It’s Your Constitution: Gila River Indian Community hosts constitutional convention

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

On Saturday, Aug. 29, a virtual constitutional convention was streamed live on Facebook and Gila River Broadcasting Corp. channels 19.1 and 29.1 to promote the Gila River Indian Community’s upcoming Special Election, which will be held in conjunction with the General Election on Nov. 3.

Gila River Indian Community council voted and approved a resolution requesting that a Special Election be held on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community. Three different articles in the constitution will be on the ballot: Article III – Membership, Article XI – Districts, Article XV – Powers of the Gila River Indian Community.

The proposed amendments are part of the Tribal Constitution Reform Project that collected data from the Community on possible amendments to the Community’s constitution. The virtual convention brought together Community members for presentations and discussions from Gila River Indian Community’s leadership and members on the proposed amendments on Facebook Live. Presenters answered questions sent in by email or commented during the live feed at the event’s conclusion.

“We what are talking about today is literally, who and what the Community stands for, and that’s our Constitution,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who provided a welcome address to viewers. "Sharing historical background of the Gila River Indian Community, its Constitution and Voting rights; can’t take voting lightly," said Gov. Lewis who strongly urges Community members to vote. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided a prayer and also urged members to be informed and vote.

The Special Election requires at least 30 percent of registered voters to participate in order for the results to be valid or approximately 1,960 voters of the current 6,536 registered voters. Nadine Shelde, Tribal Elections Program, provided information on voter registration, although it is currently closed for the Sept. 15 Primary Election. Registration will resume Sept. 16 through Oct. 6.

Community members are strongly encouraged to register and vote in both the General and Special Election. Applications can be requested and sent by mail, there are no online applications. In response to the pandemic it is strongly encouraged to vote by mail, notification for absentee ballots are waived and must be signed by the voter. The Community will be offering “drive-thru” voting but if it is preferred, walk-in polling sites will also be available. Masks and physical distancing will be required. For more information on voter registration, contact the Tribal Elections Program at (520) 562-9735 or (520) 562-9758.

Anthony Gray, Gila River Urban Coordinator, Tribal Education Department, delivered a historical presentation of the Community and its transition from old to new ways, “from the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act and the adoption of the initial constitution in 1936 as well as the current Constitution adopted in 1960. Gray’s presentation included an early 1901 constitution from Santan, which was eventually vetoed by the Indian Agent at the time. Javier Ramos, Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel, provided legal descriptions on the Special Election and the amendments up for vote. Ramos said there will be separate ballots for the Special Election and shared examples of the questions on the ballot.

Anthony Newkirk, Gila River Urban Members Association, shared his perspective and opinions regarding Article III – Membership and the “Twenty-Year Rule,” which states that if a member who establishes residence off the reservation and remains away from the reservation, continuously for 20 years shall automatically forfeit membership. This article has never been enforced and its origin is unknown.

“There are people that go to school, get a job elsewhere that probably aren’t aware of this article,” said Newkirk, who was born and raised in Chicago. Newkirk shared his background as an example of different situations where a Community member does not reside in the Community. The Gila River Urban Members Association provides assistance to any Community member that resides off the reservation. For more information, you can visit their website gilariveruma.org, where you can also find copies of the Gila River Indian Community’s constitution.

Keith McDonald from the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) presented the boundaries of the districts in the Community, with the main focus on District 6 and District 7 and Article XI that address the boundaries of Co-op Maps are available from LUPZ upon request at (520) 562-6003.

For more information on the Special Election you can visit mygilariver.com.

GRIC extends partial government closure as well as stay at home orders

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Tribal Health Department released the Gila River Indian Community’s latest COVID-19 Data Report on Sept. 2, which confirmed 1,961 positive cases and 21 deaths with 805 positive cases for GRIC members. Arizona has reached 203,953 positive case of COVID-19 as of Thursday, Sept. 3.

Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, the Gila River Indian Community has extended partial closure of all government departments and offices, Executive Order No. 5 and the “Stay-at-Home” Executive Order No. 6 until Oct. 4. Anyone living within the Community is ordered to continue to stay home unless they are conducting essential activities such as work, grocery shopping, outdoor physical activity, or caring for a family member or pet. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, anyone can have mild to severe symptoms and those symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, new loss of taste or smell. It is important to stay home if you are sick and monitor your symptoms.

Positive cases are high among those 65-years-old and younger, according to data reports by the Tribal Health Department. Continue to wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, maintain physical distance, wear a face mask when around others to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Testing in the Community continues with more than 70,000 tests completed. Testing has been made available for anyone living or working in the Community. Transportation for Community members residing in the GRIC boundaries can be scheduled at (520) 562-3321 or (520) 562-1138.

For more information on COVID-19 updates in the Community and testing, visit gria.org/coronavirus or mygilariver.com. The Gila River Indian Community also made text alerts available with updates and reminders on testing, executive orders and more. Text “GILARIVER” to 797979 to subscribe and stay up to date.
HEALTH ALERT
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Upcoming District 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.

Note: If you have not been tested and have no symptoms, you should be tested at a district service center.

Dist. 4 ..... Sept. 8 - 10
Dist. 5 ..... Sept. 15 - 17
Dist. 6 ..... Sept. 29 - Oct. 1
Dist. 7 ..... Oct. 6 - 8
Dist. 1 ..... Oct. 13 - 15
Dist. 2 ..... Oct. 20 - 22

Testing Times 9 am- 1 pm & 5pm - 7pm

For test result information, please call: (602) 528-3378
For general info about the Coronavirus, go to GRHC.org/Coronavirus
GRHC Coronavirus Hotline (520) 550-6079

Q & A with Dr. Santiago
Do you have questions about the current wave of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Dr. Santiago, CEO at Gila River Health Care, will answer your medical questions regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the Gila River Indian Community via Facebook Live on Friday Sept. 11th at 1 pm.

Please submit your questions to RUNNER@GRHC.ORG - Be sure to include “COVID-19 Questions” in the email subject line.

FLU VACCINE available September 15th!

*Flu vaccines will also be available at the COVID-19 testing site 9/22-9/24 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5:00 pm -7:00 pm.

Flu vaccines available to GRHC patients, GRIC members and members of federally recognized tribal communities only.

Reminder! Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be
CLOSED FRIDAY, 9/18/2020 - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY
GRHC receives donation of recyclable bedside carts to assist patients

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Health Care providers have a new convenient way to store supplies for COVID-19 patients thanks to two Northern Arizona University alumni, Taggart Neal and John Krueger, who donated 54 HEROCarts, which are now in use at the Hau’pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.

Neal and Krueger represent TAGCarts with Neal as the CEO, and Krueger as the Advisor according to a GRHC press release, which also states that the carts are, “one time use, three-drawer, recyclable bedside carts filled with valuable [personal protective equipment] to keep nurses safe.”

According to the TAGCarts website, the carts are designed for easy assembly and quick deployment. Krueger said when they are not in use, they can be stored flat and then propped up and ready to use in a short time. “These lightweight yet durable multi-drawer carts on wheels are made out of corrugated paper board containing a high level of post-consumer waste (recycled content) and are filled with masks, gloves and other PPE,” said Neal.

Neal said in field hospitals and alternative care units, such as the one at the Red Tail Hawk Health Center, there is a need for equipment that is not cost or storage prohibitive while treating patients.

In addition to eight counties in Arizona, HEROCarts have also been sent to the Navajo Nation, Sacramento, Stockton and Los Angeles, Calif., field hospitals.

“We are very grateful for GRHC, the state of Arizona, the Department of Health Services, who received 250 of our HEROCart equipment and they disbursed them out to the counties,” said Neal.

Neal and Krueger set up the HEROCarts along with GRHC staff at Hau’pal Health Center and loaded the carts with items to quickly treat and assist patients with COVID-19.

“Unprecedented times call for innovative solutions. The HEROcart is a perfect example of a scalable and deployable cart solution that addresses the need for new patients and clinicians treating COVID-19 patients, improving safety and workflow,” said Dr. Anthony Santiago, GRHC CEO, in a press release.

The carts are single patient use and can be easily put together in times when storage equipment is in short supply and storing medical items is limited.

“It’s so important to have the supplies you need at hand,” said Michelle Kopeck, GRHC Nurse.

She said the carts also serve as a place for patients to put personal property in them and can function as a bed side stand, or can be positioned in areas where staff need to obtain supplies and reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

Business Interruption Grant Applications Now Available

The Gila River Indian Community’s Business Interruption Grant Program is available to businesses that have experienced a business interruption and that are solely owned by a Community member, or Community members.

If you are a Community member and your business had to close due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, or has experienced a 50% or, more, drop in gross receipts in any quarter in 2020, compared to the same quarter in 2019, you may be eligible to receive the grant.

The program is open to any Community-member-owned business, including farmers and ranchers, that can demonstrate a business interruption.

Please email Martha.nota@gric.nsn.us to request an application via email.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Treasurer.
We ALL Count
Ve:sich A:chim Thoth ‘Apothag • Mat chaamk chuupeeshik

10 MINUTES FOR 10 YEARS

Census data impacts funding for the next 10 years for:
- Hospitals and Healthcare
- Public Safety
- Public Transportation
- Schools
- Head Start Programs
- School Meal Programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Adult Education Programs
- Native American Employment and Training

and more!

Census workers started door-to-door visits to Community homes that have not completed the 2020 Census questionnaire. For your safety and convenience, all Census workers;

- Will carry U.S. Census identification and use appropriate (PPE), gloves and face masks and maintain social distance.
- Will complete the questionnaire with you, from a safe distance or accept your paper questionnaire if it’s already completed.
- Will leave a Notice of Visit card if no one is home. The card will include a 12-digit code that you will need to complete the questionnaire online or by phone.

If you did not receive a questionnaire or have questions contact Sheila Valenzuela at (520) 562-9795 or Rebecca Gregory (520) 289-6702

How To Complete the Census

Return the completed questionnaire by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or use the unique 12-digit code on your questionnaire to respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone (844) 330-2020.

If you received your questionnaire in the mail use your address for online or phone response.

Complete the 2020 U.S. Census Questionnaire

BY PHONE AT (844) 330-2020

ONLINE AT 2020CENSUS.GOV

Person 1 on the questionnaire should be a Community member. For everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Pima (Akimel O’otham) or Maricopa (Pee Posh) answer GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY to the race question.

For more information about the 2020 census visit www.census.gov
**Gila River Indian Community**

**now providing**

**Community Wireless Network to all**

**District Service Centers**

for the purpose of virtual learning

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**FACET Preschool School 2020/2021**

**Total Virtual. Currently Holding Open Enrollment Online**

**Center Base Services**

- Virtual learning for Preschool ages 3 – 4 years of age. Must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian.
- For Adult students: GED, High School, or College Classes Online are offered.
- Monday thru Friday – 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Home Base Services**

- Preschool thru 3 years of age.
- Once a Month Virtual “Family Circle” (Parental Information on Development, Physical, or Essential requirements they may need.)
- 3 year old children will automatically transition into FACET Preschool (accompanied by Parent or Guardian)

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**Contact Information:**

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Kim Franklin, Principal/ Coordinator

Pearlene Wilson, Adult Education

Harrietta Boy, Early Childhood Teacher

Elizabeth Young & Pamela Ahmsaty, Parent Educators
Gov. Lewis discusses the Native American vote on PBS program

Christopher Lomahgahahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis appeared on "Arizona Horizon" on Arizona PBS, Aug. 18, following the second day of the virtual Democratic National Convention, which was held in Milwaukee, Wis.

Gov. Lewis served as a delegate to the DNC and spoke with "Arizona Horizon" host Ted Simons about his initial thoughts on the vote in the 2020 Presidential Election.

"It is truly an honor to be a delegate and also an elector as well for the Democratic Party, for the Joe Biden and Kamala Harris presidential ticket and for the state of Arizona as well," said Gov. Lewis.

He said as a tribal leader and delegate it was an honor to represent the Gila River Indian Community and draw attention to the Arizona Native vote for the upcoming election.

Lewis said, "You have… the Navajo Nation in the northeastern part of Arizona, and in the southern part you have the four O'otham tribes that make-up a large block of the vote in southern Arizona.

The Native American Caucus held a roundtable during the DNC on environmental justice in Indian Country. The roundtable covered issues such as the border, infrastructure, the protection of tribal sacred sites and issues such as the border wall along the boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation and Mexico.

We are hoping that tribes have a unique, critical voice, not only with the elections coming up but with the administration," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis also discussed tribes working with the federal government and protecting tribal sovereignty. He also highlighted the accomplishments of GRIC members who have contributed to the nation such as the late Rodney Lewis and Ira H. Hayes and other veterans who did not have the right to vote after serving in the U.S. military.

"[We] see ourselves as the first Americans, we see our right to vote as sacred and critical to our voice," said Gov. Lewis.

Wellness Center clients flex for the camera during virtual workouts. Wellness Center photo

Wellness Center continues workout programs during pandemic

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Stay-at-home orders remain in effect in the Gila River Indian Community, but healthy activities are still available with online and virtual programs from Tribal Recreation and the Wellness Center. Community members can remote participate in several programs since the Wellness Center’s location closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brandon Begay, Wellness Center Lead Fitness Instructor, said, “Gila River Indian Community is a very small set back, I see it as a new initiative, and we all have a chance to get creative and contribute to these services. And what it comes down to is that we all have a chance to serve the Community a little better by thinking outside the box since the shutdown.”

Partnerships and collaborations among staff and other programs have been in developing healthy outlets for GRIC members to reach fitness goals during the pandemic, which include pre-recorded activities, virtual runs, and live virtual workout sessions over the Zoom platform.

Begay mentioned that the workouts, designed for the comfort and privacy of the home, have increased participation and attracted newcomers. Many first-time participants find it satisfying to have guided workouts provided to them that don’t require weights or gym equipment. Begay said, “when a person doesn’t have weights or dumbbells, we offer creative alternatives like milk jugs, packages of water, or anything for weight resistance to make it a little challenging.”

Fit Kit Program

Wellness Center also launched their Fit Kit Workouts. Enrolled clients could claim a kit that includes equipment to utilize at home during the center’s daily virtual workouts.

When the pandemic hit, gyms, including the Wellness Center, had to close and had to stay closed. When we learned we would be sent home, we wanted to give our clients some equipment that they could use at home.

The staff took some time to consider center inventory and decided to distribute resistance bands. To date, the Wellness Center has distributed 200 resistance bands for clients to use during the virtual workouts throughout the week.

Virtual Runs

Additionally, the Wellness Center held virtual runs for Community members, allowing participants to track their runs (2 miles, 5k, etc.) to provide proof of completion. The virtual runs eliminate the risk of in-person activities while qualifying runners for prize incentives.

The Wellness Center partnered with the Chief Azul Planning Committee to host the Virtual Run and Walk. Begay said that the committee saw previous successful runs as a possibility to hold the run this year. The run occurred over a week, with runners tracking their 2 miles or 5k run to receive the commemorative Chief Azul Run T-shirt provided by the Chief Azul Planning Committee.

“For 2020 Chief Azul Day, members of the planning committee reached out to the Wellness Center to coordinate the virtual run for this year. The committee looked at the Wellness Center on past successes with virtual runs planned during the pandemic. We thank the Wellness Center for assisting the Committee and for a job well done.”

The Committee and supporters of Chief Azul Day: Darrell Whitman, David Anderson, Anthony Newbirk, Pamela Reindl, and Pamela Thompson. The Veterans and Family Services Office and Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, CPAO have been instrumental in the event’s success this year and in years past. All look forward on next article on past planning and future to come for giving Honors.

We honor the memory of our last hereditary Chief and urge our Community and others to learn more about this honored man and Veteran and his contribution to our way of life,” said Darrell Whitman.

Begay also mentioned that the Chief Azul Run would see as many as 200 runners participating in person in previous years. This year, upon announcement, they had seen 340 participant registrations, which is a significant turnout. The Chief Azul Run will allow non-pregistration for 40 or older participants because of the technical requirements to participate.

Photo proof of your completed 2 miles or 5k run. And it must be completed between Aug 28 and Sept 4 at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 11. Wellness Center staff will verify and distribute shirts to the first 200 participants. If you plan on attending, please observe all COVID-19 safety precautions, wear your face covering and be prepared to wait in your vehicle.

More information can be found at mygilariver.com, searching "Gila River Wellness Center" on Facebook, emailing wellness.center@gric.nsn.gov. We request to be added to the email list or calling their office (520) 562-2026.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS
Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • August 19, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Commu-

nity Council held Wednesday, August 19, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Gover-

nance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to or-
der by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

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 An-
tone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina An-
tone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon,
Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles
Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:33)
Council Members Absent:
D5-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RE-
PORTS #1, #3, #7 THRU #13 AND #15 THRU #20;
ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THRU
#6, #8 AND #9; NEW BUSINESS #2, #3 AND #4 ON
THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE
REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT HEARD

1. Office Of The Prosecutor’s April 1, 2020 – June
20, 2020 (3rd Quarter Report)
Presenter: Michael Voiles
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. K-12 Education Program Quarter 4 Manager’s
Report For School Year 2019-2020
Presenter: Isacc Salcido
REPORT HEARD

3. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation
3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020
Presenter: Jagdish Sharma
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation
3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020
Presenter: Jim Mosley
REPORT HEARD

5. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation 3rd
Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020
Presenter: Wanda Burton
REPORT HEARD

6. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Allocation 3rd Quar-
ter Report For School Year 2019-2020
Presenter: Dr. Cherry Paul
REPORT HEARD

Presenter: C. Eugene Franzoy
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Keller-Bleisner Engineering, LLC – FY 2020 An-
nual Report
Presenter: Andrew Keller, Brian Westfall
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Gookin Engineers, LTD. – FY 2020 Annual Re-
port
Presenter: Edward Gookin
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Lippes Mathias Wexler & Friedman, LLP – FY
2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)
Presenter: Ian A. Shavitz
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting – FY 2020
Annual Report
Presenter: Peter A. Mock
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Presenter: Meghan Dell’Artino
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. The Center for Applied Research, Inc. – FY
2020 Annual Report
Presenter: Chad B. Linse
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14. COVID 19 Update
Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston,
Laura Thomas
REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

15. Constitution Outreach Update
Presenter: Roberto A. Jackson
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16. FY 20 3rd Quarter Treasurer’s Report (Execu-
tive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP – FY
2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)
Reporters: Jason Hauer, Don Pongrace
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP – FY 2020 Annual Re-
port (Executive Session)
Presenter: Mary J. Strelitz
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19. Osborn Maledon, P.A. – FY 2020 Annual Re-
port (Executive Session)
Presenters: David B. Rosenbaum, Mary R. O’Grady,
Jeffery B. Molinar
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Executive Session)
Presenters: Eric N. Dahlstrom, April E. Olson
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Police Department
Construction Owners Team To Seek Financing For
A New Police Department Facility And For Other
Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with a rec-
ommendation for approval and placement on the
consent agenda)
Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Treasurer Robert
Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing A Change In The Use
Of Grant Funds For A 2018 Grant Award From
The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gam-
ing Revenues To The City Of Coolidge Development
Services Department (G&MSC forwards to Council
with a recommendation for approval with correc-
tion and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

3. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila
River Indian Community Department Of Transporta-
tion To Create The Gila River Transit “Transit Advi-
cy Committee” (G&MSC forwards to Council with
a recommendation for approval with correction and
placement on the consent agenda; NRSRC concurs)
Presenter: Dawn M. Coomer
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian
Community Operating Budget Modification No. 2 For
Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a
recommendation for approval and placement on the
consent agenda)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects
Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.
For The Period October 1, 2020 Through Septem-
ber 30, 2021 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a
recommendation for approval and placement on the
consent agenda)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

6. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution
Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community
Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund
For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irriga-
tion And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of
Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2021
(G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation
for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving An Interim Amendment
to Section II Of The Gila River Indian Community’s
“Employee Policies And Procedures Reference
Guide” By Adding A Section Entitled “Coronavi-
rus (COVID-19) Hazard Pay” (G&MSC forwards to
Council with a recommendation for approval with
additional information)
Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Treasurer Robert
Keller, Frank Pablo, Sr.
APPROVED

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Collection And Dis-
semination Of Nonidentifying Data For First Things
First Gila River Indian Community Regional Needs
Assets Report 2020 (H&SSC forwards to Council
with a recommendation for approval and placement
on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)
Presenter: Joshua Billson
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

9. A Resolution Rescinding Resolutions GR-014-17
And GR-013-17 And Approving The Appointment
of Donald Antone To Represent The Gila River Indian
Community On The Joint Control Board (NRSC for-
wards to Council with a recommendation for approv-
al and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Casandra Wallace
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRICUA New Member Council Orientation
(EDESC forwards to Council with a recommendation
to schedule the orientation for Thursday, September
10, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Presenters: Leonard Gold, Pamela Thomas
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE
DATE OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

2. Revenue Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal
Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to
Council with a recommendation to accept and place-
ment on the consent agenda)
Presenters: Dena Thomas

3. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal
Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to
Council with a recommendation to accept and place-
ment on the consent agenda)
Presenters: Dena Thomas

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COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA KAY IVEGH

CASE NUMBER: PB-2020-0001-DE

TO: Keisha Rose Lewis

Deceased: Calvin Berry Lewis

WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Answer/Response Hearing scheduled on July 16th day of September, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 4751 West Passon Road, Sacaton, AZ.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you appear for the Answer/Response Hearing scheduled in the above manner.

Failure to appear will result in obtaining a warrant for your arrest, which will be September 30, 2020.

Date: July 23rd, 2020

Keshena, WI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Child Find Outreach from Gila Crossing Community School offers Child Find screening to locate, identify, and evaluate children who may have a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability or if you suspect may have difficulty with learning, communication, vision, hearing, behavior, or motor control and coordination, please contact the special education department at your local public school district, local BIE school, or the charter school the student attends.

All COVID-19 checks mailed out on April 3, 2020 will be expiring soon! These checks void 180 days after date of issue, which will be September 30, 2020.

If you did not receive your check and/or have questions regarding the payment, please contact our Office at (520)562-5222 or by email at griciperca@gric.nsn.us

COVID-19 General Assistance Checks

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Thank you.

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