

# Municipality of Anchorage



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

## **October 23, 2023** **MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting** ***Minutes Final***

**4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room**

This meeting is being held via teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

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

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

Roll Call: Attending are Jennifer Wingard (JW), Briana Sullivan (BS), Mike Edgington (ME), Guy Wade (GW)

Amanda Sassi is excused

Disclosures: None

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

October 23, 2023 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda approval      JW/ME      Assent vote

### **Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions

MOA attending are Tiffany Briggs, HLB Director and Emma Giboney, HLB land manager

1. Follow up from July MOA GBOS Meeting: Request for information on non-residential taxes collected from Girdwood (bed, alcohol, marijuana taxes)  
No representative is available to answer this follow-up question.  
GBOS requests a response.
2. HLB Items: (Supervisor Wingard; HLB Director, HLB Staff)
  - Update on the Girdwood Industrial Park: Emma Giboney reviews that HLB is beginning to study options for future development of the industrial park for a feasibility study. They have some general concepts in mind and are discussing them with permittees:
    1. Stay as is
    2. Implement 2014 preliminary plat for Phase II
    3. Implement 2014 preliminary plat for Phase II and III
    4. Reconsider preliminary plat into larger tracts for disposal

2014 Preliminary plat is not currently valid as none of it was implemented within time limit for platting. plat was implemented, but addresses only Phase I, which has been completed.

Feasibility study would address various aspects such as zoning, how to pay for associated costs of the various options studied.

HLB staff request of GBOS is: What role does GBOS want to have in this process?

- HLB 1 and 5 year plan: 2023 HLB plans were just approved in August, so a complete rewrite is not anticipated. HLB held open houses last week and has a virtual Open House available on WED this week, see HLB webpage for information on attendance. HLB expects to have a draft plan for review in Dec/Jan and early in 2024 they expect to have an updated work plan. Amendments to the plan occur via Assembly

action. Group discusses parcel 1-111 in Eagle River, which is the site selected for the Eagle River Cemetery. Work plan discusses transfer of funds for this purpose, HLB confirms that as HLB is not tax-funded but required to be self-supporting by code, it is not uncommon that disposals between HLB and other MOA departments require transfer of funds.

GBOS requests that their input to the 2023 work plan is included in the 2024 plan, specifically: HLB decisions are very impactful to the community of Girdwood and there is no requirement that those impacts are considered by HLB in their action. GBOS requests that HLB ensures that local economic and community needs are considered by HLB in their action.

- Discuss increased collaboration and Girdwood representation  
GBOS asks how the community can provide input to HLB projects in Girdwood  
HLBAC is required to have 1 Girdwood representative on the commission, however this commission is advisory, not a representative body.  
Effective inclusion of Girdwood in consideration of projects' impact on the local economy and community would need to include the community, perhaps at a different level than at the HLBAC.
- 2. Discuss Bonding and funding of Capital Projects (Supervisor Edgington).  
GBOS reminds group that Girdwood has been unsuccessful in bonding for Girdwood capital projects, so capital projects are included in the Service Area Budget. This has resulted in a slight increase in budget this year. These are bonds that only Girdwood property owners would pay for, but still have been rejected by Areawide vote.

GBOS seeks information on other options for funding that the MOA would recommend, as well as input on whether there is a better way to approach bonds to help them get passed in the Areawide elections. Girdwood Cemetery Committee continues to work on bonding effort via the Assembly for the 2024 spring election. Tommy O'Malley encourages the administration to support this bonding effort as it is well-received throughout the MOA.

**Public Comment:** None

**Municipal Staff excused**

3. GBOS Review and vote on draft resolution of support for Little Bears and Girdwood Inc in pursuing Rasmuson Foundation Grant (Edgington).  
Draft GBOS Resolution 2023-22 updates a resolution from 2020 for purposes of the Rasmuson Grant application.

**Motion:**

GBOS moves to approve the draft Resolution 2023-22 Resolution for Girdwood Inc, in partnership with Little Bears Playhouse Inc Regarding the Girdwood Workforce Childcare Project.

Motion by ME/JW

Amended motion: minor changes to text discussed Motion by ME/JW

Amendments carry 4-0 in roll call vote

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