BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION AGENDA

1801 S Margaret Dr. Ste 12, Palmer, AK 99645

11/18/25 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/98219947856?pwd=QxiZPNmZdjkXkN14HHeaUiySkFbJBY.1

Meeting ID: 982 1994 7856

Passcode: **12211#**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Time- ______

a. Approval of 10/21/2025 and Amended 08/19/2025 meeting minutes-Appendix 1 and 2
    i. Motion
        1. 1st
        2. 2nd
    ii. Discussion
    iii. Rollcall Vote: approves previous meeting minutes and indicates member is present.

b. Staff in attendance
    i. Bryan Scoresby, Division of Agriculture Director
    ii. Channcie Alfred, Natural Resource Specialist III (ARLF Loan Officer)
    iii. Kevin Higgins, Attorney V, Dept of Law
    iv. George Deaton, Accountant III, DNR
    v. Ed Cook, Administrative Support

c. Public in attendance
    i.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

D. REPORTS/COORESPONDENCE

a. Director Scoresby Division Update
b. ARLF Financials – Financial Services-Appendix 3 and 4
c. Public Comments/Session – Open forum (three minutes per person)
    i. Written public comment received regarding – Business Services' Loan Application-Appendix 5

E. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

a. Nominations and Election for Chair
b. Extending appointments for Adam Jenski and James Boring that expire 12/01/2025
c. Future Board Meetings will be via Teams
d. Survey results from Jamie

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Motion: Move to go into Executive Session
    i. 1st
    ii. 2nd
    iii. Discussion
    iv. Rollcall Vote
b. Current Loans and Delinquencies –
c. ARLF Applications – 5 of applications, totaling $5,990,000 requested

G. PUBLIC SESSION VOTE ON LOAN APPLICATIONS

a. Far North Fungi (Modification Request)-MOTION

1st 2nd

Discussion

Rollcall Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Recused
Chair Jeff Vance				
Vice Chair John Anderson				
Matthew (Matt) Bates, Board Member				
Thomas (Tom) Bergey, Board Member				
James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member				
Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member				
Adam Jenski, Board Member				

Motion ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

b. First Colony Farms (Modification Request)- MOTION

1st 2nd

Discussion

Rollcall Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Recused
Chair Jeff Vance				
Vice Chair John Anderson				
Matthew (Matt) Bates, Board Member				
Thomas (Tom) Bergey, Board Member				
James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member				
Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member				
Adam Jenski, Board Member				

Motion ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

c. Hoover, Rodney (Modification Request) – MOTION

1st 2nd

Discussion

Rollcall Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Recused
Chair Jeff Vance				
Vice Chair John Anderson				
Matthew (Matt) Bates, Board Member				
Thomas (Tom) Bergey, Board Member				
James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member				
Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member				
Adam Jenski, Board Member				

Motion ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

d. Business Services, LLC – MOTION

1st 2nd

Discussion

Rollcall Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Recused
Chair Jeff Vance				
Vice Chair John Anderson				
Matthew (Matt) Bates, Board Member				
Thomas (Tom) Bergey, Board Member				
James (Jamie) Boring, Board Member				
Stuart (Stu) Davies, Board Member				
Adam Jenski, Board Member				

Motion ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

H. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

I. MEETING DATES

2025 Meeting Dates:

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion: Move to adjourn.
   1st 2nd
b. Discussion
c. Vote
d. Time Adjourned: __________

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

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, Jenski – 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 Jenski, 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,

Edward Cook
Ed Cook, Administrative Support

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AMENDED MINUTES

Appendix 2 (BAC AMENDED MEETING MINUTES 08/19/2025)

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.

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 Jenski

iii. Roll Call:

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

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 Jenski
iv. Roll Call:
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. 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, Jenski - 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, Jenski - 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, Jenski - Yes
VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent during Roll Call vote.
Motion: APPROVED

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June	No meeting	July	No meeting

J. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion: Move to adjourn.
   i. 1st – Matt Bates
   ii. 2nd – Adam Jenski

All in favor – Aye. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Appendix 5 (PUBLIC COMMENT)

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14 October 2025

Dear Board/Committee

We would like to **highly recommend** Daniel Peters and Danielle Peters, dba Business Services of Alaska to the board.

They have been working at our location since March. The knowledge they have of the product is amazing. This season, they and their staff have mastered greenhouse cultivation.

Daniel, Danielle, and their team will benefit Alaskan agriculture.

Thank you for your time

Glen and Barbara Kroshus