



**ALASKA FARM BUREAU
NEWSLETTER
July 2013**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Fairbanks Chapter has voted to add this proposed resolution to the Resolution Platform:

The (Alaska State) Ag Covenant Regulations should be amended to include:

1. Subdivision – We support farmers to be able to subdivide their land into 40 acre parcels as many times as they can or want, at any time they want.
2. Housing Rights – Each subdivided 40-acre ag parcel will come with a housing right that does not have to be purchased from the state.
3. State Farm Conservation Plans – These plans should be required only for new farms and farmers, either through the subdivision process in the sale of ag covenant land by farmers and new parcels. Farm conservation plans only have value for new farms created by one of these two processes. Subsequent farm conservation plans are not necessary for existing farms. Currently, farmers must have approval from the Division of Agriculture to clear land, build homes and outbuildings, roads and other development.

This resolution will be voted on at the November 16, 2013 Alaska Farm Bureau Annual Meeting that will be held at Chena Hot Springs Resort in Fairbanks. Copies of this proposed resolution will be available at the Annual Meeting. The current Resolution Platform has not been amended since the 2010 Annual Meeting. It can be found at the Alaska Farm Bureau's website at <http://akfb.fb.org>.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Baler for sale: It's a Welger baler designed for high moisture hay. It forms a 4x4 foot bale that weighs about 600 pounds, depending on the moisture. I used it for many years, but have moved up to a bigger baler with net wrap. The Welger is a single string tie and has a gandy for delivering powders. The sprocket chains only have one season on them and we have just finished going through the pickup header. Should be field ready. Price is \$5000. I can provide pictures if desired. Call Larry DeVilbiss in Palmer at 907-355-0733 or e-mail at carrots@mtaonline.net.

Bison Hides for Sale: Prime bison hides available. \$1000 each. Beautifully tanned. Soft, clean and pliable. 6 remaining. Call Scott Hollembaek in Delta Junction at 907-895-4008.

Farm for Sale: 70-acre ag parcel for sale for \$80,000. It is almost all cleared with a good 40-45 acres planted to a brome/timothy mix. There is a creek that

runs through the property. The area around the creek has not been cleared (green belt). The remaining land is in berms. No buildings. The farm is located at Mile 315 Parks Highway, about 9 miles north of Nenana. The property is listed with realtor Gene DuVal, Re/Max Real Estate. His office phone is 907-452-4363. If you have questions or would like to talk with the owner, call Bill Spencer at 907-832-5280.

Classified ads are placed free of charge. Contact the editor at 907-803-4752 or via e-mail at janehamilton99737@yahoo.com.

ARRC – Lending to Farmers Is Our Business:



Line of Credit loans for all farm-operating costs. (3 years)
Chattel loans for equipment new or used (5 years on used 7 years on new)
Real Estate loans for purchase or improvements to land. (Up to 20 years)
All loans are 5 to 9 percent interest depending on credit and collateral. Call Steve at 907-745-3390 or email at steve@arrc.us

WHAT'S GOING ON

Kodiak Harvest Potluck: September 11th at the Kodiak High School Commons. Sponsored by the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District. A big social event for local agricultural producers and an evening of discussing the potential for increasing agricultural production and the industry. Everyone interested in promoting agriculture is invited.

Circumpolar Agriculture Conference and Uarctic Inaugural Food Summit- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in the Circumpolar North. Ayleska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska. September 29-October 3, 2013. More information at www.uaf.edu/cac/

Rodeo Alaska: September 13th and 14th at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. Be sure to visit the Alaska Farm Bureau booth.

October 9th: Deadline to register for the Alaska Farm Bureau events: Annual Meeting, Friday Forum conference, Awards Banquet, Scholarship Auction and Thursday night workshop. (Registration form at the end of this newsletter.)

October 9th: Deadline to make your hotel reservations at the Chena Hot Springs Resort in Fairbanks. Call 907-451-8104, Extension 1904. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Alaska Farm Bureau. Use code AKFB111313 to get a discounted room rate.



Bill Burton Memorial: The Kodiak Farm Bureau Chapter recently finalized their memorial to Bill Burton. The rock and bronze plaque were placed just outside the entrance gate to the fairground. The Alaska Farm Bureau donated the plaque and the Kodiak Farm Bureau Chapter donated and made arrangements for the rock, it's placement and the flower garden. The plaque reads: "In memory of Bill Burton in appreciation for his many years of support and service to Alaska

agriculture. Kodiak and Alaska Farm Bureaus."

Bill was a founding member of the Alaska Farm Bureau and served on the Board of Directors and as president of the Kodiak Farm Bureau Chapter for a number of years. He was active in the Kodiak Stock Growers Association, an original incorporator for the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District, a member of the Kodiak Livestock Cooperative that built the slaughter facility and participated, organized or was a member of everything related to agriculture on Kodiak Island and in Alaska for over 50 years. Bill passed away in October 2012, leaving his son, Buck and wife Kathy. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just days before he died.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

The Alaska Farm Bureau's election process begins next month when the nomination petitions will be mailed. The Board of Directors make most of the decisions and determinations of how the Farm Bureau will be administered.

There are six Farm Bureau Chapters in the state. The Fairbanks, Delta, Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula Chapters each have two Directors. The Copper River Valley and Kodiak Chapters each have one Director. Directors have a two-year term of office. Directors with expiring terms this year are:

Fairbanks Chapter	Gerald Marlow
Delta Chapter	Rex Wrigley
Mat-Su Chapter	Pattie Worrell
Kenai Peninsula Chapter	Jan Flora
Copper River Valley Chapter	Marlene Wenger

The Kodiak Chapter will not be electing a Director this year. Lorne White has one more year left in his term. Lorne was appointed by the Alaska Farm Bureau

Board of Directors to complete the term Bill Burton had been elected to just before he passed away.

Two eligible General Members must sign the nominating petitions. A General Member is one who is actively engaged in farming or mariculture or the processing of agricultural products. The member must have their dues paid and they must sign the petition. The person nominated must be a General Member with their dues paid. They must sign the nominating petition agreeing to serve if elected. The Nominating Petition must be received or postmarked by Friday, September 6, 2013. Mail the nomination form to the Alaska Farm Bureau at P.O. Box 760 in Delta Junction, Alaska 99737



The Choice Hotel discount program for their chain of hotels is another great benefit for Alaska Farm Bureau members. Hotel stays at any of their hotels in Alaska or Outside are at a discounted rate. **Enroll in the program and be sure to set your account up indicating that you are**

an Alaska Farm Bureau member using this Alaska ID #00228830. TWO STAYS PAYS – Earn a \$50 Gift Card is their great summer promotion program. Register before your first trip at ChoiceHotels and earn an unlimited amount of gift cards during their promotion. Book at ChchoiceHotels.com or 800.4CHOICE and after your second qualifying trip with arrival between May 23 and August 21, 2012, you'll receive enough Choice Privileges points to redeem for a \$50 gift card of your choice for a participating dining, shopping, or gas retailer.

Eligible Alaska Farm Bureau members receive a \$500 rebate on each qualifying 2012, 2013 or 2014 model year Chevrolet, GMC or Buick vehicle they purchase or lease from participating dealerships. Members should go to the Alaska Farm Bureau's website at <http://akfb.fb.org> and then to the membership benefits section. You print your own \$500 discount certificate that can be used at participating Alaska dealerships as well as those Outside by entering your Farm Bureau membership number and zip code. To qualify for the discount, individuals must have been a Farm Bureau member for at least 60 days. This discount is stackable with most other incentive programs the dealership offers. Contact the Alaska Farm Bureau if you need your membership number: 907-803-4752 or janehamilton99737@yahoo.com.





**ALASKA FARM BUREAU, INC.
2013 REGISTRATION FORM
Forum Conference - Workshop – Awards Banquet
and Farm Bureau Annual Meeting**

Your Name _____ Address _____
E-Mail Address _____

Thursday evening November 14th Informative no-cost Media Workshop 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Limited to 25 people. Number attending _____

November 15th Friday Forum Conference “Strengthening Alaska’s Agriculture”
Before October 9th “Early Bird Discount” registration \$25 x _____ people \$ _____
After October 9th – space and meals limited registration \$35 x _____ people \$ _____

Friday Forum Conference Lunch - No Charge, but you **MUST** make your selection.
 _____ People. Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread and Parmesan cheese, dessert **OR**
 _____ People. Vegetable curry: Fresh mixed vegetables, tofu, potatoes, and fresh basil in coconut milk served with jasmine rice, and dessert.

Awards Banquet and Scholarship Auction Friday evening
 \$25/person x _____ people (8 oz. Prime Rib, potatoes, veggie, salad, & dessert) \$ _____

November 16th Saturday Annual Meeting Noon Luncheon
 _____ People. Grilled Chicken BLT sandwich, French fries, soup and dessert.
 Compliments of COUNTRY Financial (**No Charge, MUST reserve**)

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the Alaska Farm Bureau, Inc. (address below.)
OR

You may send us your credit card information and we will enter your payment through PayPal. Your credit card number: _____.
 The expiration date: _____ and the security code from the back of the card: _____. Signature: _____

OR

Registration and payment may be made at our website at <http://akfb.fb.org>

Please make your hotel reservation directly with Chena Hot Springs Resort by the October 9th deadline. Their telephone number is 907-451-8104, Extension 1904. Please use the Farm Bureau reservation code AKFB111313 for your hotel room discount.

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