

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION—JUNE 17, 2003

The Waseca County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Waseca County Courthouse, Waseca, Minnesota.

The oath was administered by Doug Prescher, Court Administrator. The board then organized as follows: Wendell Armstrong, Chairperson; Jim Peterson, Vice-Chairperson and Joan Manthe, Clerk.

The Board of Equalization members present were Wendell Armstrong, Jim Peterson, Rick Morris, Al Ruhland, and Joan Manthe. Richard Androli was absent. Also present was Jerry Lehman, Assessor, Harold Minske, Charles Sonnek, Merlyn Proechel and Margaret Zimmerman, landowners.

Jerry Lehman, Assessor, explained that only the market values for 2003 are addressed at this meeting. Also a landowner needs to have appeared at his local Board of Review before this meeting.

Harold Minske has 160 acres in Section 13, Blooming Grove Township. He stated that his market value increased \$100,000. He questioned why it has gone so high. The assessor explained the procedure in assessing and stated all land in the county increased a minimum of 10%. He recommended to the board that the Minske value stay the same. Armstrong moved and Morris seconded the motion to follow the assessor's recommendation and not grant any reduction in value. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Sonnek asked that CREP values come into line with the average valuation. He had a graph showing other counties value. Merlyn Proechel stated that he had come for the same reason. On the assessor's advise, Peterson moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to wait for a directive from the Department of Revenue before changing any CREP values. The assessor will notify the board when the directive is received. Motion carried unanimously.

Margaret Zimmerman had concern about the valuation of her property increasing. She reminded the board that she was within 1,000 feet of a feedlot.

Lehman handed out the summary showing the averages of value in the county.

Ruhland moved and Morris seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25a.m. The Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

S/ _____
Wendell Armstrong, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

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Joan Manthe, County Auditor