

Boards & Commissions Factsheets

AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION

Board: Board of Agriculture and Conservation

Board identification number: 002

Department: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Authority: AS 03.09.010

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: Financial Disclosure

Prohibitions: While serving on this board, a board member, or an immediate family member of the board member who shares the same household and financial resources with that board member, may not obtain a lease, permit, installment contract, or loan or purchase land under AS 03.10 or under AS 38.05, or have an existing lease, permit, installment contract, or loan under AS 03.10 or under AS 38.05 modified or restructured. Notwithstanding AS 39.52.150(a), an immediate family member who does not share the same household and financial resources with the board member may obtain a lease, permit, installment contract, or loan or purchase land under AS 03.10 or under AS 38.05 or have an existing lease, permit, installment contract, or loan under AS 03.10 or under AS 38.05 modified or restructured. Notwithstanding AS 39.52.150(a), a person may be appointed to the board even though, at the time of appointment, that person, or an immediate family member, has a lease, permit, installment contract, or loan under AS 03.10 or AS 38.05. However, that person may not take or withhold any official action that affects the lease, permit, installment contract, or loan of that person or an immediate family member who shares the same household and financial resources with that person. If a person with a lease, permit, installment contract, or loan under AS 03.10 or AS 38.05 is appointed by the board, failure by that person to abide by all the terms and conditions of the lease, permit, installment contract, or loan may be a basis for removal.

Term: 3 years

Description: The board consists of seven members appointed by Governor. One member must have general business or financial experience, one member must be a member of a statewide agricultural promotion organization, and one member of a soil and water conservation district who is also engaged in commercial production agriculture. Four of the members must be engaged in commercial production agriculture, each representing a different agricultural enterprise from the others, such as: livestock production, dairy, vegetable production, grain production, horticultural production, and greenhouse and hydroponic production.

Function: Board duties include: authorizing the disposal of agricultural land acquired by the agricultural revolving loan fund; approving and administering agricultural loans; adopting regulations; consulting with the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources about the classification and disposal of agricultural lands; and submitting recommendations for the appointment of a director of agriculture to the Commissioner.

Chair: Elected by board

Special facts: Members of the board serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and may be removed by the Governor with written explanation to the member that is available to the public. The board, formerly known as the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund Board, was restructured through Chapter 81, SLA 2000.

Compensation: Standard Travel and Per Diem.

Meetings: Minimum of 8 official meetings per year; at the call of the chair; no specific schedule.

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Member	Date Appointed	Reappointed	Term Expires
Deidre R. Berberich General Business/Financial Experience	12/7/2010	10/1/2012	9/1/2015
Stuart M. Davies Commercial Agriculture Production Rep. (Grain)	4/15/2009	12/7/2010	9/1/2013
Christopher J. Flickinger Commercial Agriculture Production Rep. (Livestock)	9/22/2009	10/1/2012	9/1/2015
Al Poindexter Commercial Agriculture Production Rep. (Greenhouse)	6/27/2008	12/7/2010	9/1/2013
John Schirack Soil/Water Conservation & Commercial Agriculture Rep.	6/18/2007	9/1/2011	9/1/2014
Troy D. Shelden Statewide Agriculture Promotion Organization Rep.	6/20/2011	10/1/2012	9/1/2015
Ben VanderWeele Commercial Agriculture Production Rep. (Produce)	6/18/2007	9/1/2011	9/1/2014

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