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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING **September 16, 2026**
DSJ Building / Lower-Level Conference Room **4:30 P.M.**

Call In #: 1-907-290-7880
Participant Code: 143 248 567#

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2026 Meeting

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Committee Update – Tony West
Update on committee activity.

B. Staff Report – Suzanne Reilly
Orientation/Refresher of:
1. Board Creation & Responsibilities
2. Ag Properties within purview of this Board
3. Governing documents for Ag properties
4. Titles 13, 15, & 23 Comparison

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

VII. NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES ** DRAFT **

REGULAR MEETING **May 20, 2026**
DSJ BUILDING **4:30 P.M.**
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.
Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, James Hazlett, Alexandria Hoffman (by phone), Jozef Slowik (by phone), Dylan Blankenship (by phone at 4:55 p.m.), Craig Hanson, Margaret Adsit, Kenneth Hoffman, Mark Stahl, and Abby Raisanen.
Members absent: Tony West, Adam Jenski
Staff present: Suzanne Reilly/Asset Manager, Joseph Metzger/Land Management Division Manager, and Margie Cobb/Department Administrative Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda was changed as follows: Items C, D (Q&A with Law & Assessments) were moved to the top of the agenda, and Item A (Staff Report) was moved to the end of the agenda. Mr. Hazlett moved to accept the changes; Ms. Adsit seconded. Changes to Agenda approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 18, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

Simon Gilliland – raised concerns about a proposed borough road project that would bisect a long-standing agricultural property (note: this parcel is not under the purview of this Board).

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Q&A Session with Legal Department

Mr. Spiropoulos was present to answer questions from the Board regarding allowing smaller parcels/subdivisions and enforcement options.

B. Q&A Session with Assessments Division

Mr. Querin, Ms. King and Mr. Eveland were present to answer questions from the Board regarding allowing smaller parcels/subdivisions.

C. Resolution 26-01: Title 13 to Title 23 Ag Conversion/Paul and Margaret Cook, and Cook-Raevsky Ezra Lk, LLC

Ms. Reilly gave a staff report. Discussion on Resolution. Mr. Hazlett moved to approve Resolution; Mr. Hoffman seconded; there was no objection.

D. Staff Report

Ms. Reilly brought attention to the handout, a draft framework for the work the Board and Working Committee has been discussing. Request was made by the Board to review and email Ms. Reilly comments/suggestions/wording so that she can incorporate them for the Working Committee. Ms. Reilly will be reaching out to the current committee members to verify their ability to meet through the summer to keep the work on this process moving forward for a full Board review at the next scheduled meeting in the Fall.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Mr. Hanson: There needs to be a fruitful discussion on allowable enforcement options.

Mr. Stahl: Requested staff provide summary of Attorney comments.

Mr. Hoffman: Wished everyone a great summer.

Ms. Adsit: Shared that Senator Murkowski seeking feedback on farm bill by Friday, will forward email to Ms. Reilly to share with everyone. Shared that in a conversation with Assemblymember Nowers she would like to see this Board present periodically at an Assembly meeting on what the Board is doing. Shared that she has been approached by Senator Bjorn's office to do a joint meeting with DNR & Borough for unifying enforcement. Shared that there is a 6/8 Soils workshop by NCRS at the Mat-Su Experiment Farm.

Mr. Anderson: Clarified that the purview of this Board is properties in the Borough Agriculture Programs, not all Borough agriculture properties. Changes being considered need to address both preservation and production, and progress needs to move forward, not repeat what has already been discussed when the Board convenes next Fall.

VII. NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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LaMarr Anderson, Chairman DATE

ATTEST:

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Margie Cobb

Department Administrative Specialist