

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

<b>Chairman</b> – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Melanie Glatt (03)	VACANT (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
<b>Vice Chair</b> – Stephen Brown (08)	Alexandria Hoffman (04)	Adam Janski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O'Connor (09)	VACANT (12)

## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DSJ Building / Lower Level Conference Room**

**October 16, 2024**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**Call In #: 1-907-290-7880**

**Participant Code: 822 576 337#**

- I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 18, 2024
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - A. Staff Report – Joe Metzger
  - B. Work Session:  
Investigate the feasibility of smaller parcels and more subdivisions and develop a recommendation to the Assembly while ensuring de minimis loss of agricultural land.
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)
- VII. NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2024 (Assembly Chambers / Back Half)
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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6 **MINUTES - DRAFT**  
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8 **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 18, 2024**

9 **DSJ BUILDING**

**4:30 P.M.**

10 **LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
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12 **I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

13 Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

14 Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Amanda Salmon,  
15 Melanie Glatt, Jozef Slowik, Misty O’Connor and Kenneth Hoffman

16 Members absent and excused: Stephen Brown and Thomas Bergey

17 Members absent: Alexandria Hoffman and Adam Jenski

18 Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager

19 Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager

20 Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist  
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22 **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

23 Agenda approved as presented.  
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25 **III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

26 No audience participation.  
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28 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

29 The April 17, 2024 Minutes were approved as presented.  
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31 **V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**  
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33 **A. Staff Report – Mr. Metzger shared the following:**

- 34 - Welcomed new Asset Manager, Suzanne Reilly, who will be the staff lead  
35 moving forward for this Board
- 36 - Board member overview: three (3) have terms ending 12/31/24; two open seats.  
37 Staff requested by Board to send information on Board and applications so  
38 Board members can do outreach.
- 39 - Borough Ag Program overview: 10,000 acres in Borough Ag programs;  
40 currently 28% can be utilized, but estimate only 14% is being utilized (only  
41 1,400 acres)
- 42 - Request will be coming in a future meeting to approve a request for Northern  
43 Elk Ranch. It was noted that the platting was approved prior to Ag  
44 Board/Assembly approval in error; applicant understands and will not be  
45 moving forward until Assembly approval.  
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47 B. Resolution 24-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA  
48 BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE  
49 MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE  
50 SERIAL NO. 24-099, CONVEYING THE BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT  
51 RIGHTS INTEREST TO ANTHONY AND TAMMIE WEST FOR FEE SIMPLE  
52 TITLE WITH AGRICULTURAL COVENANTS (MSB001285).

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54 Staff Report given by Ms. Reilly. Discussion provided newer members of the Ag  
55 Board background and purpose of Ag Conversion Program created by this Board.  
56 Ms. Salmon moved to approve this Resolution; Ms. Glatt seconded. Motion passed  
57 unanimously.

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59 C. Work Session Follow up – Title Changes

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61 After discussion the following motion was made by Ms. Glatt:

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63 MOTION: I move that the Board investigate the feasibility of smaller parcels and  
64 more subdivisions and develop a recommendation to the Assembly while ensuring  
65 de minimis loss of agricultural land.

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67 Motion seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Motion passed unanimously. Future meeting  
68 Work Sessions will focus on developing this recommendation.

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70 VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

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72 Ms. Salmon: Appreciate the input of the members of this Board.

73 Mr. Hoffman: Looking forward to working on the Motion made during tonight's Work  
74 session.

75 Ms. O'Connor: Would love to see opportunities for young, new farmers; would like to  
76 see a list developed that identifies types of agricultural businesses allowable.

77 Ms. Glatt: Road/natural gas infrastructure will be important for greenhouses and  
78 viability/planning of smaller farms.

79 Ms. Reilly: Enjoyed hearing everyone's ideas and experience they bring to the table.

80 Mr. Metzger: Recommended informing Assembly on the Ag Board's path forward.

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82 VII. NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2024

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84 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

85 Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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94 Margie Cobb  
95 Department Administrative Specialist

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LaMarr Anderson, Chairman      DATE