

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION—JUNE 18, 2011

The Waseca County Board of Equalization met on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room, 300 N State St., Waseca, Minnesota.

Larry Collins, District Court Administrator, administered the oath of office. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board then organized as follows: Mike Hintz, Chairperson, Dan Kuhns, Vice Chairperson and Joyce Oliver, Clerk.

The Board of Equalization members present were Mike Hintz, Dan Kuhns, Blair Nelson and Joyce Oliver. Also present was Mark Vagts, and Steve Marquardt from the Waseca County Assessor's Office and citizens Carl Guse and Harold & Helen Thompson.

Mark Vagts, Assessor, passed out a booklet of information such as Top 10 Taxpayers, assessment percent change summary and a list of current farm sales. Mark went on to explain this meeting is only to discuss market value for 2011, payable 2012 taxes only and the owner needs to have attended the local Board of Review unless the jurisdiction has an open book policy.

Carl Guse, Alton Township, asked questions of the board concerning river bottom land valuation and how it affects property taxes.

Helen & Harold Thompson, New Richland Manor, spoke to the board about the hardship of the trailer court. It has a capacity of 17 renters, but there are only 5 tenants at the present time. The value has been lowered to \$43,200 for payable 2012 and they are asking that it be lowered more due to flooding issues. Mark will research the possibility of a hardship abatement and if it applies in this situation. The board agreed that the value for payable 2012 is fair and reasonable.

Dan Kuhns moved and Blair Nelson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hintz, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Joyce Oliver
Waseca County Auditor/Treasurer