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**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
JUNE 23, 2020
AITKIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of June, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at Aitkin County Government Center with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners Anne Marcotte, J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Bill Pratt. County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Angie Sahr were also present.

Staff present – Lori Tibbetts, Sean Mello, Ben Mowers, Jim Hicks, and Jim Ratz

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, to approve BAE amended agenda. Property owner Katherine Kopp was added.

Oath, Introduction and General Information

The following property owners were present:

Thomas Oden

29-1-525300

Information presented: Owner does not believe that the assessed value of \$1,045,400 for his property would hold up on the open market. Mr. Oden's property is part of the Big Sandy Lodge Association which is a common interest development. His land is valued as a shared interest in Big Sandy Lake.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

Katherine Kopp, Greg Szypulski via phone

09-0-058002

Information presented: Owner does not believe that the assessed value of his property at parcel 09-0-057800 and 09-0-058002 would sell for a combined value of \$506,900.00

Action: Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

The County Assessor and staff presented the following written appeals to the Board:

Mark McCartney

16-1-073600

Information presented: Due to the canal location and proximity to lower grade residences, Owner believes that the assessed value of his home would not hold up on the open market.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried. All voted to lower the valuation to \$386,420, as recommended by the County Assessor. Commissioner Westerlund abstained.

Jeffrey Eisenberg

07-1-123100

Information presented: Owner believes that his property is in worse condition than the assessed value reflects and has recently informed us that it is a modular home and it was valued as a stick built structure.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to change the residence style to modular and adjust the value on the home due to depreciation which would lower the valuation to \$284,697, as recommended by the County Assessor.

Motion by Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Bill Pratt, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kirk Peysar
Aitkin County Auditor

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