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**BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE**

**BAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2026**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held on **March 17, 2026**, in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Chair **Jamie Boring** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:03 a.m.**

A quorum was established.

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**ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Approve agenda and previous meeting minutes (with correction removing Kevin Higgins from prior minutes).

**Moved:** Jamie Boring

**Seconded:** Adam Jensi

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chair Jamie Boring – **Yes**
- Vice Chair John Anderson – **Yes**
- Matt Bates – **Absent**
- Tom Bergey – **Yes**
- Jeff Vance – **Yes**
- Stu Davies – **Yes**
- Adam Jensi – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Motion Approved (6 Yes, 1 Absent)

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**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

- Bryan Scoresby, Director
  - Channcie Alfred, ARLF Loan Officer
  - Ed Cook, Administrative Assistant
  - Erik “Moe” Johnson, Natural Resource Specialist
  - Kevin Higgins, Department of Law
  - George Deaton, Accountant
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#### **PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

- Janet Dinwiddie
  - Tarn Coffey
  - Joe Dinwiddie
  - Kenneth Spann (Pleasant Acres Reindeer Ranch)
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#### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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#### **C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

No conflicts of interest were reported.

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#### **D. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Director’s Report – Bryan Scoresby**

Key updates included:

- Alaska seafood/mariculture promotion at national events
- Staff participation in Mariculture Conference
- Progress on seed house construction and equipment installation
- USDA audit recognition for inspection staff

- Seed potato inspection program updates
  - 2026 agricultural land sale preparation (Nenana)
  - Upcoming outreach events (Homer, Fairbanks Farm Bureau meetings)
  - Field visits and agricultural engagement across the state
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#### **ARLF Financials – Channcie Alfred**

- Approx. **\$3 million available to lend**
  - Approx. **\$2.5 million available for short-term loans**
  - Decrease of ~\$132,000 from prior month
  - Executive session to include delinquency discussions
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#### **Additional Report – Mariculture Conference**

- Industry engagement and outreach
  - Potential guest speaker from mariculture sector
  - Exploration of collateral assistance programs
  - New loan applications received
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### **E. NEW / OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Ag Preference Rights for 2026 Ag Auction (AS 38.05.069)**

Presented by Erik “Moe” Johnson.

Discussion highlights:

- 19 parcels planned (Nenana + Anchor Point)
- Explanation of **preference right process** for adjacent landowners
- General board support for continuing preference rights
- Feedback from:
  - **Stu Davies** – noted limited awareness among new bidders

- **Adam Jenski** – supportive after stakeholder input
- **Tarn Coffey (public)** – emphasized importance for farm expansion certainty

**No formal vote required** (consultation item only).

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

### **Janet Dinwiddie – Pioneer Peak Farm**

- Spoke in support of ARLF program
- Highlighted financial burden of proving viability over time
- Emphasized importance of funding access and farmland preservation

### **Tarn Coffey**

- Expressed appreciation for board work
- Noted positive impacts of ARLF in agricultural community

### **Kenneth Spann – Pleasant Acres Reindeer Ranch**

- Presented plans for expansion:
    - Infrastructure completion
    - Herd growth
    - Long-term goal of out-of-state sales
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## **F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Mates Bates makes motion to move into Executive Session

**Seconded:** John Anderson

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Jamie Boring – **Yes**
- John Anderson – **Yes**
- Matt Bates – **Absent**

- Tom Bergey – **Yes**
- Jeff Vance – **Yes**
- Stu Davies – **Yes**
- Adam Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Motion Approved

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## **G. PUBLIC SESSION – LOAN & ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Foreclosure – Pam Rule**

**MOTION:** Tom Bergy makes motion to initiate foreclosure process for Pam Rule, Loan #S-5526

**Second:** Stu Davies

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Boring – **Yes**
- Anderson – **Yes**
- Bates – **Absent**
- Bergey – **Yes**
- Vance – **Yes**
- Davies – **Yes**
- Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Approved (6 Yes, 1 Absent)

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### **2. Foreclosure – Marshall Blankenship (Loan #S5527)**

**MOTION:** Tom Bergy makes motion to initiate foreclosure process for Marshall Blankenship, Loan #S-5527

**Second:** Stu Davies

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Boring – **Yes**

- Anderson – **Yes**
- Bates – **Absent**
- Bergey – **Yes**
- Vance – **Yes**
- Davies – **Yes**
- Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Approved (6 Yes, 1 Absent)

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### **3. Loan Approval – Dinwiddie (Jane & Joseph)**

**MOTION:** Jamie Boring motion to Approve loan as presented by Loan Officer

**Second:** Jeff Vance

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Boring – **Yes**
- Anderson – **Yes**
- Bates – **Absent**
- Bergey – **Yes**
- Vance – **Yes**
- Davies – **Yes**
- Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Approved (6 Yes, 1 Absent)

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### **4. Loan Decision – Pleasant Acres Reindeer Ranch**

**MOTION:** Tom Bergy motion to decline loan

**Seconded:** Stu Davies

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Boring – **Yes**

- Anderson – **Yes**
- Bates – **Absent**
- Bergey – **Yes**
- Vance – **Yes**
- Davies – **Yes**
- Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Approved (Declined)

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## **5. Loan Decision – Alaska Ocean Farms**

**MOTION:** Jamie Boring motion to decline loan

**Seconded:** Stu Davies

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Boring – **Yes**
- Anderson – **Yes**
- Bates – **Absent**
- Bergey – **Yes**
- Vance – **Yes**
- Davies – **Yes**
- Jenski – **Yes**

**RESULT:** Approved (Declined)

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## **H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Appreciation expressed for staff reporting improvements
  - Legal clarification to be provided by Dept. of Law regarding loan security requirements
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## **I. MEETING DATES**

Next meeting scheduled for **April 21, 2026**

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## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Adjourn

**Second:** Stu Davies

Meeting adjourned at approximately **11:00 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ed Cook, Administrative Support