

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL:

The regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held on 10/15/2024, in person & via Zoom/teleconference. Chair Jeff Vance called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**A. ROLL CALL/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

Rollcall Vote:

- i. MOTION: Moved to approve the agenda and minutes of preceding meeting.  
Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Yes, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Absent, Davies – Yes, Jenski-Yes

VOTE: 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent during Roll Call vote.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Jeffrey (Jeff) Vance, Chair (Zoom)
- John Anderson, Vice Chair (Zoom)
- Tom Bergy (Zoom)
- James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member (Zoom)
- Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member (Zoom)
- Adam Jenski, Board Member (In Person)

Staff in Attendance:

- Bryan Scoresby, Director (In Person)
- Christy Kolvoord, Natural Resource Specialist III (ARLF Loan Officer, In person)
- Gavin Ulbrich, Loan Officer I Collections (In Person)
- George Deaton, Accountant 3, DNR (Zoom)
- Kevin Higgins, Attorney 5, Dept. of Law (Zoom)
- Erik “Moe” Johnson (Zoom)
- Stephanie Stillman (In Person)

Public in Attendance: Trent Blankenship, Dylan Blankenship, Wade Lyndaker, Leslie Lyndaker, Ben Adams, Richelle Plummer, Erin S., Senator Shelley Hughes, Amy Pettit, Christina, Markos Scheer, Rachel Lord

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES-NONE**

**D. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. Bryan Scoresby Division Update:
  - i. Slaughter House Closer and Open Forum Wednesday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. PMC Harvesting last of grain plots

- iii. Micro Grants are being processed and issued
- ii. ARLF FINANCIALS
  - i. Any questions? How much is left to lend in ARLF portfolio?  
\$9,074,013  
Does this include balance of undistributed funds?  
Not 100% sure
- iii. Public Comment Session:
  - i. Rachel Lord – AFPC – Advocacy and Council, USDA regional food center with technical awards around 3 million to loan in grants
  - ii. Ben Adams – Farmer – Spoke with many people in Ak Ag and the slaughterhouse issue surrounding the artificial timeline and worries about not having any support from Div. of Ag. asking for restructuring of current ARLF debt so he can purchase slaughterhouse
  - iii. Dylan Blankenship – Thank the board for their time and service
  - iv. Markos Scheer – Thank you for continued support in Mariculture! There is a lot of potential in AK

**E. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- i. Code of conduct, ethics, Roberts rules of order
- ii. Financial Analysis with new ratios
- iii. Carbon Credit Report sent out via email later

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- i. MOTION: Moved to go to executive session to discuss confidential loan information and delinquencies.
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> – Jamie
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – StuRoll call-  
VOTE:   6   Yes,   0   No,   1   Absent,        Recused  
Motion APPROVED

**G. PUBLIC SESSION ON LOAN APPLICATIONS**

- i. Kevin Higgins – New Issue with boards regulation only allowing 1 million dollar which need to be drafted and changed by legislature conforming to house bill  
Dylan and Markos application to be placed on delay
- i. MOTION: Motion to accept Lyndaker Loan Application
- ii. 1<sup>st</sup> – Stu
- iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom  
Roll Call  
VOTE:   6   Yes,   0   No,   1   Absent,        Recused  
Motion APPROVED

**H. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Appendix 1 (BAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 10/15/2024)

- i. Jeff - Committee to review regulations startup this winter when everything slows down
- ii. Stu – Thank Christy for printing out the packet on food security, photography, and updates on current borrowers, makes a big deal in decision process for current loans

**I.** NEXT MEETING: [11/12/2024]

**J.** ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

All in favor say “Ay”. The ayes have it.

Adjourned - 10:21 AM