

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Melanie Glatt (03)	VACANT (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
Vice Chair – Stephen Brown (08)	Alexandria Hoffman (04)	Adam Jenski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O’Connor (09)	Abby Raisanen (12)

MINUTES

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

**December 18, 2024
4:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Amanda Salmon (@ 4:45 pm by phone; left @ 5:23 pm), Melanie Glatt (by phone), Jozef Slowik (by phone), Adam Jenski, Misty O’Connor (@4:41 pm), Kenneth Hoffman, Thomas Bergey (left @ 5:47 pm), and Abby Raisanen.

Members absent and excused: None

Members absent: Stephen Brown, Alexandria Hoffman

Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager
Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager
Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda approved as presented.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

No audience participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bergey moved to approve the November 20, 2024 Minutes were approved as submitted; Mr. Hoffman seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report

Mr. Metzger: Consulted with Borough Attorneys for clarification on responsibility of this Board and received confirmation this Board handles business related only to properties that fall under the Borough Ag Title 13, 15 & 23 programs. Items related to agricultural property not in these programs is outside the responsibility of this Board.

Ms. Reilly: The Assembly approved the Cook/Raevsky Resolution. For information only, she gave a presentation to the Assembly regarding the Point Mac Rail Extension Farm; the video of the presentation and Assembly interaction can be viewed on the Borough’s website. Input is welcome by individual Board members

to either Mr. Metzger or Ms. Reilly, but there is no actionable items for this Board since this property falls under the State Ag Program.

Ms Salmon reported that she has been approved to serve on the Platting Board; due to possible conflict of interests, she is resigning her position on this Board.

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.

Mr. Bergey motioned to go into Committee As A Whole at 5:04 pm; Mr. Hoffman seconded. Mr. Hoffman motioned to come out of Committee as a Whole at 6:09 pm; Ms. O'Connor seconded.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Ms. Glatt: She is resigning from the Board. She is confident this Board will move forward well on determining the feasibility of small parcels.

Mr. Slowik: A new "Title" for changes is a good thought. Agrees with stricter restrictions.

Ms. O'Connor: Definitely need to define what is considered "farming"; lots to talk about.

Mr. Anderson: Very ^{productive} production discussion in tonight's Work Session.

VII. NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.


Chairman


DATE

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist