Arizona, that includes the Arizona Department of Water Resources and Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Community, who were awarded the grant.

In line with the RCPP’s goals, the grant will also protect and improve soil productivity and conserve water resources for a more sustainable agricultural development. The project will also be in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, and will address water quality degradation and associated soil quality degradation, that occurs due to upstream diversions.

My Name is JOSEPH MANUEL. I am running for Chief Judge in the Special Election, Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 6:00AM-6:00PM in Districts 1-7. I am from D3 Sacaton Gu’u Ki’ District. My maternal grandparents the late Frank & Isabel Johnson, my paternal grandparents the late Warren & Liza Manuel, & my parents the late Herman Manuel & Lorraine Johnson were all from Sacaton. I am a full blood Pima, an Elder, & I’m in my mid-sixties.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree, & a Master’s in Business Administration. I retired from Gila River Indian Community 10 years ago, after 30 years of employment. I pride myself with 37 years of Sobriety. As Chief Judge I will manage the Court’s effectively, sufficiently, & with Integrity. I believe Judges should remain impartial & not get involved in politics. They should live by Judge’s Canon’s (Code of Conduct). My experience comes from being a Pro Tempore Judge here in the Community. Associate Judge in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. And a Visiting Associate Judge in the Hualapai Tribe. Early on, I Advocated at various Indian Reservations, The Tohono O’Odham Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe; San Carlos Indian Tribe; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Hualapai Tribe; Hopi Tribe; Ak-Chin Indian Tribe; & Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Tribe. I am a member of the San Carlos Bar. I have been your Lieutenant Governor, D3 Councilman, & have been on various GRIC Boards such as 4 River Indian Legal Services; GRT; GRICUA, WHPDA, the Law Enforcement Commission, & more. I have served as chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, & have been the Secretary for the Intertribal Council of Arizona. I am married & have been for 30 years. I have 4 boys. I am a Family man. I have never been Impeached as a sitting Judge. I have never been suspended for actions unbecoming of a Judge. I will never bring disrespect to the Chief Judge position. You’ve elected & tried my opponent. He promised many positive changes in past elections. We have seen no changes. I call upon my Hajun in Districts 1-7. I need your support. With wise wisdom & direction from Our Creator, together we can set the example for Our generation, & generations to come. Masapo.

ELECT – “JOSEPH MANUEL” – CHIEF JUDGE
“A VOTE FOR JOSEPH, IS A VOTE FOR TRUE TRIBAL JUSTICE”
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Presented by the Community Council Secretary’s Office • April 15, 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, April 15, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Government Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:25 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitcher, Aziee Hopp; D2-Carol Schurz;
D3-Avery White; Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone,
Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5-Janice Stewart, Martin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.,
Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D4-Jennifer Allison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #2 AND RESOLUTION #5
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #3 AND NEW BUSINESS #2, #3 AND #5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND ADD NEW BUSINESS #6 COUNCIL CONCERNS
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS REPORTS
1. Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley Sacaton/ Komatke Branch Transition Plan Update
Presenters: Branch Board, Jason Jones
REPORT HEARD
Presenter: Michelle Barber
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>3. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gila River Branches 2nd Quarter Report
Presenters: Soty Antone, Emiliano Morondos
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
4. COVID-19 Emergency Fund (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
5. IHS Funding for COVID-19 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
6. FY 2020 Budget Impact (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community Through The Tribal Health Department To Receive Grant Funds Through The Good Health And Wellness In Indian County Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Candler Presten
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. A Resolution Adding Six Million Dollars To The Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Emergency Fund Established By Resolution GR-042-20 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy
APPROVED
>3. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-044-20, The Interim Amendment To Section III Of The Gila River Indian Community’s ‘Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide’ By Revising The Section Entitled ‘Leave Of Absence For Coronavirus (COVID-19)’ (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with amendments and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED
>5. A Resolution Authorizing The Human Resources Department To Utilize The Arizona Department Of Public Safety’s Non-Criminal Justice Compliance Program For Fee-Based State And Federal Criminal History Checks For Employment Applicants (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Michelle Barber
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Remote Meeting Access
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION GR-045-20
MOTION MADE AND SECOND COUNCIL PREPARES TO UTILIZE CISCO WEBEX VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZE THE MIS DEPARTMENT TO DEPLOY THE LICENSING
MOTION MADE AND SECOND AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS GO TO REMOTE MEETING ACCESS
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Temporary Shutdown Update
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, IOPC
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
3. Gila River Gaming Commission Response to GRGE Shutdown
Presenters: Duane Johns, Scott Sanderson
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 30-MINUTE BREAK, THE MEETING RE-CONVENED AT 5:06 P.M.]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
NEW BUSINESS

*1. GRIC Suicide Analysis GAP Analysis Work Group Annual Report (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business to set a date for a work session)

Presenter: Priscilla Foote, Jaime Arthur
MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE WORK SESSION BE HELD ON JUNE 12, 2020, 9AM
>2. Request from Tonto Apache Indian Nation to use GRIC State Shared Gaming documents as a template to develop their own (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. Gila River Farms FY 19 Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Wesley Benally
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. Gila River Farms FY 20 Budget (G&MSC forwards to Council for recommendation for approval with additional material)

Presenter: Cletus Shirley
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
>5. GRICUA FY 19 Audited Financial Statements (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: John Lewis, Adam Cavin, Leonard Gold
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Declaration of Three (3) Vacancies (Advertise for 60 days; subject to the code of conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
7. COVID-19 Community Status

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, COVID-19 Task Force
ITEM FURTHER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES
1. March 6, 2020 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

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