

AMENDED MINUTES

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 08/19/2025, in person & via Zoom/teleconference. Chair Jeff Vance called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

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

- a. MOTION: Approval of agenda and meeting minutes from the preceding meeting,

- i. 1st – Matt Bates
- ii. 2nd – Stu Davies
- iii. Rollcall Vote:
Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates – Yes, Bergy - Yes, Boring – Yes,
Davies – Yes, Jenski-Yes

VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.

Motion: APPROVED

- b. Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

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

- c. Staff in Attendance:

- Bryan Scoresby, Director
- Christy Allison, Program Coordinator (DNR) (In Person)
- Edward Cook, Administrative Assistant 2 (In person)
- George Deaton, Accountant 3, DNR (Zoom)
- Kevin Higgins, Attorney 5, Dept. of Law (Zoom)

- d. Public in Attendance

- Laura Achee, Mark Cosby

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

- a. Adam will recuse himself from the Rodney Hoover loan.

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D. REPORTS/COORESPONDENCE

a. Director Scoresby Division Update

The Director provided an update on PMC and the new seed cleaning equipment currently being installed by West Coast Companies. The original installation team, who referred to themselves as the “A-Team,” flew out on Sunday. A new team—also calling themselves the “A-Team”—has arrived to continue the installation and will be on-site for the next two weeks.

Lindsey from Irrigation visited last Friday to inspect and verify the location of the well for a new center pivot irrigation system. The system, which arrived recently, will be installed next year and will irrigate 117 acres. The software allows for individual control of each sprinkler head within the pivot.

The equipment barn is nearing completion and is expected to be finished by the end of the month. Work is underway on the overhead doors, electricians are wrapping up their tasks, and the remaining renovations are progressing.

Inspections are currently underway. Mia and Meret are in Homer conducting seed potato inspections, which occur three times annually. Ramsey is performing inspections across the state and checking for the presence of the Asian Defoliator Moth.

Additionally, the importation of chokecherry trees is being halted due to their highly invasive nature.

b. ARLF Financials

c. Public Comments/Session – Open forum (three minutes per person)

E. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Motion: Move to go into Executive Session

i. 1st – Stu Davies

ii. 2nd – Adam Jenki

iii. Roll Call:

Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Yes, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes,
Davies – Yes, Jenki - Yes

VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.

Motion: APPROVED

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G. PUBLIC SESSION VOTE ON LOAN APPLICATIONS

- a. First Colony Farms Alaska, LLC
 - i. MOTION: Approve of First Colony Farms Alaska, LLC
 - ii. 1st – Matt Bates
 - iii. 2nd – Adam Jensi
 - iv. Roll Call:
Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Yes, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes,
Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.
Motion: APPROVED

- b. Brandon Elkins
 - i. MOTION: Approve the Brandon Elkins Loan
 - ii. 1st – Stu Davies
 - iii. 2nd – Matt Bates
 - iv. Rollcall Vote:
Vance – xxx, Anderson – xxx, Bates –xxx, Bergy- xxx, Boring – xxx,
Davies – xxx, Jensi - xxx
VOTE: 0 yes, no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.
Motion:
This loan has been tabled, awaiting additional information.

- c. Rodney Hoover
 - i. MOTION: Approve the Rodney Hoover Loan
 - ii. 1st – Stu Davies
 - iii. 2nd – Matt Bates
 - iv. Roll Call: Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Yes, Bergy- Yes,
Boring – Yes, Davies – Yes, Jensi - Recused
VOTE: 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 recused during Roll Call vote.
Motion: APPROVED

- d. Nicholas Bouman (Change Repayment Terms)
 - i. MOTION: Approve the changes
 - ii. 1st - Matt Bates
 - iii. 2nd - Stu Davies
 - iv. Rollcall Vote:
Vance – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Bates –Yes, Bergy- Yes, Boring – Yes,
Davies – Yes, Jensi - Yes
VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.
Motion: APPROVED

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H. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

I. MEETING DATES

2025 Meeting Dates:

January	21 st	July	No meeting
February	25 th -for Regulation update only	August	19 th
March	25 th	September	No meeting
April	1 st	October	21 st
April	22 th	November	18 th
May	27 th	December	16 th If needed
June	No meeting	July	No meeting

J. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion: Move to adjourn.

i. 1st – Matt Bates

ii. 2nd – Adam Jensi

All in favor – Aye. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.