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Pipestone County Board of Appeal and Equalization
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The Pipestone County Board of Appeal and Equalization met with Chairman Harold (Butch) Miller, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Jerry Remund, William (Bill) Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, and Auditor Tyler Reisch. Also in attendance were County Assessor Joyce Schmidt, Deputy County Assessor Pam Friesen, and County Administrator Sharon Hanson. Pipestone County residents present were Keith Pritchett of Troy township, Brad Bruxvoort of Edgerton, Leland and Elaine Tinklenberg of Edgerton, Scott Kor of Hatfield, and Larry Fenicle of Woodstock. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The oath to fairly and impartially perform the duties of the official members of the County Board of Equalization was read by Auditor Tyler Reisch and signed by the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Assessor Joyce Schmidt presented a recommendation to change the value of parcel R13.301.0100, owned by Leland and Elaine Tinklenberg, from \$186,200 to \$169,300 due to the home's grade being lowered from 7.5 to 7 and change in depreciation from 4% to 7.2% due to the age of the home. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by L. Johnson to approve the valuation change for Parcel R13.301.0100 from \$186,200 to \$169,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Assessor Pam Friesen presented a recommendation to change the value for parcel R14.200.0220, owned by Scott Kor, to reflect the change from 0.5 acres of tillable land to \$10/front foot lot. The total value of the parcel will decrease from \$3,600 to \$1,100. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve the value change for Parcel R14.200.0220 from 0.5 acre tillable to \$10.00 per front foot lot. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Pritchett appeared before the Board for valuation reduction on parcels R12.032.0250 and R12.032.0150. Mr. Pritchett argued that his land was valued too high (R12.032.0250 at \$4,291/acre and R12.032.0150 at \$5,450/acre) due to a sale just north of his property on 11/1/12. Assessor Schmidt recommended no change due to the fact that adjustments were made in previous assessments for the quality of soil and the sale of adjacent property was not during the valuation assessment period. Motion by Remund, seconded by Reisch to approve

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the Assessor's recommendations of no change for parcels R12.032.0250 and R12.032.0150.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Bruxvoort requested a change of valuation of pasture parcels R13.021.0700 and R13.420.0270 due to wetness. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by W. Johnson to change the values as follows: R13.021.0700 from \$12,300 to \$9,400 and R13.420.0270 from \$13,600 to \$9,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Fenicle appeared before the Board to discuss parcel R21.002.0200 and the fact that due to the parcel being within Woodstock's city limits, the higher tax rate. Mr. Fenicle encouraged the Board to make legislators aware of this issue and noted that Assessor Schmidt advised him of a Rural Service District option. Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change for R21.002.0200. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Tyler Reisch
County Auditor