MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING **September 21, 2016**
DSJ BUILDING ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS **4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL
Ms. Hecimovich called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m

A. Members present and establishing a quorum were:
Donald Brainard, Dr. Norman Harris *(telephonically joined the meeting at 4:33 p.m.)*, Derylee Hecimovich, Erik Johnson, Jon Olsen, Jenny VanderWeele, Braden VanderWeele, and Dick Zobel
B. Members Absent: Bruce Bush, Ken Peltier
C. Members Absent and Excused: Kenneth Marsh, James Skinner
D. Vacant Positions: None
E. Staff Present: Glenda Smith, Land Management Analyst and Elizabeth Derbonne, Department Administrative Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GENERAL CONSENT: Agenda was approved as presented.

Ms. Hecimovich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 15, 2016

Ms. Hecimovich queried if there were any changes to the minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit to 3 minutes)

A. Mr. Haberman spoke to the public process.

B. Ms. Cutler spoke to the board's duties and responsibilities.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report

1. Real Property Analyst

Ms. Smith spoke to the following:

- Discussions at the last meeting led to the three resolutions on the agenda.
- Have pulled all assembly resolutions addressing agriculture issues and in the process of reviewing the actions taken.
- Reiterated that Advisory Board Resolutions do not have a public hearing in accordance with borough code MSB1.25.060 and that members of the audience have an opportunity to speak to any resolutions on the agenda during audience participation.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-05** A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ACTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY FOR AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS, LEASES, AND SALES.

Mr. Olsen moved, Dr. Harris second to approve Resolution 16-05. There was no discussion and the motion was approved with no objection.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-06** A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ACTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY THAT COMPLIES WITH RIGHT TO FARM STATUTE ALASKA STATUTE 9.45.235 AND CONTRACT WITH MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF BOROUGH AGRICULTURE CLASSIFIED PROPERTY FARM CONSERVATION PLANS

Mr. Zobel moved, Mr. Johnson second to approve Resolution 16-06. There was no discussion and the motion was approved with no objection.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-07** A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ACTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY THAT VETERANS

WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO BID ON AGRICULTURE CLASSIFIED PROPERTY WITH ONE-TIME ALLOWANCES.

Mr. Brainard moved, Mr. Zobel second to approve Resolution 16-07.

Discussion followed regarding Veteran's discharge status.

Ms. VanderWeele moved, Mr. Olsen second to table Resolution 16-07 until the October 20, 2016 meeting.

Motion to postpone carried with no objection.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Note: Limit to 3 minutes)

Dr. Harris thanked Ms. Hecimovich for chairing tonight's meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated the state's agriculture auction was starting tomorrow and would run through October 22, 2016.

Mr. Olsen was sorry they weren't able to do the farm tour.

Mr. Zobel would like a discussion at the October meeting why the board's recommended moratorium on biosolids has not been before the assembly. Ms. Smith explained that the borough attorney pulled citing many issues one of which is action of this type would fall under parameters of the Clean Water Act and therefore would have to go through the Planning Commission.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. October 19, 2016

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hecimovich adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Norman Rex Harris

Norman Rex Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Derbonne

Elizabeth Derbonne, Department Administrative Specialist