

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O’Connor (09)	VACANT (12)

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
DSJ BUILDING
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**March 20, 2024
4:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
 Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
 Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Amanda Salmon, Melanie Glatt, Kim Bergey, Jozef Slowik, Misty O’Connor (via phone) and Thomas Bergey (left at 5:43 p.m.)
 Members absent and excused: Stephen Brown
 Members absent: Adam Janski, Kenneth Hoffman
 Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager
 Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 Agenda approved as presented.

- III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)
 No audience participation.

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 The minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Staff Report – Joseph Metzger
 - 1. Mr. Metzger reported that Community Development will have a new Director, Jillian Morrissey, and his appointment from Asset Manager to Land Management Division Manager.
 - 2. On February 20, 2024, the Latchem Ag Conversion was approved by the Assembly
 - 3. There is an application in process for a Title 13 property to move a lot line due to a setback violation that will be coming to this Board in the future.
 - 4. Assessments had made errors on some Title 13/Title 23 owner assessments, which Joe has resolved. Discussion followed on this matter.

- B. Work Session Follow up – Title Changes
Discussion on potential Covenant changes from previous meeting was available for all members. Additional discussion points from this meeting added and attached.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Many expressed that there was good discussion and input at the meeting.

Ms. Glatt – Introduced herself. Felt it would be nice to incorporate what we are doing with other Boroughs, i.e., Denali, and include Farm Bureaus.

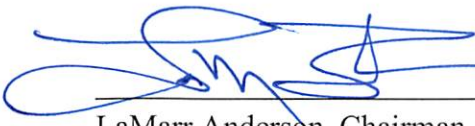
Ms. Bergey – Ag is building at State level; feels we are ahead of other areas of the State.

Ms. O’Connor – Would like to see an effort to hear what’s stopping individuals from those in Lower 48 interested in Ag to buy and farm and see how this Board may be able to address those problems.

VII. NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.


LaMarr Anderson, Chairman


DATE

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb

Department Administrative Specialist