

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

<b>Chairman</b> – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Alexandria Hoffman (04))	Adam Janski (07)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
<b>Vice Chair</b> – Tony West (03)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Craig Hanson (08)	Mark Stahl(11)
VACANT (02)	Dylan Blankenship (06)	VACANT (09)	Abby Raisanen(12)

## MINUTES

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

**February 18, 2026  
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 (left at 5:32 p.m.), Tony West (online at 4:45 p.m.), Alexandria Hoffman, Jozef Slowik, Adam Janski, Craig Hanson, Kenneth Hoffman, Mark Stahl and Abby Raisanen

Members absent and excused: Dylan Blankenship

Members absent: None

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)**

Sam Teeple, Rich Worrell, Kalen McClain all shared concern on dividing agricultural parcels.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 21, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented.

**V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**A. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly**

Ms. Reilly shared she had had a discussion with Margaret Adsit that included the possibility of creating a consortium with all players looking at smaller agricultural parcel options to hopefully build consensus.

- B. Committee Update – Tony West  
Mr. West shared a status update on work that has been done.

Goals:

- Small parcels for new farmers  
    To make more affordable?
- Preserve agricultural land
- Senior clause (clarify)

Options:

1. Do nothing / Education
2. Allow # of 40 acre parcels – more than 1 subdivision
3. Exception to allow < 40 acres based on:
  - bad soils (non-conforming)
  - other identifiers

Committee requested direction from the Board on direction from the options to focus future work. Jeff Smeenk/Palmer Soil & Water Conservation invited by Mr. Anderson to attend today to come ask/answer question from the Board. Discussion.

Motion made by Mr. Hoffman to have the Committee move forward with building Option #2 model for implementation and Option 3 model with only an allowance for a minimum of 3 10-acre parcels as a pilot program. Seconded by Mr. Hanson. All in favor.


VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

No closing member comments.

VII. NEXT MEETING: March 18, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
LaMarr Anderson, Chairman      5/21/2026  
DATE

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Margie Cobb  
Department Administrative Specialist