

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held at 10:30 a.m., on June 20, 2019 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Board members present and establishing a quorum:

Mr. Stuart Davies, Chair (telephone)  
Mr. John Anderson Vice Chair (telephone)  
Mr. Jeffery Vance, Board member (telephone)  
Ms. Tiani Heider, Board member (telephone)  
Mr. Robert Jones, Board member

Board member absent:

Mr. Matthew Bates, Board member  
Mr. Matt Hale, Board member

Staff in attendance:

Ms. Corri Feige, DNR Commissioner  
Mr. David W. Schade, Director Division of Agriculture  
Ms. Joan Wilson, AAG, Dept. of Law  
Ms. Amanda Swanson, Division Staff  
Mr. Robert Carter, Division Staff  
Ms. Johanna Herron, Division Staff  
Ms. Cristin Cowles-Brunton, DNR Finance Staff  
Mr. Nickolas Choi, DNR Finance Staff

Public in attendance were:

Mr. Brian Scorseby, FSA State Director

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Board member Heider moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Board member Jones seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS/SESSION:**

Mr. Scoresby thanked the Board for their service, and noted that the Division of Agriculture and the Farm Service Agency both have the mission and work together to support Agriculture.

**D. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

**April 22, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Board member Heider moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting, with the correction that Chair Davies abstained from the vote on the Mugrage Loan.

**SECOND:** Board member Jones seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**E. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES:**

Chair Davies 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?

AAG Wilson noted that the Board members need to be careful about the appearance of impropriety of their actions, as well as take care to clearly note when making personal statements that they are not associated with the Board or a Board action.

**F. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Director David W. Schade:**

Director Schade gave a power-point presentation to the Board about the Division, and the path forward. See attached presentation.

1. ARLF Interest Rates

No change in rates.

2. Applications in Process

No application in process were presented.

3. Financial Reports

Chris Cowles-Brunton and Nickolas Choi gave a rundown of the year end draft financials for the Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund.

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No motion**

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session**

**I. PUBLIC SESSION ON LOAN APPLICATIONS: No Applications**

**J. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

Board Discussion with Commissioner Feige.

The Commissioner noted that in addition to the items noted by the Director, there were a few additional items which she would like to note.

- 1) Ag Covenants need an update and she would like board feedback
- 2) Ag Land sales is a priority, and she would like board feedback.
- 3) ARLF – What does the board see as the future path.
  - a. What are the plans for the cash? i.e. loan strategy
  - b. How does the ARLF support growing the economy?
  - c. How does the ARLF support jobs?

In closing the Commissioner asked the Board to:

- 1) Establish and Report, with recommendations, on the “Priorities” of the ARLF.
- 2) Discuss how the Board can have a more direct advisory role for Agricultural Development.

**K. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

The Board members thanked the Commissioner for her attendance and the discussion.

**L. SET NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:**

Work Session: November 13, 2019 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

Board Meeting November 20, 2019 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 In Person Board Training / Meeting

**M. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.