



Resolution 22-01
On Agricultural Land Disposals by the State of
Alaska
3/8/22

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is preparing to dispose of agricultural land in the Nenana-Totchaket area, and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Conservation Districts are called upon to advise our State through statute AS 41.10 on the orderly development of Alaska's lands, and

WHEREAS, the State has suggested modifications to the statute governing Agricultural land disposals, and

WHEREAS, these modifications would allow parcel sizes down to 20 acres, and

WHEREAS, there is significant probability that the courts of the State would find that the new 20 acre size would be applicable to all previously sold agricultural lands from sales dating back to 1978, and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Districts of Alaska do not promote the further subdividing of previously disposed agricultural land, and

WHEREAS, we have discovered that there exists in Alaska a large demand for smaller parcels to be made available for smaller and beginning farming operations,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Alaska's Conservation Districts through the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) advise the State of Alaska to proceed with Agricultural land sales based on the currently existing rule of not less than 40 acres, and further, to create a new program to provide small acreage for small farm enterprises,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conservation Districts of Alaska offer their combined knowledge and history on these issues as we create this new way forward.

Signed on this date March 8th, 2022 by the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts Board of Directors.

Chris Rainwater, AACD President