

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)
VACANT (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Craig Hanson (08)	Abby Raisanen (12)

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DSJ BUILDING LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

**November 19, 2025
4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Misty O'Connor (via teleconference), Tony West, Alexandria Hoffman, Jozef Slowik, Dylan Blankenship (arrived 5:22 p.m.), Adam Jenski, Craig Hanson, Kenneth Hoffman, and Abby Raisanen.

Members absent: Thomas Bergey

Staff present: Suzanne Reilly/Asset Manager and Margie Cobb/Department Administrative Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda approved as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 15, 2025 Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

Mr. Stahl: Expressed support for Board and desire to serve on Board if there is a vacancy.

Mr. Wells: Thanked the Board for serving.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report: Suzanne Reilly

1. Mr. Slowik has been approved by the Assembly for an additional term. Currently Seat 2 is vacant, and two current Board members can still reapply for their seats.
2. Ms. Reilly shared there are currently no ag land matters in process.

B. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

The 2026 Board Meeting Schedule was presented.

C. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2026 Board Meetings

Mr. West nominated Mr. Anderson for Chairman; Ms. Hoffman seconded. No other members were nominated. All in favor.

Mr. West nominated Ms. O'Connor for Vice Chairman. Ms. O'Connor shared a reason she might not be able to serve. Board agreed to table this nomination for the December meeting while staff talk to Clerks regarding Ms. O'Connor's situation.

D. Goals for Upcoming Year

- Complete Legislation
- Identify Borough land that may be available for lease for either small farmers or grazing lands for farmers.
- Education sessions on agriculture; build knowledge base to help current farmers know what is allowed for, exemptions they qualify for, etc., and new farmers understand farming in Alaska.
- Request to Assembly to expand Board oversight of Agriculture in the Borough.

E. Discuss Formation of Committee

- Multiple informal meetings each month in order to research, build template for legislation and CCRs for Board review and input at monthly meetings. Can have input for research from outside individuals, but they cannot make decision.
- Meetings must be advertised; must know about meetings at least five business days prior to meet advertisement deadlines.
- Maximum 4 members. Members nominated: Mr. Slowik, Mr. West, Ms. O'Connor; everyone accepted nomination. Ms. O'Connor's participation will be pending an answer on her situation from the Clerks. All in favor.

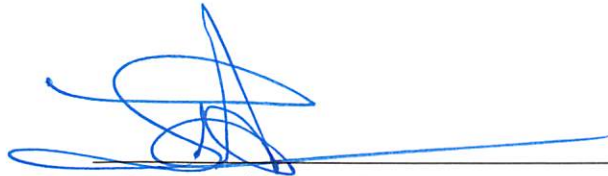
VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Mr. Anderson thanked everyone for attending. Other Board members expressed stated that there was good discussion.

VII. NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

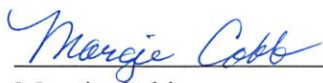
Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

DATE

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb

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Department Administrative Specialist