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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

January 26 2026 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Minutes Final

4 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Anchorage City Hall, 8th Floor, Conference Room

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at Anchorage City Hall, in the 8th floor conference room:

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Call to Order 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 & Disclosures

GBOS attending are Jennifer Wingard, Briana Sullivan, Kellie Okonek, Mike Edgington

Brian Burnett is excused

No disclosures

MOA Attending are:

Becky Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager; Daniel McKenna-Foster, MOA Planning; Tiffany Briggs, Director of Real Estate; Brandon Telford, Engineering Mgr PM&E; Bob Doehl, Economic and Community Development; Shanna Gamble, Director of Parks and Recreation; Zach Schwartz, Assistant Municipal Attorney; Quincy Arms, Managing Assistant Municipal Attorney Melinda Kohlhaas, Director, Project Management & Engineering; Kelli Toth, Director of Solid Waste Services; Ryan Yelle, HLB; Kyle Kelley & Margaret Tyler, Girdwood Municipal Staff

Agenda Revisions and Approval

January 26 2026 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda approved

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

1. HLB (Wingard/Edgington):

Discuss timeline for completion of platting of Orca View and Girdwood Industrial Park and GVSA work on Industrial Park lot

Platting process is under way. Plats for both should record mid-March/mid-April. After that they will go forward to HLBAC and then to Assembly. Likely to be completed Summer/Fall 2026. In the meantime the service area can initiate an application for disposal of the GVSA Industrial Park lot so that it is ready to go when the platting process is complete.

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2. Discuss Intergovernmental Charges in GVSA budgets (specifically Fire and Roads)

This topic has been recommended as a separate meeting with Ona Brause as it is an in-depth discussion. GBOS, OMB and staff to schedule meeting.

3. Discuss GVSA interest in T21C9 code change to implement Dark Sky initiative in Girdwood. (Wingard)

Discussion with developer of Holtan Hills as well as interest in service area having dark sky compatible code. Understanding of code is that Girdwood already has different standards than urban MOA, with lower height street lights and site lighting. Concern is that lower light poles require more light posts in order to create continuous lighting along the road. Model for this is along Egloff Rd and Verbier Rd. Confusion as the Arlberg Extension lighting does not meet dark sky requirements, perhaps this is because continuous lighting standard is being met. Discussion of how to make changes to street lighting code centers on T21C9 and Design Criteria Manual (DCM).

4. Review requests of GBOS in MOA 50th Anniversary Resolution and how to implement them (Edgington)

GBOS is wondering to what extent the community can gain control over policies that only impact Girdwood. Girdwood has some specific issues: Short Term Rentals, HLB items that are dissimilar to Anchorage but are determined by the Assembly. Continue this conversation with comps of Homer, Seward, North Pole.

5. SWS Requests

Discuss fee increases, request for recycling, request for SUN service at Girdwood Transfer station. AO passed in fall increases fees for dumping at the Transfer Station. Although the assessment comes at the transfer station, the funds go to Parks and Rec for Healthy Spaces team function to remove trash from all public areas via complaint-based system that includes service to Girdwood. Discussion that fee increase has outside impact for smaller loads; it will encourage public to store trash on-site to maximize value of dump use. This discourages good trash management given bear activity in Girdwood.

Girdwood request for Sunday service: No other SWS sites are open on Sunday. SWS concerned about possible need to take GW trash to town for disposal on a day with no other sites open.

Girdwood request for local recycling: Possible for recycling on specific days/occasions for electronics, cardboard, aluminum. Recycling coordinator to work on establishing these recycle events in Girdwood.

6. Discussion of MOA legal opinion preventing PZC from discussing or recommending conditions on Holtan Hills housing (Edgington)

Opportunity to make the most impactful change is at the time of transfer of land from MOA to developer.

7. Gravel from State for city and/or Girdwood (Wingard)

Article about gravel available via DOT spurred this question as Girdwood needs gravel for roads and development. Purpose of this gravel is intended to be large projects like Ambler Rd, etc. It's not economical to move and process gravel to Girdwood.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 5:15PM