

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

BAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

a. The regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was called to order by Chair Jamie Boring at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026, via Microsoft Teams.

i. MOTION: Approve agenda and previous meeting minutes (Appendix A)

ii. 1st – Jamie Boring, 2nd – Adam Jensi

iii. Discussion:

- Chair Boring referenced an email regarding clarification from the previous meeting related to the Snug Harbor lease and a discussion regarding boat versus non-boat matters. It was agreed the matter would be addressed during Executive Session.

iv. Roll Call Vote:

Present:

- Chair, James “Jamie” Boring – Yes
- Vice Chair, John Anderson – Yes
- Matt Bates - Absent
- Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
- Tom Berge – Absent
- Adam Jensi – Yes / In-person
- Jeff Vance - Yes

A quorum (5 of 7) was established.

Motion: APPROVED (5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent).

b. Staff in Attendance:

- Bryan Scoresby, Director, Division of Agriculture
- Channcie Alfred, Natural Resource Specialist III (ARLF Loan Officer), Division of Agriculture
- George Deaton, Accountant III, DNR
- Kevin Higgins, Attorney V, Department of Law

c. Public in Attendance:

- CK (joined via Microsoft Teams)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

D. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE

a. Director's Report – Bryan Scoresby

- Recent travel related to legislative activity.
- Participation in the Alaska Grown Dinner attended by approximately 100 people and featuring Alaska-grown foods.
- Recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Alaska Grown logo.
- Legislative updates including:
 - A bill addressing eligibility corrections related to agricultural property tax exemptions.
 - A bill related to leasing state agricultural lands and simplifying appraisal and survey requirements.
- Attendance at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Winter Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Discussion of challenges administering micro-grants due to limited staffing resources and a request for additional positions.

No additional questions were raised by the board.

b. ARLF Financials – (Appendix B & C) Channcie Alfred presented updates to the ARLF financial reporting.

- A new calculation box was added showing available lending capacity.
- Appendix C provides a definition of how the lending capacity is calculated.
- As of January 31, approximately \$3.2 million was available to lend. This represents an increase of approximately \$547,000 from the prior month due primarily to loan repayments.
- Short-Term Loan Discussion:
 - A three-year review of short-term lending showed an average of approximately \$670,000 annually.
 - Staff recommended maintaining a \$1 million annual buffer for short-term operating loans such as feed, fertilizer, and seed.
 - The Board agreed by consensus to track the buffer while allowing flexibility to release unused funds later in the season if needed

c: Public Comments / Public Session

- Chair Boring invited comments from the public. One attendee (CK) joined via Teams but did not provide comments.

E. NEW / OLD BUSINESS

No additional new or old business was presented.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- i. MOTION: Enter executive session to discuss confidential loan matters
- ii. 1st – Jeff Vance, 2nd – Stu Davies
- iii. Discussion: No discussion was held.
- iv. Role Call Vote:
 - Chair, James “Jamie” Boring – Yes

- Vice Chair, John Anderson – Yes
- Matt Bates - Absent
- Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
- Tom Berge – Absent
- Adam Jensi – Yes / In-person
- Jeff Vance - Yes

Motion: APPROVED (5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent).

The Board entered Executive Session. Public attendees were placed in the lobby and recording stopped.

G. PUBLIC SESSION VOTES / ACTION ITEMS

a. Hawks Farm and Garden

- i. MOTION: Approve short term loan based on loan officer’s recommendations
- ii. 1st – Stu Davies, 2nd – Adam Jensi
- iii. Discussion: No additional discussion
- iv. Roll Call Vote:
 - Chair, James “Jamie” Boring – Yes
 - Vice Chair, John Anderson – Yes
 - Matt Bates - Absent
 - Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
 - Tom Berge – Absent
 - Adam Jensi – Yes / In-person
 - Jeff Vance - Yes

Motion: APPROVED (5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent).

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No Comments

I. MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation is scheduled for March 17, 2026 at 9:00 via Teams.

J. ADJOURNMENT

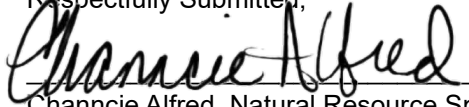
- i. MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.
- ii. 1st – Stu Davies, 2nd – Adam Jensi
- iii. Discussion: No discussion was held.
- iv. Role Call Vote:
 - Chair, James “Jamie” Boring – Yes
 - Vice Chair, John Anderson – Yes
 - Matt Bates - Absent
 - Stuart (“Stu”) Davies - Yes
 - Tom Berge – Absent

- Adam Jensi – Yes / In-person
- Jeff Vance - Yes

Motion: APPROVED (5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Channie Alfred". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Channie Alfred, Natural Resource Specialist III (ARLF Loan Officer)