

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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James Hazlett(02)	Dylan Blankenship (06)	Margaret Adsit (09)	Abby Raisanen(12)

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
DSJ Building / Lower-Level Conference Room

May 20, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 18, 2026 Meeting
- IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly
 - B. Resolution 26-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 26-067, CONVEYING THE BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS HOLDERS, PAUL AND MARGARET COOK, AND COOK-RAEVSKY EZRA LK, LLC, FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE WITH AGRICULTURAL COVENANTS (MSB008116) .
 - C. Q & A Session with Legal Department – Nicholas Spiropoulos
Questions regarding recommendation allowing smaller parcels and/or more subdivisions while ensuring de minimis loss of agricultural land.
 - D. Q & A with Assessments – Oliver Querin & Krista King
Questions in regard to administering annual reporting and tax adjustments for new ag program
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)
- VII. NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2026
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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4:30 P.M.

12 I. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

13 Mr. West called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. He then stated, due to illness, that Mr.
14 Slowik will be chairing the meeting. No objections. Mr. Slowik assumed the role to
15 chair the meeting.

16 Members present and establishing a quorum were: Tony West (online), James Hazlett,
17 Jozef Slowik, Dylan Blankenship (online), Adam Jenski, Craig Hanson, Mark Stahl, and
18 Abby Raisanen

19 Members absent and excused: LaMarr Anderson, Alexandria Hoffman

20 Members absent: Kenneth Hoffman

21 Staff present: Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager

22 Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist
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25 II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

26 Agenda approved as presented.
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29 III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

30 The February 18, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented.
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33 IV. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

34 Ted Berry: Shared copy of AS 29.45.050 which may help the Board on the legislation
35 that is being drafted.
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38 V. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
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40 A. **Staff Report – Ms. Reilly**
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- 42 1. Shared an updated map on agriculture properties; this is still a working
43 document with properties still being reconciled or identified.
- 44 2. Handouts: Board was asked to review and provide by email to Ms. Reilly any
45 comments/suggestions by next Wednesday morning. She will compile all
46 responses received for the Work Team.

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B. Committee Update – Mr. Slowik

Mr. Slowik shared a status updated on the work that has been done. Discussion on what was shared, as well as a review of the Resolution handout mentioned earlier by Ms. Reilly. The Board requested to meet with the Borough attorney to discuss allowable legal restrictions and enforcement at the April meeting; Board members were requested to send to Ms. Reilly questions on this matter that can be sent to the Borough attorney to research prior to meeting with the Committee.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Ms. Raisanen: Minimum 10 acres would be best.

Mr. Hazlett: Agreed with Ms. Raisanen, and added with enforcements; Mr. Stahl & Mr. Hanson concurred.

Mr. West: Wants to see opportunity for younger farmers; most important resources is the youth of the state providing food for this state. Feels it more important for retention down the road than enforcement. Mr. Blankship concurred.

VII. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slowik adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

LaMarr Anderson, Chairman DATE

ATTEST:

Margie Cobb
Department Administrative Specialist

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 26-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 26-067, CONVEYING THE BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS HOLDERS, PAUL AND MARGARET COOK, AND COOK RAEVSKY EZRA LK, LLC, FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE WITH AGRICULTURAL COVENANTS (MSB008116).

WHEREAS, the Borough Agriculture Advisory Board was enacted by Matanuska-Susitna Borough Ordinance 15-050 to review issues specifically related to and affecting Borough agriculture lands, and advise the Assembly and Manager on such matters; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Advisory Board asked Land and Resource Management staff to develop a program to convert and merge the Borough's development rights held in deeds for the 1977, 1981, 1982, and 1983 agricultural land sales programs; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2022, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approved Informational Memorandum No. 22-224 and Resolution Serial No. 22-105, amending Title 23 Real Property and the Land and Resource Management Policy and Procedures Manual Part Five (5), for the Agricultural Land Sales under former Title 13 that occurred in 1977, 1981, 1982, and 1983 and merge the Borough's development right with the agricultural rights title for fee simple title with agricultural covenants; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Land and Resource Management Division received applications from Paul and Margaret Cook and Cook Raevsky Ezra LK, LLC to acquire the remaining interest in the land estate of the parcels identified as Tax IDs 8537000L002 (Lot 2 of Plat 2024-89) and 8537000L003 (Lot 3 of Plat 2024-89); and

WHEREAS, Paul and Margaret Cook and Cook Raevsky Ezra LK, LLC are the agricultural rights owners of the parcel identified as Tax ID 8537000L002 (Lot 2 of Plat 2024-89); and Cook Raevsky Ezra LK, LLC is the agricultural rights owner of the parcel identified as Tax ID 8537000L003 (Lot 3 of Plat 2024-89); and

WHEREAS, Paul and Margaret Cook and Cook Raevsky Ezra LK, LLC qualify to purchase the remaining interest in a land estate in the parcels identified as Tax IDs 8537000L002 (Lot 2 of Plat 2024-89) and 8537000L003 (Lot 3 of Plat 2024-89) in accordance with MSB Title 23 and Land and Resource Management Policy and Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Agriculture Advisory Board recommends the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-067, conveying the Borough's development rights interest to Paul and Margaret Cook and Cook Raevsky Ezra LK, LLC for fee simple title with agricultural covenants.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Agricultural
Advisory Board this 20th day of May, 2026.

LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Margie Cobb
Dept Administrative Specialist