

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**  
**JUNE 15, 2010**  
**OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010 at 4:01 p.m with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Paul Bailey, Brian Napstad, Galen “Tweet” Tveit, County Administrator Patrick Wussow and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present – Karen Ladd, Tom Burman, Jim Hicks, Stacey Westerlund and Darcy Moore

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all voting yes to approve the amended BAE agenda. Raymond Morris and Ed Savelkoul were added.

The following persons appeared, wrote letters, or telephoned regarding appeal and equalization of property:

**Earl & Diana Medema**

28-0-052200  
28-0-052300  
28-0-052400  
28-0-052500  
28-0-053500  
28-0-054000  
28-0-054100  
28-0-054300  
28-0-054400  
28-0-054500  
28-0-054600  
28-0-054700  
28-0-054800  
28-0-054900  
28-0-055000

Information presented: Valuation increased. Felt taxation unfair when compared to other landowners. Assessor explained large tract discount changed from 30% discount to 10%.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. Roll call vote (5-1 Bailey) to support assessor’s recommendation of no change.

**Richard & Lois Moroney**

28-0-053600

Information presented: Valuation increase. Felt taxation unfair when compared to other landowners. Assessor explained large tract discount changed from 30% discount to 10%.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried. No change (5-0-1 Bailey abstained).

**Ronald & Darlene Smith**

29-1-490000

Information presented: Feels value not equitably assessed when compared to adjacent lot.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, all voted no change.

**Mark & Lorinda Holm**

12-0-025108

Information presented: Felt property values too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all voted yes to reduce the value no less than \$12,500.

**Curt & Mirzda Schmidt**

20-0-036302

Information presented: Felt value too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all voted yes to reduce the value to \$211,733.

**Evan W. Christensen**

57-0-002200

Information presented: Large increase in value. Felt land valued too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all voted yes to reduce the value to \$22,200.

**Rick L. Liljenquist**

31-0-039301  
31-0-039300  
31-0-039400  
31-0-039401  
31-0-055700  
31-0-055800  
31-0-056302  
31-0-056400  
31-0-056401  
31-0-057901

Information presented: Classification was changed from Ag Residential to Residential Homestead.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, all voted yes to return the land classification back to Ag Residential.

**Raymond Klennert**

54-0-005400  
54-0-004102

Information presented: Feels gun range noise lowers property value.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, and carried to uphold the assessed value. (4-2 Bailey and Tveit)

**Gary & Sharon Nelson**

16-0-044904

Information presented: Had an appraisal that was lower than assessment.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Wedel, all voted yes to no change.

**Raymond Morris**

31-0-069602

31-0-023800

31-0-070800

Information presented: Value too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, all voted yes to proceed with the assessor's recommendation to lower the land value to \$186,200 and to correct the classification (31-0-069602).

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all voted yes to reduce the value to \$72,100 (31-0-023800).

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all voted yes to accept the assessor's recommendation of no change (31-0-070800).

**Ed Savelkoul**

16-1-093400

Information presented: Value too high compared to private appraisals.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Auditor Peysar, all voted no change.

Motion by Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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Paul Bailey, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

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