

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
DSJ Building / Lower-Level Conference Room

November 19, 2025
4:30 P.M.

Call In #: 1-907-290-7880

Participant Code: 625 235 317#

- I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2025 Meeting
- IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly
 1. Board applications received & status
 2. No land conversions in process
 - B. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule
 - C. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2026 Board Meetings
 - D. Goals for upcoming year – Ideas?
 - F. WORK SESSION – How to Proceed with Legislation
 1. Discuss Formation of Committee – option to speed up process
 - a) Allowability & Borough rules
 - b) Overview of the function of Committee – Advisory Work Group
 - c) Expectation of multiple meetings per month, research, build template to present to board for recommended legislation
 - d) Size: 3-4 members
 - e) Timeline to present legislation – April (before summer break)
 - G. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)
 - H. NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2025
 - I. ADJOURNMENT

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5 **MINUTES** **** DRAFT ****
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8 **DSJ BUILDING**

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9 **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, Misty O'Connor
15 (4:38 p.m. via phone), Tony West, Alexandria Hoffman, Jozef Slowik (4:39 p.m.), Dylan
16 Blankenship (4:40 p.m. via phone), Adam Jensi, Kenneth Hoffman, and Abby Raisanen

17 Members absent and excused: Thomas Bergey

18 Members absent: Craig Hanson

19 Staff present: Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager

20 Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager

21 Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist
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23 II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

24 Agenda approved as presented.
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26 III. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

27 No audience participation.
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29 IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

30 The September 17, 2025 Minutes were approved as presented.
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32 V. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
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34 A. Staff Report – Mr. Metzger noted that there are a couple Board Members who can
35 be reappointed for another term and encouraged them to complete the form sent by
36 the Clerks and return it to their office by November 7. It was also noted there is one
37 empty seat on the Board, representing the Wasilla Soil & Water Conservation
38 District.
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40 B. Guest Speaker – Margaret Adsit, Lands Coordinator, Alaska Farmland Trust
41 Ms. Adsit presented on the Alaska Farmland Trust programs, how they monitor &
42 steward the properties, and answered questions from the Board.
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44 Due to the time, all other business on the Agenda was postponed until the 11/19/2025
45 meeting.
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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 away; 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

ATTEST:

Margie Cobb
Department Administrative Specialist



**Agriculture Advisory Board
Meeting Schedule
2026**

**Lower Level Conference Room
Dorothy Swanda Jones Administration Building
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**All meetings will be on a need to meet basis. If it is decided that the Board
needs to meet the meeting date will be as follows:**

2025 Monthly Meeting Schedule	
Agenda Cut-off	Meeting Date
January 7, 2026	January 21, 2026
February 4, 2026	February 18, 2026
March 4, 2026	March 18, 2026
April 1, 2026	April 15, 2026
May 6, 2026	May 20, 2026
<i>No Meetings - June, July, August</i>	
September 2, 2026	September 16, 2026
October 7, 2026	October 21, 2026
November 4, 2026	November 18, 2026
December 2, 2026	December 16, 2026