

Appendix 1 (BAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 10/21/2025)

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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 10/21/2025, in person & via Zoom/teleconference. Chair Jeff Vance called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

MOTION: Moved to approve the agenda and minutes of preceding meeting.

Vance – Yes, Anderson – Absent, Bates – Absent, Berge – Absent, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenks – Yes

VOTE: 4 Yes, 0 No, and 3 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 Berge, Board Member (Absent)
- James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member (Phone)
- Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member (Zoom)
- Adam Jenks, Board Member (Zoom/In Person)

Staff in Attendance:

Bryan Scoresby, Director
Channcie Alfred, Loan Officer
Ed Cook, Administrative Support (BAC)
Eric Johnson, Division Staff

Public in Attendance:

Mike Williams – Eaglesong Family Peony Farm
Laura Achee

Pledge of Allegiance

All participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES – NONE

REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Director Scoresby Division Update:

- Introduced new Loan Officer Channcie Alfred, highlighting her experience in mortgage lending.
- Reported on fall inspection activities including the first hive beetle found in Alaska (Kenny Lake area), coordinated mitigation with UAF entomologists.
- Gypsy moth egg clusters found on freight from Korea; increased 2026 trapping planned in Anchorage/Fairbanks.
- Land sale preparation for 2026 approved for 10 parcels in Nenana and 9 in Anchor Point.
- Log inspection requested for Craig export shipment to Canada.
- Discussed continued coordination with DNR during transition to Department of Agriculture.

Financial Services Report:

No new loans since prior meeting; no updates to financials. One northern borrower brought current; Delta borrower making progress.

- ARLF fund balance ~ \$1.8 million remaining to lend; \$475k spend authority increase requested to support staffing and operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

- Mike Williams – No comments, observing only.
- Laura Achee – Acknowledged, no comment.

NEW / OLD BUSINESS

Review of ARLF Statutes:

Director Scoresby led discussion reviewing key statutory sections on Board authority, loan types, and delinquency management. Jamie Boring raised concerns regarding available funds for future loans. The Board discussed strategies for operational reserves and outreach to legislators for ARLF recapitalization.

Staff Introduction – Channcie Alfred:

Shared professional background and expressed enthusiasm to support Division and Alaska’s agricultural borrowers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Move to enter executive session to discuss confidential loan information.

1st – Jamie Boring | 2nd – Stu Davies

Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – Absent, Bates – Absent, Berge – Absent, Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenski – Yes

VOTE: 4 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent – Motion APPROVED

Executive Session entered 9:45 AM, concluded 9:52 AM.
No motions or votes were brought forward from Executive Session.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Stu Davies – Requested DNR release long-held Eielson Ag Project lands for sale to the public.

Jeff Vance - Stated that Jamie Boring had previously done a survey with board members and would like the results from that at the next board meeting.

Jeff Vance – Announced his intent to step down as Chair and proposed adding the Chair election to November 18th agenda.

Adam Jenski – Provided update on Alaska Meat Packers Plant, noting improvement under DOC oversight and partnership with Three Bears for beef distribution.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 9:00 AM (Zoom & In Person, Palmer Office)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn.

1st – Stu Davies | 2nd – Jamie Boring

Vote: All in favor – Motion APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ed Cook, Administrative Support

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