

Appendix 1 BAC Meeting 11/18/2025
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Outgoing Chair Jeff Vance called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed Board members, staff, and members of the public.

a. ROLL CALL and motion to approve the October 21, 2025 minutes, and corrected August 19, 2025 minutes,

- Motion to Approve minutes
 - 1st: John Anderson
 - 2nd: Stuart (“Stu”) Davies

Present:

- Jeff Vance - Yes
- John Anderson - Yes
- James “Jamie” Boring - Yes
- Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
- Tom Berge - Yes (left meeting during executive session. A quorum was still present)
- Adam Jensi - Yes

Absent:

- Matt Bates

A quorum (6 of 7) was established.

Motion: APPROVED

b. Staff in attendance:

- Bryan Scoresby – Director, Division of Agriculture
- Channcie Alfred – ARLF Loan Officer
- Ed Cook – Administrative Assistant
- George Deaton – Accountant, DNR
- Kevin Higgins – Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law

c. Public in attendance:

- Brett Walker – First Colony Farms
- Laura Achee
- Tarn Coffey – Coffey Farms
- Bailey Stewart

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Board member Adam Jenski disclosed a conflict on the upcoming Hoover loan item.

No other disclosures.

D. REPORTS/COORESPONDENCE

a. DIRECTOR'S REPORT — BRYAN SCORESBY

- Farm Bureau Convention
- Agricultural land lease legislation
- Alaska Grown marketing content
- International trade and log inspection activities
- 2026/2027 agricultural land sale planning
- Reindeer industry and USDA oversight
- Equipment transfer discussions in Delta
- Invasive species quarantine implementation

Board engaged briefly with reindeer industry discussion.

No action required.

b. ARLF FINANCIAL UPDATE

Staff reported approximately \$4.6 million available to lend.

Funds increased due to loan payoffs and monthly principal reductions.

No action required.

c. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Tarn Coffey

- Expressed appreciation for staff and Board
- Reinforced importance of ARLF for agricultural producers

No additional public comment was offered.

E. NEW & OLD BUSINESS

a. Chair Election

- Chair Jeff Vance stepped down.
- Nomination for Chair: James (“Jamie”) Boring
- Motion to elect James Boring as Chair
 - 1st: Stuart (“Stu”) Davies
 - 2nd: Adam Jenski

Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Absent, Bergy- Yes, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenski - Yes

Motion: APPROVED - James (“Jamie”) Boring assumed the role of Chair immediately.

b. Board Appointments

- James (“Jamie”) Boring → willing to serve a new 3-year term.
- Adam Jenski → willing to serve a new 3-year term
 - Staff will notify Boards & Commissions.

c. Meeting Platform Transition

- Future meetings will use Microsoft Teams following SOA OIT guidance.
No action required.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential loan matters.
 - Motion: Stuart (“Stu”) Davies
Second: John Anderson
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Absent, Bergy- Yes, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenski - Yes
- The public was placed in the waiting room.

G. PUBLIC SESSION VOTE ON LOAN APPLICATIONS

a. Far North Fungi — Loan Modification

- Motion to APPROVE loan modification for Far North Fungi
 - 1st: Jeff Vance
 - 2nd: Adam Jenski
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Absent, Bergy- Absent, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenski – Yes

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

Motion: APPROVED

b. First Colony Farms — Borrower Structure Update

- Motion to APPROVE ownership change for First Colony Farms
 - 1st: Stu Davis
 - 2nd: Jeff Vance
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Absent, Bergy-Absent, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenksi - Yes

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

Motion: APPROVED

c. Hoover Loan — Alternate Property Request

- TABLED until December meeting pending additional data.

d. Business Services, LLC

- Motion to DENY application
 - 1st: Stu Davis
 - 2nd: Adam Jenksi
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Present, Bates –Absent, Bergy-Absent, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenksi - Yes

VOTE: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 present and 2 absent during Roll Call vote.

Motion: APPROVED

e. Brandon Elkins

- Motion to DENY application
 - 1st: Stu Davis
 - 2nd: Adam Jenksi
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Absent, Bergy-Absent, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jenksi - Yes

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

Motion: APPROVED

H. Survey Results

- Jamie gave explanation of how the survey was compiled and what questions need to be reviewed #22 and #23
- Tabled until next meeting

I. Land Sale Update

- Board discussion about state owned Agriculture land available for sale.

J. NEXT MEETING

Set: December 16, 2025

K. ADJOURNMENT Stu 1st / Jeff 2nd
Meeting adjourned.

SIGNATURE

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Ed Cook, Administrative Assistant