#### DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2016

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

An emergency teleconference meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held September 12, 2016 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Ben VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Ben VanderWeele, Chair Mr. John Schirack, Vice Chair (telephone) Mr. Chris Flickinger, Board member (telephone) Ms. Deidre Berberich, Board member Mr. Troy Shelden, Board member Ms. Roxy Marcy, Board member (telephone) Mr. Jason Smith, Board member (telephone)

Staff in attendance was:

Ms. Brianne Blackburn, Natural Resource Manager II

Ms. Lora Haralson, Administrative Officer I

Mr. Daniel Wilkerson, AAG, Dept. of Law (telephone)

Ms. Amanda Swanson, ARLF Loan Officer

Public in attendance was:

No public were in attendance.

#### **B.** APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **MOTION**: Board member Flickinger moved to approve the agenda.
- **SECOND:** Board member Berberich seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

#### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS/SESSION

No public comments were made.

#### D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Chair VanderWeele stated now is the time for conflict disclosures. You have the agenda outlining pending business and we will be going into executive session later to address loan requests. Does any member have a conflict to disclose relating to any business before the board? *No conflicts were reported.* 

#### E. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Loan Officer Swanson:

The items below were discussed in Executive Session.

- Establish a minimum bid.
- Make a best interest finding.
- Approve final draft of the RFP.

**MOTION:** Board member Berberich moved to go into executive session.

**SECOND:** Board member Marcy seconded the motion.

No objections were received.

# F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session for the Request for Proposal for Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage Chair Ben VanderWeele, Vice Chair John Schirack (telephone), Board member Deidre Berberich, Board member Chris Flickinger (telephone) Board member Troy Shelden, Board member Jason Smith (telephone), Board member Roxy Marcy (telephone), AAG Daniel Wilkerson (telephone), Natural Resource Manager II Brianne Blackburn, ARLF Loan Officer Amanda Swanson and Administrative Officer Lora Haralson.

**MOTION:** Board member Shelden moved to obtain an appraisal for Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage.

**SECOND:** Board member Berberich seconded the motion.

# ROLL CALL

**VOTE:** The motion passed with six yes votes. Vice Chair Schirack voted yes (telephone), Board member Shelden voted yes, Board member Marcy voted yes (telephone), Board member Berberich voted yes, Board member Flickinger votes yes (telephone) and Board member Smith voted yes (telephone).

# G. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

There was no new/old business.

# H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Flickinger invited the Board to attend the Kodiak Soil & Water District Harvest Festival on October 1, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

# I. SET NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

# J. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.