

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 05/27/2025, in person & via Zoom/teleconference. Chair Jeff Vance called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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 – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenski-Yes

VOTE: 5 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent during Roll Call vote.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Bryan Scoresby, Director

Christy Allison, Natural Resource Specialist III (ARLF Loan Officer, In person)

Gavin Ulbrich, Loan Collections Officer (In person)

George Deaton, Accountant 3, DNR (Zoom)

Kevin Higgins, Attorney 5, Dept. of Law (Zoom)

Public in Attendance: Ken, Meghan Moody, Bailey Stuart, Carrol, Sonya Hartman, and Michael Hofmann,

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES-NONE

D. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Bryan Scoresby Division Update:
 - i. Staff attended the Nenana Agriculture Education Day this past Friday and Saturday, this event was well attended, and there seems to be good demand for land in the Ag. project.
 - ii. Staff out of the office; Mia and Casey

- iii. Other staff have been hard at work, we planted corn and potatoes in front of the office last week.
- iv. The PMC maintains 216 different varieties of potatoes, keeping a diverse variety is the PMC's goal.
- v. PMC is working with AK Chip co. to develop a variety of potatoes which can come straight from the ground and be processed into a chip.
- vi. PMC also has two-acre plots of six different grains planted for foundation level seed.
- vii. Barn construction was slowed by the unexpected 60 MPH wind which knocked down some walls at the PMC.
- viii. Log inspections in Ketchikan were completed earlier this month.
- ix. Stu – How Many people were in Nenana?
- x. Director – 75-80 people is my guess, Fish and Game was there along with other agencies in the community center.
- xi. Director – Friday, I visited the field with Tarn Coffey who's got 10 acres of corn planted.
- xii. Director - Our hope is to get what the state owns into the public hands. This is a topic of interest; I am in talks with the commissioner to have a land sale in 2026. It takes time to have parcels appraised. There is power poles in most of the project, and some very good roads to access these parcels. This is good ground and an investment; Tarn Coffey has sweet corn which will be in stores for sale come August.

ii. ARLF FINANCIALS

- i. Any questions?
 - ii. Christy- If everything proposed today is approved, we will have 1.8 million left to lend.
- iii. Public Comment Session: Sonya Hartman – Thank you for the opportunity to present my loan, the time and consideration you put forward as well.

E. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

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F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- i. MOTION: Moved to go to executive session to discuss confidential loan information and delinquencies.
 - i. 1st – Stu Davies
 - ii. 2nd – Adam Jensi
- Roll call
- VOTE: __5__ Yes, ____ No, __2__ Absent, ____ Recused
- Motion APPROVED

G. PUBLIC SESSION ON LOAN APPLICATIONS

Appendix 1 (BAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 05/27/2025)

- i. MOTION: Approve modifications on Nick Bouman loan
- ii. 1st – Stu Davies
- iii. 2nd – Adam Jensi
- iv. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 5 Yes, No, 2 Absent, Recused
Motion APPROVED

- v. MOTION: To Deny Reconsideration of Michael Hofmann Loan
- vi. 1st – Jamie Boring
- vii. 2nd – Stu Davies
- viii. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- No, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Recused
VOTE: 3 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent, 1 Recused
Motion APPROVED

- ix. MOTION: Approve Mystic Ruins Farm loan application
- x. 1st – Stu Davies
- xi. 2nd – Adam Jensi
- xii. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 5 Yes, No, 2 Absent, Recused
Motion APPROVED

- xiii. MOTION: Approve Gabriel Ball Loan Application
- xiv. 1st – Stu Davies
- xv. 2nd – Adam Jensi
- xvi. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 5 Yes, No, 2 Absent, Recused
Motion APPROVED

- xvii. MOTION: Approve Tusk Farm Loan application
- xviii. 1st – Jamie Boring
- xix. 2nd – Adam Jensi
- xx. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – N/A, Bates –N/A, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 5 Yes, No, 2 Absent, Recused
Motion APPROVED

H. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

- i. Adam – When is the next meeting?
- ii. Christy, I have 3 loans to present for June 17th
- iii. Jeff Vance – I will not be there Christy
- iv. Jamie – Have these people been late getting their applications in or what is the push?
- v. Christy – Two were held off because of a lack of information, one was presented to me two weeks ago while on vacation. I had told them there was a possibility of a June meeting.
- vi. Jamie – Public relation wise, we’ve done the best we can. People know the schedule doesn’t have a meeting scheduled for June and July, correct?
- vii. Christy - Yes, we are not required to have a June meeting.
- viii. Jeff- We are having trouble getting people for a meeting now, can we hold off until August?
- ix. Christy – The third loan application I got in is very adamant that their loan is presented before August.
- x. Gavin – There is one loan I’ve been working on, and he was hoping this application would be presented before August due to the necessity of needing funds. He is a current ARLF borrower as well.
- xi. Stu- if anything, this May meeting was really time consuming for me. Spring planting, fertilizing, I could be doing something else right now for sure.
- xii. Christy – We can adjust the schedule next year to have a June meeting instead of May.
- xiii. Jamie – The schedule has been out for this for a while.
- xiv. Jamie- If you can’t get a quorum, I can participate as well
- xv. Stu- Just looked at my schedule and June 17th is definitely out; I have a medical procedure.
- xvi. Gavin – Just wanted to let you guys know this will be my last Board meeting. I accepted a job out in Bristol Bay and will hopefully join the Troopers after that. I appreciate working with all of you, it was a good time, and I’ve learned a lot. Couldn’t have asked for a whole lot more coming straight out of college.
- xvii. Jeff – Thanks Gavin
- xviii. Stu – Good luck to you
- xix. Kevin Higgins – I have an update on the legislation that passed two sessions ago, there is a repeal limitation on short term and land clearing loans so there will not be a maximum statute set anymore, the statute was amended to say the board sets the limit in regulation. I reached out to the director, and we drafted this for this meeting and the governor issued admin order 358 putting a hold on regulations. We decided it would be easiest to follow limits set in

statute and are set to be repealed until a further date when we can act on this. I just wanted to flag this issue before our next meeting.

xx. Jeff – If we have any educational trainings, you want brought up at the board meeting, please share with myself or the director so we can bring that up.

I. NEXT MEETING: August 19th

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

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

Adjourned 10:55am