

# Municipality of Anchorage



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

## **November 29, 2021 GBOS Special Meeting: Re Storm Damage Minutes Final 7PM**

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams.

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Call to Order 7PM Mike Edgington, Co-Chair  
Roll Call: All GBOS members are attending  
Disclosures: None

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

November 29 2021 Special Meeting re: Storm Damage agenda approved      Amanda Sassi/Guy Wade      5-0

### **BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss status of temporary repairs related to fall storm  
Repairs complete for season as winter has arrived.  
It is anticipated that additional repair costing \$100,000-\$150,000 will need to be completed in 2022.  
Those projects include:

- additional overflow pipe to be installed at Ruane,
- armoring upstream bank on California Creek
- Ruane pavement repair
- Upsizing the culverts at St. Moritz
- Repair Hammerhead turnaround at the end of Arlberg/5K parkin

Billing has been received from Western Construction:

Echo Ridge	\$76,000
Loveland	\$16,000
Ruane, 5K and Chrystal	\$133,000
Materials	\$108,000
Trucking for all	\$98,000
Engineering/study of Cali Creek	\$50,530
Total	\$483,856.91

GBOS can move forward with paying them upon deciding which funds to tap for payment.

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2. Discuss cost for final restoration of Ruane Road

Part of the temporary fix for Ruane is installation of an overflow pipe in summer 2022 and reinforcing the creek bank upstream. These efforts, along with larger culverts that were installed during repair in October, will help to buy time, however HDR Hydrologist Bill Spencer is studying California Creek currently and it is expected that he will recommend larger capacity box culvert, which is also fish passage compliant. Storm cycles are strongest in October, although April is also a big month for heavy drainage throughout Girdwood.

This will likely cost \$1.5-\$2M to complete. Paying for this will require significant funding source.

3. Review options for covering cost of restoration

Total need now is \$483,856,91 to cover existing bills

Sources for funding currently available are:

- MOA Bridge and Dam Fund \$163,800
- AWWU will be approached for \$19,600  
This amount was spent on temporary access for AWWU during the storm/repairs.
- GVSA Undesignated Fund \$298,256  
These are funds to be used in such circumstances, goal is to have about \$200,000 in the fund for emergencies.  
Approximately \$100,000 is needed for drainage study and Alyeska Creek Fish Passage
- GVSA Capital Reserve Fund \$612,833  
Capital reserve will need to be brought back up through budget next year.
- GVSA Road Capital Account \$109,000: These funds and more are needed to continue drainage/road work as planned and budgeted. Additional \$100,000 is needed for drainage study and Alyeska Creek fish passage work.

Other Possible funds:

Without emergency declaration by Mayor, there are no state funds available. No response has been received to GBOS letter to Mayor requesting declaration of emergency. John Weddleton will discuss this with Municipal Manager, Amy Demboski.

Emergency Access Bond is option, this is Areawide Bond that has been used to create emergency access in Anchorage neighborhoods, however could be applied to this purpose.

Bonding overall: Possible bonding holiday has been discussed by administration, however Assembly would determine what items are on ballot for bonding in spring.

Grants: Researching fish passage grant options, other infrastructure funding, etc. Most are 1:1 match. Receiving help from USFS in finding opportunities, and Briana Sullivan has been researching options as well.

None of these are likely before 2023, and it is generally considered unwise to put out construction RFP close to or within summer months as bids tend to come in higher and/or bidders are less experienced.

Other large capital projects include new Fire Truck. No estimate yet as Covid has caused shortages; likely to receive a quote in Spring 2022.

Briana Sullivan assumes the chair.

Motion:

The GBOS moves to Transfer \$98,000 from the GVSA Undesignated Fund to the Roads Capital Fund for Drainage Study and Alyeska Highway fish culvert work; use remaining funds from the GVSA Undesignated Fund (\$200,256) for storm billing; use MOA Bridge and Dam Fund to cover \$163,800 of Storm billing; use GVSA Capital Reserve Fund to cover the balance of bills from the storm.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Motion passes 5-0 via roll call vote

Discussion: if additional reimbursements do come along, they will be dropped in the GVSA Capital Reserve Fund. Typically it takes 2 years to receive reimbursements.

GBOS will need to consider a special assessment to build back up the Capital Reserve Fund. Undesignated Fund grows by having capital surpluses annually from budgets. These items will be discussed at First Quarter Revisions in January as well. At that time there should be clarity in the AWWU funding, need/possibility of bonding, and full accounting in Girdwood's various accounts.

At the GBOS meeting in December, Municipal Tax Assessor will present increase in Girdwood assessments based on current property value.

4. Discuss meeting topics for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting on Dec 20 at 6PM.  
Status of hybrid, virtual, and in-person meetings & return to regular meetings  
Requirements to move items from new to old business.

GBOS adds the Land Acknowledgement discussion to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laurie Tryck states that with guidance from Fish and Game, creek bed overflow could be mitigated by removing rock and sediments that are collecting. This would help protect from flooding and improve flow.

Adjourn 8:05PM