

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOBLES COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION**

County Board Room and Administration Office
June 14, 2011

The Nobles County Board of Equalization met in Special Session this date with the following members present: David Benson, Robert Demuth Jr., Vern Leistico, Diane Thier, Marvin Zylstra, and Sharon Balster.

Others present were: County Assessor, Byron Swart, Deputy Assessor, David Voehl, and County Administrator, Melvin Ruppert.

Notary Public, Barbara Williams, swore in the Board to fairly and impartially perform their duties as members of the Board of Equalization.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra, seconded by Robert Demuth, Jr., it was duly passed to approve the agenda.

County Administrator, Melvin J. Ruppert, reviewed with the Board the "Guide to the 2011 County Board of Appeal and Equalization" summarizing their duties and responsibilities.

All persons in attendance were allowed to make presentations. Each asked that further consideration be given to the value on their property for 2011. Letters received from persons not able to attend were also read and considered.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr., seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed that no adjustment to the estimated market value be made to parcel number 31-0805-500.

On a motion by Vern Leistico, seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed that no adjustment to the estimated market value be made to parcel number 19-0190-000.

On a motion by Sharon Balster, seconded by Diane Thier, it was duly passed that no adjustment to the estimated market value be made to parcel number 31-1248-000.

In Favor: Sharon Balster, Diane Thier, David Benson, Robert Demuth Jr.
Opposed: Vern Leistico

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra, seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed that no adjustment to the estimated market value be made to parcel number 09-0012-500.

The Board was presented with residential and agriculture sales studies from October 2009 to September 2010. Maps were also provided showing the comparisons of agricultural values by section within townships and comparing township to township including the bordering townships and adjoining counties. An analysis of values by property class and ratio comparisons was also presented.

Mr. Swart also notified the Board that the Minnesota Department of Revenue has proposed a 5% reduction in the assessed value on commercial buildings only in the City of Worthington.

On a motion by Dave Benson, seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to hereby declare the assessments for 2011 equalized at those presented by the County Assessor and approved by the Local Board of Review.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization, on a motion by Robert Demuth Jr., seconded by Marv Zylstra, it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson

Attest:

County Administrator