

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 Jensi (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
VACANT (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Craig Hanson (08)	Abby Raisanen (12)

MINUTES

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

**October 15, 2025
4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Misty O'Connor (4:38 p.m. via phone), Tony West, Alexandria Hoffman, Jozef Slowik (4:39 p.m.), Dylan Blankenship (4:40 p.m. via phone), Adam Jensi, Kenneth Hoffman, and Abby Raisanen

Members absent and excused: Thomas Bergey

Members absent: Craig Hanson

Staff present: Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager

Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division 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 September 17, 2025 Minutes were approved as presented.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report – Mr. Metzger noted that there are a couple Board Members who can be reappointed for another term and encouraged them to complete the form sent by the Clerks and return it to their office by November 7. It was also noted there is one empty seat on the Board, representing the Wasilla Soil & Water Conservation District.

B. Guest Speaker – Margaret Adsit, Lands Coordinator, Alaska Farmland Trust
Ms. Adsit presented on the Alaska Farmland Trust programs, how they monitor & steward the properties, and answered questions from the Board.

Due to the time, all other business on the Agenda was postponed until the 11/19/2025 meeting.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Board all mentioned that the presentation by Ms. Adsit was excellent and informative. Board mentioned the need for more farmers, and options for farmers. Board also mentioned it is time to take steps forward to work on specifics.

Mr. Hoffman: Serves on the Farm Link Board, and recently appointed to State Director of the Alaska Farm Bureau; will share info to this Board that is pertinent. Alaska Agriculture Conference & Grazing Lands Symposium being held in Anchorage in November.

Mr. Jensi: Important to ensure smaller farms are being farmed the right way; small farms can be more difficult than larger farms.

Ms. O'Connor: Suggested smaller group may help with moving forward on drafting legislation.

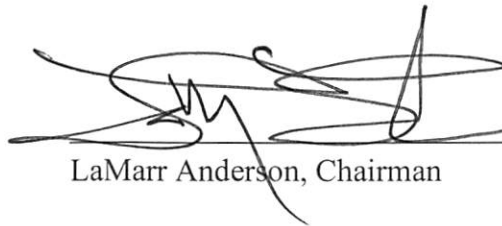
Ms. Cobb: Reminded everyone that mileage reimbursement is available to them.

Mr. Anderson: Waiting to hear from Clerks on the process for subcommittee to bring to the Board at next meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.


LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

DATE

11/19/2025

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb

Department Administrative Specialist