

APPENDIX A

BAC Meeting 12/16/2025
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION

9:00 AM | Microsoft Teams Teleconference

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair James “Jamie” Boring called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM, meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams and welcomed Board members, staff, and members of the public.

- a. ROLL CALL and motion to approve the November 18, 2025 minutes,
- Motion to Approve minutes
 - 1st: Stuart (“Stu”) Davies
 - 2nd: Adam Jensi

Present:

- James “Jamie” Boring - Yes
- Jeff Vance - Yes
- Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
- Tom Berge – Yes / In-Person
- Adam Jensi – Yes / In-person

Absent:

- John Anderson – Absent
- Matt Bates - Absent

A quorum (5 of 7) was established.

Motion: APPROVED (5 Yes, 2 Absent).

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:

- Glen Kroshus (Foxy Enterprises) – In-Person
- Laura Achee (Staff to Senator Jesse Bjorkman)
- Tarn Coffey (Coffey Farms)
- Unidentified Caller

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Chair Boring asked for conflict-of-interest disclosures.

- Attorney Kevin Higgins was asked to clarify what is considered a conflict of interest. Clarified concerns that Adam Jenski had.

No additional conflicts were reported.

D. REPORTS/COORESPONDENCE

a. DIRECTOR'S REPORT — BRYAN SCORESBY

Director Bryan Scoresby provided updates and discussion topics related to the Alaska Rural Loan Fund (ARLF), including:

- Preparatory work continues toward establishment of a standalone Department of Agriculture (website updates, structural planning for Commissioner and staff).
- Budget request submitted for Governor's FY budget included ARLF spend authority increase to \$450,000 to utilize fund earnings for a second loan officer; request did not appear in released Governor's budget.
- Regulations for a proposed loan forgiveness program are being finalized; program would be administered by staff, not ARLF or the Board; funding and staffing resources remain unresolved.
- Parcels in Kenny Lake and Nenana nominated for inclusion in 2027 and 2028 land sales.
- Director completed nine-year service on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission; noted significant future economic impacts associated with major infrastructure projects utilizing the port.
- Staff attended DNR leadership retreat (leadership style panels) and Delta Harvest meetings (barley variety research and weed control practices aimed at improving grain quality).
- Enforcement efforts ongoing with non-compliant agricultural covenant landowners; one Kenai case involving unauthorized gravel sales halted after legal notice; site visit planned for January.
- Office hosting internal holiday potluck; DNR hosting holiday luncheon for DNR staff later in the week.

Board member Stu Davies –

- Expressed support for expanding the loan officer role; recommended elevating the current position to a higher range (suggested Range 20) rather than adding a second position.
- Noted belief that current responsibilities justify the higher classification.
- Commented on land sale nomination timelines; preferred offerings in 2026 rather than 2027–2028 to make property available to the public sooner.
- Suggested the Eielson/North Pole community should be included in upcoming offerings.
- Stated that several parcels have been withheld from public sale for many years, limiting tax revenue and agricultural/farming opportunities.
- Encouraged timely land release to the public rather than continued holding within DNR inventory.

Director Bryan Scoresby –

- Confirmed continued advocacy to include Eielson-area parcels in the 2026 land sale; noted prior resistance under former Commissioner, with improved prospects following leadership change.
- Stated intention remains to advance the Eielson parcels as soon as feasible, and that they have not been forgotten for future sale offerings.
- Addressed comments regarding loan officer staffing: appreciated the suggestion to elevate the position.
- Clarified that the current position is classified as a Natural Resource Specialist performing loan officer duties; to reach a higher range classification, the role must be converted to an official loan officer position.
- Explained that loan officer classification requires supervisory responsibility, which necessitates a second staff member under the role.
- Reiterated that funding for the second position is contingent on ARLF spend authority; position exists but lacks funding.
- Noted that securing spend authority would allow reclassification of the current role into a formal loan officer position at a higher grade.

Jeff Vance, and Adam Jenski asked questions and provided commentary throughout the discussion.

No formal Board action was taken.

b. ARLF FINANCIAL UPDATE

- c. Channicie reported approximately \$3.3 million available to lend. Available funds decreased due to a missing loan on previous documents.

d. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Boring opened the floor for public comment.

- Glen Kroshus, Foxy Enterprises, provided brief comments expressing appreciation for the Board’s work and interest in agricultural lending activity. He offered support of Business Services, LLC, who is currently leasing his land.
- Tarn Coffey thanked the Board and staff for their continued support of Alaska agriculture through ARLF loans.

No additional public comments were offered.

E. NEW & OLD BUSINESS

a. Review 2026 BAC meeting calendar

- Staff reviewed the 2026 Board of Agriculture & Conservation meeting calendar. No conflicts were identified. Discussion followed regarding meeting packet distribution timing and technical considerations related to the Microsoft Teams platform.

b. Survey results

- Reported on results of recent Board/Staff survey (5 of 7 participants responded), noting weighted scoring was used to identify high-priority items.
- Stated intent of survey is to help inform recommendations for the current administration and prepare for transition to a future administration.
- Highlighted high-priority items (weighted ≥ 3.0), including:
 - Regular Board financial review and oversight of ARLF finances.
 - Consistent policy implementation.
 - Development of a 5-year financial plan.
 - Expansion of agricultural producers and related food processing capacity.
 - Targeted outreach and engagement plan with farmers.
 - ARLF training and education for producers.
 - Funding/resource needs for food security projects and cash infusions into ARLF.
 - Spend authority request (already pursued).
 - Multi-year seasonal operating credit (line of credit concept).
 - Refinancing authority (now available as of July 1).
 - Review and clarity of Board roles, onboarding expectations, and member participation standards.
 - Consideration of dedicated Board seat for mariculture.

- Update conflict-of-interest and code of ethics policies.
- Comprehensive review of Board policies and procedures.
- Establishment of ARLF priorities to include food security.

- Noted survey comments from board/staff regarding land access, retention of state agricultural lands, relinquishment timelines, and clarity on sod farm and non-active farmer policies.

- Suggested formation of small working committee to further evaluate land policy issues, streamline processes, and identify potential funding for access and infrastructure improvements.

- Proposed narrowing survey outputs to 4-6 actionable items over the next year, developing strategies, and bringing recommendations to the Department and potentially other stakeholders prior to administrative transition.

- Expressed desire to share survey findings with outside partners (e.g., Food Policy Council) with Board agreement.

- Emphasized collaborative approach and intention not to dominate process, but to support informed stewardship and continuity of agricultural priorities.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential loan matters.
 - Motion: Stuart (“Stu”) Davies
Second: Jeff Vance
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Absent, Bates – Absent, Bergy- Yes, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi – Yes
 - Motion passed (5 Yes, 2 Absent).
- The public was placed in the waiting room.

G. PUBLIC SESSION VOTE ON LOAN APPLICATIONS

a. Business Services, LLC (ReApplication)

- Motion to APPROVE a loan in the amount of \$275,000 with a 10-year term – Payoff loan F-5228 – personal guaranties and complete 2024 tax return required.
 - 1st: Stu Davis
 - 2nd: Adam Jensi
 - Roll Call Vote: Boring - Yes, Anderson – Absent, Bates – Absent, Bergy- Yes, Vance – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi – Yes

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

Motion: APPROVED

b. Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services, LLC

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

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

Motion: APPROVED

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Jamie Boring:

- Boring recognized Adam and Carrie for their work operating Alaska Meatpackers, noting significant progress and improvements over the past year.
- Highlighted the facility as valuable agricultural infrastructure supporting beef, hog, sheep, and goat processing with a strong crew and viable business model.
- Congratulated Adam on the success to date and expressed interest in future updates to the Board regarding ongoing initiatives.

I. MEETING DATES

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

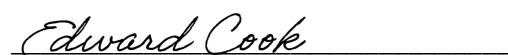
J. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion: Move to Adjourn 1st: Stu David / 2nd: Adam Jenki
- b. No Discussion
- c. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

K. ADJOURNMENT Stu 1st / Jeff 2nd

Meeting adjourned.

SIGNATURE



Ed Cook, Administrative Assistant