

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
June 17, 2014

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met for the annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Jim Schmidt. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Jim Schmidt, Kevin Stevens, Tom White, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong; County Assessor Gale Bondhus; Senior Appraiser Alan Coners; Appraisers Jean Gode and Karla Ambrose; Kathy Marsh, Danny Smith, John Roll, Harris Byers, Phillip and Deb Batalden.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus presented assessment valuation changes and statistics from 2013 to 2014 to the Board. Value changes were made based on qualifying sales that took place in the county from 10/01/12 to 09/30/13. Bondhus presented 2014 new construction changes and comparisons by district from 2013 to 2014 as well as valuation changes by property type from 2013 to 2014.

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John Roll (Parcel 19.016.0100) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.016.0100 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.170.0100) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.170.0100 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.170.0110) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.170.0110 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.750.0010) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.750.0010 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.750.0020) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.750.0020 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.750.0030) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.750.0030 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

John Roll (Parcel 19.750.0040) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.750.0040 owned by John and Peggy Roll Trustees.

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Danny Smith (Parcel 19.009.0600) questioned the difference on taxes paid for parcels in the same area and also requested the land be put into a Rural Service District. Motion by Stevens, second by White, unanimous vote to make no change on Parcel 19.009.0600 owned by Danny Smith Trustee etal.

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Phillip Batalden (Parcel 09.023.0502) purchased land from neighbor. The neighbor had tilled the land in the fall of 2012 before the sale date. Batalden's want land classified and valued as pasture land as they plan on planting switch grass and have no intentions of farming the land. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns to make no change to Parcel 09.023.0502 owned by Phillip and Deborah Batalden. Voting Aye – Holmen, White, Oeltjenbruns. Voting Nay – Stevens, Schmidt, Johnson. Motion failed. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns to give a 30% drainage reduction to the 3.29 acres in Parcel 09.023.0502 owned by Phillip and Deborah Batalden. Voting Aye - Holmen, White, Oeltjenbruns. Voting Nay – Stevens, Schmidt, Johnson. Motion failed. Motion by Schmidt, second by Johnson to put the 3.29 acres back into pasture land in Parcel 09.023.0502 owned by Phillip and Deborah Batalden. Voting Aye – Schmidt, Johnson, Stevens, Oeltjenbruns, Holmen. Voting Nay – White. Motion passed.

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Harris Byers (Parcel 18.035.0500) questioned the value on this property. Byers thought the value was too high and that the soil types are in error. Motion by White, second by Johnson, unanimous vote to make no change to Parcel 18.035.0500 owned by Harris Byers.

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Bondhus recommended that the County Assessor's Office make a clerical change to Parcel 16.026.0300 owned by Brady and Breanne Powers in the amount of (\$21,600). Motion by Johnson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve the recommended change to the clerical mistake in the amount of (\$21,600).

Bondhus recommended that the County Assessor's Office make a clerical change to Parcel 08.014.0200 owned by BBSR, LLC in the amount of (\$317,300). Motion by White, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to approve the recommended change to the clerical mistake in the amount of (\$317,300).

Motion by Holmen, second by Johnson, unanimous vote to accept the remainder of assessments as presented.

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There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Jim Schmidt, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator