

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL**

The regular teleconference meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held October 15, 2009 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Kristan Cole called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Boardmembers present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Kristan Cole, Chair (telephone)  
Mr. John Schirack, Vice Chair (telephone)  
Mr. Ben VanderWeele, Boardmember (telephone)  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Boardmember (telephone)  
Mr. Stuart Davies, Boardmember (telephone)  
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Nakazawa, Boardmember (telephone)  
Mr. Chris Flickinger, Boardmember (telephone)

Staff in attendance was:

Mr. Curt Sandvik, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Connie Cannon, Office Assistant  
Ms. Candy Easley, Loan Officer  
Mr. Ray Nix, Asset Manager  
Mr. Robert McFarlane, AAG, Dept. of Law  
Ms. Olga Lotosh, Accountant II ARLF (telephone)

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Schirack moved to approve the agenda as amended.  
Boardmember Nakazawa seconded.

No objections were received.

**The agenda was approved.**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS/SESSION**

*(No public was in attendance for comments).*

Staff Comments:

Curt Sandvik stated he was attending the meeting on behalf of Franci Havemeister. Connie Cannon was attending the meeting on behalf of Lora Haralson.

Olga Lotosh introduced herself as the ARLF accountant.

**D. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING AUGUST 6, 2009**

Boardmember Davies made the following corrections:

• **Under establishment Of Quorum and Roll Call Page 1**

The regular teleconference meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held July 9, August 6, 2009 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska.

- **Under New/Old Business Page 5**

Boardmember Davies stated: The school issue is statewide and is an ongoing educational issue with state and local agencies to understand the Alaska 7% bidder preference.

**MOTION:** Boardmember Davies moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2009 as amended.

Boardmember Poindexter seconded.

No objections were received.

**The minutes were approved as amended.**

Chair Cole noted that Boardmember VanderWeele did not receive his board packet, thus he would be abstaining from voting on issues that were in the packet that needed prior review.

### **E. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 1. Division Update/Division Newsletter

*(The Board had no questions).*

Administrative Officer Sandvik introduced new Boardmember Chris Flickinger who replaced Boardmember Stratman and thanked Omar Stratman for his service to the board.

#### 2. MMM&S Committee Update/Resolution

Boardmember Poindexter had questions regarding the resolution that was discussed at the August 6, 2009 meeting and felt the Board needed a motion to move the resolution forward.

**MOTION:** Boardmember Nakazawa moved to approve the resolution as presented.

Boardmember Davies seconded.

### **ROLL CALL**

**VOTE:** The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 abstained vote.

Boardmember Nakazawa voted yes, Boardmember Davies voted yes, Boardmember Poindexter voted yes, Boardmember Flickinger voted yes, Vice Chair Schirack voted yes, Boardmember VanderWeele abstained due to not receiving the Board packet information.

#### 3. Asset Report

Asset Manager Ray Nix:

- The board had no objection to have the Director sign off on the re-plat for the Fromong/Wartburg re-plat request.

#### 4. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be tabled and presented at the next Board meeting. Accountant Lotosh will be in attendance in person to discuss the reports.

5. ARLF FY09 Year End Reports

The ARLF FY09 year end reports will be tabled and presented at the next Board meeting. Accountant Lotosh will be in attendance in person to discuss the reports.

6. ARLF Applications in Process

*(The Board had no questions).*

7. AAG Report

AAG McFarlane:

- Reviewed the public AAG report.

AAG McFarlane stated there are two items for discussion in Executive Session. The two items will be discussed in Executive Session because one is Attorney Client privilege and one is discussing confidential financial records on the Hans Geier and Heritage properties matters.

Boardmember Nakazawa disclosed that he works closely with Hans Geier at the University and this may be a potential conflict of interest relating to that portion of the Executive Session.

AAG McFarlane stated Mr. Geier's attorney did not call him back so the matter will not be discussed and Boardmember Nakazawa can attend the Executive Session.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Cole stated the Executive Session was held to consider two loan applications and the AAG Report which has two items that are attorney client privilege.

**MOTION:** Boardmember Poindexter moved to go into Executive Session.  
Vice Chair Schirack seconded.

The Executive Session included Chair Kristan Cole, Vice Chair Schirack, Boardmember Ben VanderWeele, Boardmember Al Poindexter, Boardmember Chris Flickinger, Boardmember Tony Nakazawa, Boardmember Davies, Administrative Officer Curt Sandvik, AAG Robert McFarlane, Asset Manager Ray Nix, and Office Assistant Connie Cannon.

**PUBLIC SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

8. Carlson Development Loan Approved

**MOTION:** Boardmember Davies moved to approve the Dale A. & Heather Carlson - F loan as recommended by the loan officer:

1. \$300,000 @ 4.50% for 30 years payable by annual payments.
2. Secured by the 1<sup>st</sup> Deed of Trust on subject property.
3. Standard Lenders Title Insurance.



Boardmember VanderWeele:

- Stated professional advice would be needed before a press release was sent.
- He suggested the Division work with the State Veterinarian and a FDA representative.

Boardmember Poindexter:

- Recommended that the Division Marketing Section do research and ensure that they receive creditable statements that can be used.

Boardmember Nakazawa:

- Stated he will send Administrative Officer Sandvik information from the Department of Health.

Chair Cole:

- Stated the Board wants to review the draft document prior to being distributed.

Boardmember Poindexter:

- Stated he is no longer working for the Soil & Water Conservation District or the School district and is available any day for the Board meetings.

#### **I. SET NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS**

The next Board of Agriculture & Conservation meeting will be in person held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Schirack moved to adjourn.  
Boardmember Poindexter seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.