

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

<b>Chairman</b> – LaMarr Anderson	<i>VACANT</i> (03)	<i>VACANT</i> (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
<b>Vice Chair</b> – Stephen Brown	Kim Bergey (04)	Adam Jenski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O'Connor (09)	<i>VACANT</i> (12)

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
DSJ BUILDING  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**January 17, 2024  
4:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: Kim Bergey (by phone), Jozef Slowik, Adam Jenski, Steven Brown, Kenneth Hoffman, and Thomas Bergey. Misty O'Connor arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Members absent and excused: LaMarr Anderson, Amanda Salmon

Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Asset Manager

Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist

**II. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

MOTION: Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Anderson for Chairman; Mr. Slowik seconded.

No other members were nominated. All in favor.

MOTION: Mr. Brown nominated himself for Vice Chairman. Mr. Slowik seconded. No other members were nominated. All in favor.

Mr. Brown continued to lead the meeting due to the absence of Mr. Anderson at this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Agenda approved as presented.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

No audience participation.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 20, 2023 Minutes were approved as presented.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report – Joseph Metzger

- He has received a few inquiries regarding ag land.
- General work has been done looking up definitions of farms.

B. Resolution 24-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 24-027, CONVEYING THE BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS INTEREST TO RAYMOND AND SHANNON LATCHEM FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE WITH AGRICULTURAL COVENANTS (MSB001123).

Staff Report: Mr. Metzger shared this Resolution is a result of the Conversion program that allows Title 13 Ag Rights holders to convert to Title 23; the Latchems meet the criteria. If approved, it will be introduced at the 2/6/24 Assembly Meeting, with the Public Hearing 2/20/24. There were 4 public comments received in opposition to this based on an assumption that this was to sell the property with the potential of a housing subdivision being built. Mr. Metzger called the person who gave a number and explained this was not the case. One of the other four rescinded his comment. He noted that it is good to see that the public wants ag land to stay ag land.

MOTION: Mr. Bergey moved to approve this Resolution; Mr. Slowik seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Work Session Follow up

Discussion on potential Covenant changes from previous meeting was available for all members. Additional discussion points added and attached.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

All members commented there was good discussion at this meeting. Ms. O'Connor shared a little on what SBDC does to support small businesses.

VII. NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

  
LaMarr Anderson, Chairman      DATE 3/20/24

ATTEST:

  
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Margie Cobb  
Department Administrative Specialist