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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs

Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

November 13, 2023 **GBOS GFR BOD Joint Work Session** ***Minutes Final***

5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd:

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Call to Order 5:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan or Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call: GBOS Attending are Jennifer Wingard, Mike Edgington, Guy Wade

GFR Chief: Michelle Weston GFR BOD members: Paula Bogdan & Larry Daniels

Disclosures – none

It is noted that there is a power outage and that members may not be able to attend.

Agenda Revisions and Approval

GBOS GFR BOD Nov 13 2023 Work Session Agenda Approved

BUSINESS:

Review GVSA 2024 Budget for Fire:

Fire budget was passed by GBOS as presented at GFR and GBOS meetings previously. Michelle reviewed the budget briefly. 2023 is trending well year to date with funds remaining to complete the year.

2024 shows payment on new Engine 41, however the payments won't begin until Engine 41 is received, which may come as soon as fall 2024. Rescue 41 is also still pending receipt of the equipment.

Discuss MOA 2024 Areawide Budget for EMS

MOA required flat funding for 2024. Assembly member Johnson is seeking amendment to add \$160K that was requested by Chief.

This was presented at a work session last week. Assembly members may combine amendments before proceeding. It isn't known if Chugiak will be seeking amendment to their Areawide funding. If the amendment doesn't pass, GFR will provide ALS services in 2024. If/when funds run out, Chief will seek additional funding at that time.

Discuss 2025 budget process and participation

Looking forward, apparatus purchases are complete, command rigs are complete and nearly in service as are most other large expense items.

Upcoming:

- Radio replacement:

Chugiak and APD were originally partners in this, but they have managed this in various ways, which leaves Girdwood as a stand-alone in its need. Plan currently is to write for grants.

80 radios at \$6,000 each, just under \$500,000 total. Radio cost should likely be split between areawide and service area. It is unclear how that cost might be split.

- Small Ladder Truck:

If resort plans go forward, GFD will need to acquire a smallish ladder truck. This is 5-ish years out and is staffed by 5 people. Est \$1.5M. Perhaps possible to share this with Whittier. Larry Daniels offers that hotel was built to provide for safety of occupants without reliance on ladder truck. This cost should be borne through development and construction. Ladder truck doesn't guarantee reach to the building due to access/trees

- Fire Training Structure:

If HLB completes work to expand industrial park, GFR will want to add a training structure on that lot.

GBOS budget cycle in 2024:

GBOS meets in the late summer and fall 2-3 times to review budgets for the service area.

GBOS asks Fire Dept Board to plan to attend the first GBOS Budget Work Session then they can review it further on their own and provide input. Specific dates for the work sessions will be determined closer in.

For planning purposes Budget WS 1: Late July; Budget WS 2: August; Budget WS 3: early September.

GBOS must approve the budget at their Sept GBOS meeting so that it goes to the Assembly and Mayor.

There may be other ways to consider the EMS funding and explore solutions that may be explored in the future.

GBOS will take on the additional funding for EMS at their meeting on November 20. Fire Board may want to support via social media.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourn 6:05