



Saline Board of Equalization Minutes



SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Equalization opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020, by Chairperson, Marvin A. Kohout. Present were Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Janet J. Henning, Kohout, Philip S. Hardenburger and Russ Karpisek, Commissioners, County Clerk Daryl Fikar and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's office, on the Saline County Website, and published in all county newspapers prior to the meeting, in compliance with State Statutes.

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Kohout advised those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Hardenburger, Karpisek, Kohout, Henning and Krivohlavek, nays none, motion carried.

Karpisek moved to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Hardenburger. Voting aye were Karpisek, Henning, Kohout, Krivohlavek and Hardenburger, nays none, motion carried.

County Assessor Brandi Kelly presented two requests for waivers for property tax exemption from First Congregational United Church of Christ of Crete. The applications were turned in after the deadline, and were submitted on the wrong form. It was explained that the paperwork was submitted late due to some confusion and illness in the staff at the church. Karpisek moved to approve the waiver request, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Krivohlavek, Hardenburger, Karpisek, Henning and Kohout, nays none, motion carried.

Kelly then presented tax list correction #2020-07. She explained that the Nebraska Department of Revenue had notified her office that the owners of Lot 4 in Dudek's First Addition to the City of Wilber had misreported their income. The Department had determined that their homestead exemption will be reduced from 100% to 80%. Henning moved to approve the correction, seconded by Krivohlavek. Voting aye were Henning, Kohout, Krivohlavek, Hardenburger and Karpisek, nays none, motion carried.

Kelly then presented her recommended exemption applications for 2020. She noted that there were 72 applications plus the one that was approved earlier in the meeting, making 73. She explained that the American Legion in Western is renting the first floor of their building to the Post Office, making that exempt, but the second floor is empty and, therefore, not being used for Legion business. Also, the United Methodist Church in Dorchester has an empty lot, not being used for religious purposes. It was mentioned that this may be where the Church holds its annual fundraising auction. Finally, the Trinity Lutheran Church in DeWitt owns two empty lots and, again, not being used for religious purposes. She recommends that these three properties be either partially or fully denied.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 4th, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Philip Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice Chairperson



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I, Daryl Fikar, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the January 7th, 2020, meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Daryl Fikar, County Clerk

Janet J. Henning

Marvin A. Kohout, Chairperson

Stephanie Krivohlavek

Philip Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek, Vice Chairperson