

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DSJ Building / Lower-Level Conference Room**

**March 18, 2026**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**Call In #: 1-907-290-7880**  
**Participant Code: 143 248 567#**

- I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 18, 2026 Meeting
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - A. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly
  - B. Committee Update – Tony West  
*Develop draft recommendation to the Assembly for smaller parcels and more subdivisions while ensuring de minimis loss of agricultural land.*
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)
- VII. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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9 **DSJ BUILDING**  
10 **LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
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**February 18, 2026**  
**4:30 P.M.**

13 I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL  
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15 Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.  
16 Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson (left at 5:32 p.m.),  
17 Tony West (online at 4:45 p.m.), Alexandria Hoffman, Jozef Slowik, Adam Jensi, Craig  
18 Hanson, Kenneth Hoffman, Mark Stahl and Abby Raisanen  
19 Members absent and excused: Dylan Blankenship  
20 Members absent: None  
21 Staff present: Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager  
22 Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist  
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24 II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
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26 Agenda approved as presented.

27 III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

28 Sam Teeple, Rich Worrell, Kalen McClain all shared concern on dividing agricultural  
29 parcels.  
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31 IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

32 The January 21, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented.  
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34 V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS  
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36 A. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly

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

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LaMarr Anderson, Chairman      DATE

ATTEST:

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Margie Cobb  
Department Administrative Specialist