

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL

An emergency teleconference meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held December 9, 2016 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Ben VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Ben VanderWeele, Chair
Mr. John Schirack, Vice Chair
Mr. Chris Flickinger, Board member (telephone)
Ms. Deidre Berberich, Board member (telephone)
Mr. Troy Shelden, Board member (telephone)
Ms. Roxy Marcy, Board member (telephone)
Mr. Jason Smith, Board member (telephone)

Staff in attendance was:

Mr. Arthur Keyes, Director (telephone)
Mr. Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner, DNR (telephone)
Ms. Elizabeth Bluemink, Special Assistant, DNR (telephone)
Ms. Brianne Blackburn, Natural Resource Manager II
Ms. Lora Haralson, Administrative Officer I
Mr. Daniel Wilkerson, AAG, Dept. of Law (telephone)
Ms. Amanda Swanson, ARLF Loan Officer

Public in attendance was:

Greg Giannulis, Mike's Quality Meats
Ray Nix
Todd Pettit (telephone)
Suzanne Caldwell, Anchorage Daily News (telephone)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS/SESSION

No public comments were made.

D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Chair VanderWeele stated now is the time for conflict disclosures. You have the agenda outlining pending business and we will be going into executive session later to address loan requests. Does any member have a conflict to disclose relating to any business before the board?

No conflicts were reported.

MOTION: Vice Chair Schirack moved to go into executive session.

SECOND: Board member Berberich seconded the motion.

No objections were received.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session for the Over the Counter offer for sale for Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage (MMM&S) included Chair Ben VanderWeele, Vice Chair John Schirack, Board member Deidre Berberich (telephone), Board member Chris Flickinger (telephone) Board member Troy Shelden (telephone), Board member Jason Smith (telephone) and Board member Roxy Marcy (telephone). AAG Daniel Wilkerson (telephone) and Loan Officer Amanda Swanson attended a portion of the Executive Session.

PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Vice Chair Schirack moved to sell Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage plant at the reduced price of \$300,000 to Greg Giannulis representing Mikes Meats based on the best interest of the State of Alaska for the following reasons:

1. No other viable offer was received by the BAC.
2. Costs savings to the Board, the BAC, and Division of Agriculture for operating continual costs;
3. To maintain operation of the plant and the ability for producers to continue to sell their animals the plant needs to stay open.

A letter will be formulated and signed by the Board Chairman.

SECOND: Board member Berberich seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

VOTE: The motion passed with six yes votes. Vice Chair Schirack voted yes, Board member Shelden (telephone) voted yes, Board member Flickinger (telephone) voted yes, Board member Berberich (telephone) voted yes, Board member Smith (telephone) voted yes and Board member Marcy (telephone) voted yes.

G. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

(There was no new/old business.)

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(There were no board member comments.)

I. SET NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.