

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
DSJ Building / Lower-Level Conference Room

December 17, 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. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 19, 2025 Meeting
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Election of Vice Chairman
 - B. Committee to Draft Legislation – Determine Meeting Dates
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)
- VII. NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2025
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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8 **DSJ BUILDING**

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9 **LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**
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11 I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

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

16 Members absent: Thomas Bergey

17 Staff present: Suzanne Reilly/Asset Manager and Margie Cobb/Department
18 Administrative Specialist
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20 II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

21 Agenda approved as presented.
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23 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24 The October 15, 2025 Minutes were approved as presented.
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26 IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

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

29 Mr. Wells: Thanked the Board for serving.
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31 V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
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33 A. Staff Report: Suzanne Reilly

34 1. Mr. Slowik has been approved by the Assembly for an additional term.

35 Currently Seat 2 is vacant, and two current Board members can still reapply for
36 their seats.

37 2. Ms. Reilly shared there are currently no ag land matters in process.
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39 B. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

40 The 2026 Board Meeting Schedule was presented.
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42 C. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2026 Board Meetings
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44 Mr. West nominated Mr. Anderson for Chairman; Ms. Hoffman seconded. No
45 other members were nominated. All in favor.
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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 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
Department Administrative Specialist