

# Municipality of Anchorage



P.O. Box 390  
Girdwood, Alaska 99587  
<http://www.muni.org/gbos>

*David Bronson, Mayor*

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*

*Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs*

*Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

## **January 24, 2022 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Minutes Final 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams**

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 4:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call

GBOS Attending are: Briana Sullivan, Mike Edgington, Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi and Guy Wade (arr 4:18PM)

MOA Staff attending are: Amy Demboski, Municipal Manager; Adam Trombley, MOA Executive Director of Community Development & Real Estate Director; Shelley Rowton, HLB Land Manager; Kyle Kelley, Margaret Tyler

Assembly attending: John Weddleton

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

January 24 2022 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda

#### **Agenda**

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Status of funding/repayment from October 2021 storm damage  
Following Mayor declaration of Emergency, Girdwood was amended into the Governor's State Declaration of Emergency, opening up funding of reimbursements for expenses.  
Staff is currently working through recovery phase through the state EOC and has a recovery specialist working with Girdwood on submitting reimbursements. Total funds expended from the GVSA Emergency Fund is \$126,000.

it is unlikely that this reimbursement will be received prior to addressing the need to replenish the Girdwood Emergency Reserved fund at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Revisions.

Permanent fix for Ruane Road, to bring culvert to Fish Passage standard and also the capacity needed is included in the MOA Legislative Program for infrastructure funding and will be heard on Jan 25 at the Anchorage Assembly.

3. Girdwood Fire Dept:  
update on signed contract and payment schedule for 2022:  
Nick Georgelos, member of the Girdwood Fire Dept Board of Directors states that GFR cannot sign a contract without a cost associated in the contract.

Amy Demboski will check on the status of the contract.

Payment schedule for 2022 will be quarterly drops. The first payment was a bit off, but correction is anticipated shortly.

GBOS Meeting Agendas and minutes are available on line: <http://www.muni.org/gbos>

Amy Demboski provides update from OMB that the appropriation of additional \$125,000 requested by Assemblyman John Weddleton was funded at \$110,000 instead as the MOA had reached the tax cap at that level. This item was underfunded because it was the only property tax-based item in the budget amendments when the tax cap was hit. As a result, Girdwood Fire Dept EMS is funded by Areawide EMS at \$493,000 instead of the \$507,000 previously agreed upon.

GBOS requests addition of Girdwood EMS funding as line item in future AFD budgets so that it is possible to track this item in the AFD budget.

4. Reimbursement process for training funded by alcohol tax.  
Girdwood Fire Dept and Whittier Police Department are incurring expenses to send staff to special training to deal with those experiencing mental health illnesses.  
Girdwood Fire Dept should submit receipts to AFD for training.
5. HLB Topics:  
Girdwood Industrial Park Sale of lots in Phase 1 & Girdwood Industrial Park Phase 2  
These two topics are handled together. Phase 1 has been developed, phase 2/3 are not within budget for HLB, which is self-funded as required by municipal code. A private owner should be able to develop the Industrial Park for less than the estimated \$7M by HLB. To achieve the goal of development of the Industrial Park, HLB is working toward sale of the parcel to a private party through RFP. GBOS asks if they can see the draft RFP before it goes out, to ensure that all the elements of concern are addressed. This may present legal concerns.

HLB will request help from Legal to include provisions through deed conditions for existing tenants, including:

- right of first refusal on their lots and other provisions that will be helpful to existing tenants in
- honoring existing leases for some amount of time with set percentage of allowable annual increase
- requirement for development within a certain amount of time.

Bob Wolfe, plowing contractor, states that he needs covered sand storage facility and electricity at his lot in order to provide service to his customers, which include critical service providers, businesses and private individuals in Girdwood.

Girdwood Residential 2021 project (Holtan Hills)

Project held a public meeting on Dec 22. No Development Agreement has been produced and application has been received by Planning Department. Disposal of the land is to be discussed at HLBAC, however the process from there to the Assembly is quite long. Developer was optimistic for summer 2022 construction, however this timeline is shifting to 2023. In 2022 it is likely geotech and surveys will occur.

Additional item:

HLB has updated their 1 year work plan for 2022. Updated documents are available for public review on their website: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/Plan.aspx> This will be discussed at the HLBAC meeting in March.

6. Glacier Creek Bridge  
Trails Committee, Land Use Committee, and GBOS have reviewed the current information regarding replacement of the hand tram with a suspension bridge and have provided their support for this plan. Tram terminals are to be repurposed, one is to house and interpretive display regarding the Hand Tram, the other may be able to be used in another location for picnic shelter. Moving forward with additional design work to have a full build package ready to go out to bid for bridge construction. Additional funding will be needed. Thanks to MOA Parks and Recreation and other partners in the project thus far.

**Public Comment:**

None

Adjourn 5:04PM