

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *AR for CP*
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *[Signature]*

DATE: April 21, 2022

RE: Ordinance 2021-19-51, Appropriating Funds from the Land Trust Fund, Fund Balance, for a Project to Conduct Soils Investigations and Land Planning on the 1,000-Acre Unit 395, Juneau Bench, Near Cooper Landing (Mayor)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough recently received management authority of the 1,000-acre block of land known as Unit 395, Juneau Bench, east of the Cooper Landing townsite. As DOT will be working in this area for the next few years with the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 realignment, which cuts 2 miles through Unit 395, it is an opportune time to develop a plan for Unit 395.

Understanding how Unit 395 will be used will enable value-added decision making when interfacing with the DOT project. Also, having a high quality multi-disciplinary plan will ensure responsible development and will enable future steps towards development of planned features. In the case of Unit 395, we anticipate planned features will include access routes, utilities, crossings, future residential lots, pedestrian trails, material sites, recreational features, green spaces, and forest lands.

RFP 2022-016 solicited proposals from professional consulting firms for soils investigations and land planning services. An intent to award has been issued to the highest-ranking responsive bidder. An appropriation for the proposed project amount of \$199,900 from the land trust fund is required to engage this project.

Your review and consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Account:	<u>250.27910</u>
Amount:	<u>\$199,999</u>
By: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <u>4/20/2022</u>