

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Tony West (03)	Dylan Blankenship (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
Vice Chair – Misty O'Connor (09)	Alexandria Hoffman (04)	Adam Jenski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Melissa Lytwyn (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Craig Hanson (08)	Abby Raisanen (12)

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DSJ BUILDING LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

**August 20, 2025
4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Misty O'Connor, Tony West, Jozef Slowik, Dylan Blankenship, Craig Hanson and Abby Raisanen

Members absent and excused: Thomas Bergey

Members absent: Melissa Lytwyn, Alexandria Hoffman, Adam Jenski, and Kenneth Hoffman

Staff present: 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

The May 21, 2025 Minutes were approved as presented.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. Strawn presented on the Assembly Request for Resolution of Approval on Waterbody Setback (OR 25-126) by the Board. After discussion, the Board drafted Resolution 25-04. Mr. West moved to approve the Resolution; Mr. Blankenship seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the signed resolution is attached.

Due to the time, all other business on the Agenda was postponed until the 9/17/2025 meeting. Review of the Survey results will be the primary discussion at that meeting.


VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

- Everyone agreed that the time in discussion was good.
- Mr. Blankenship mentioned the 4-H/FFA Jr. Market Livestock Auction at the Alaska State Fair on August 30, 2025.
- Mr. Anderson thanked the Board members who were present and encouraged everyone to attend future meetings. Ms. Cobb added that Board members need to let her know whether they are coming or not in order to establish quorums; please reply when you receive the meeting invite with the Agenda Packet attached.

VII. NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.




LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

9/17/25

DATE

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb
Department Administrative Specialist

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 25-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING AN EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURE USES IF ORDINANCE 25-073 IS ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Advisory Board's purpose is to "review issues specifically related to and affecting borough agriculture lands and advise the assembly and manager on such matters" (MSB 4.80.010(B)); and

WHEREAS, most of what is in Ordinance 25-073 is beyond the scope of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-073, as proposed, will have a significant and negative impact on agriculture within the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Agriculture Advisory Board hereby recommends the Assembly exempt agricultural uses from Ordinance 25-073, if adopted.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Agriculture Advisory Board this 20th day of August, 2025.


LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb
Dept Administrative Specialist