

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

JUNE 18, 2013

The Polk County Board of Appeal and Equalization met at 6:00 P.M. on June 18, 2013 in the Commissioners Room at the Polk County Government Center, Crookston, Minnesota. Members present: Commissioner Craig Bunes, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Nick Nicholas, Commissioner Don Diedrich and Michelle M. Cote, Polk County Director of Property Records. Others present: Robert Wagner, Polk County Assessor, Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator and Polk County Assessor's Office staff members.

Michelle Cote called the 2013 Polk County Board of Appeal and Equalization to order.

Ashley Lund Notary Public administered the oath to the members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell, seconded by Commissioner Nicholas and carried by a unanimous vote of the Board to nominate and elect Craig Bunes as Chairman of the 2013 Polk County Board of Appeals and Equalization.

Robert L. Wagner, Polk County Assessor reviewed purpose, rules and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Bernadine Mahon appeared by letter regarding parcel 83.01733.00 in the City of East Grand Forks protesting her valuation. Her letter was accepted for the record. Mrs Mahon declines to let the Appraisal staff into the property to be viewed. No specific action was requested. No action was taken by the Board.

Robert L Wagner, Polk County Assessor, presented value change recommendations brought up from the Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization which needed to be acted upon by the County Board of Appeal and Equalization due to local board conflicts of interest. The two parcels are as follows:

Parcel No. 13.00184.00 Charles and Ruth Wilder
(Crookston Township)

-Recommended to change 33 acres of land listed as tillable to be correctly listed as non-tillable/woods pasture

It was moved by Commissioner Diedrich, seconded by Commissioner Nicholas and carried by unanimous vote of the board that the County Assessor's recommendations for Parcel Nos. 13.00184.00 be approved.

Parcel No. 33.00151.00 Kenneth and Cheryl Nybo
(Gully Township)

-Recommended that the classification be returned to Agricultural homestead. The classification was changed based on the perceived observation that there was no productive land on this parcel but in conversation with the owner at the Local Board Meeting, there was in fact more than the required acres to qualify.

It was moved by Commissioner Strandell, seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and carried by unanimous vote of the board that the County Assessor's recommendations for Parcel Nos. 33.00151.00 be approved.

There are no other recommendations for change.

All those persons who appeared before the board were eligible to appear, unless otherwise noted.

Scott Baril, Crookston, MN 56716 was scheduled to appear before the board regarding the valuation of his property identified as Parcel No. 82.00963.00 in Crookston City at 6:10p.m. Mr. Baril failed to appear.

Deb Kiel, Crookston, MN 56716 was not scheduled to appear but spoke to the Board regarding legislative issues.

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Strandell, seconded by Commissioner Buness and carried by unanimous vote of the Board that the 2013 County Board of Appeal and Equalization be adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Cote, Secretary
Polk County Board of Appeal and Equalization
Polk County Director of Property Records