

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 10, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met as the Board of Equalization on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the June 26, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider and County Attorney Joe McNally were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin and Lori Hlavac met with the board in reference to Protests 20240601, 20240602, and 20240603. Evidence was presented that the vacated East 20 feet of Van Sickle Road is a ditch which is unusable because of water flow.

Jay Wolf met with the board with Protest 20240604. There was a Certification of Irrigated Acres filed with the Assessors office dated June 14, 2023 which moved 97 acres from Grassland to Irrigated. Testimonial evidence was presented that the property is pasture, the use hasn't changed and that he would cap the well to prevent the use of it.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:45 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to exit executive session at 9:09 am, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to deny Protests 20240601, 20240602, and 20240603 due to lack of relevant evidence presented to modify the assessment and that the value remain as assessed, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to modify the classification of 97 acres in Protest 20240604 into a subclass of Irrigated Grassland, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board of Equalization Chairman