

April 19, 2022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on April 19, 2022 with the following members present: Noem, Saathoff, Rudebusch and Roe. Absent Baldwin. Also present was Terry Kasten.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to approve the agenda as posted. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

The Board then convened as an Equalization Board. Commissioners signed their Oath for Equalization.

Greg Kerkvliet met with the Board concerning the valuation of Martha Olsons First Addn Lot 14, Block 1 in Lake Norden City. Valuation was \$262,606 on house and 8112 on lot. House used to be a church. Assessor had incorrect information on age and improvements. He recommends \$208,648 on house and \$8,112 on lot. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to accept the recommendation of the Assessor \$208,648 on house and \$8,112 on lot. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

David and Kimberly St. John met with the Board concerning Outlots in 21-113-53, E 100' of W 237' of OL 4 in Lake Norden City. Value was garage \$21,991 house \$310,553 lot \$19,968 They stated was built for \$185,000 and newer houses have less value and more square footage. Assessor stated he had no entry during reappraisal. Assessor recommended garage \$21,991 house \$310,553 lot \$19,968 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

David and Kimberly St John met with the Board concerning OL in 21-113-53; E 250' of the W 487' of OL 4 in NW ¼ in Lake Norden City. House value \$150,797 lot \$49,920. They stated basement needs to be replaced due to flooding. Lot went up double. Doesn't compare to other houses. They have not done anything to it. Assessor stated it is at cost replacement to date with market adjustment. He had no entry during reappraisal. Assessor recommends house \$150,797 lot \$49,920. Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to accept the Assessor's recommendation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Tom Macavoy met with the Board concerning Lot 2, Block 1 Ruesinks Subd of OL Q in E 1/2 NE1/4 in Castlewood City. House and garage value \$177,171 lot \$12,946 He stated basement has water damage and large cracks in basement and garage. He is trying to repair such. Structural damage in garage and damage in basement due to water from lack of proper drainage. Assessor states he recommends reduction in structure value due to basement finish and bath removed due to water. Garage foundation settling and compromising structure. Assessor recommends house and garage at \$132,054 lot \$12,946 Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Carolyn Ludwig met with the Board by speaker phone concerning N 544.5' of S 1083' of E 600' in NE ¼ 36-115-53 in Oxford Township. Value on other building \$6,982 house \$297,283 land \$84,742. She stated house too high. Needs shingles, not painted since built, flooring coming up, basement has water in it windows need to be replaced Assessor stated he had reviewed the property and issues would be adverse effect to market value. Assessor recommends other buildings \$6,982 house \$214,247 land \$84,742 Motion by Roe seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor.

Larry and Rosanna Koistinen did not appear concerning N 55' of the S 385' of the N 825' of the W 528' of NW ¼ 21-114-53 in Hayti Township. Value \$16,221 They stated when selling the place south of this parcel the 55' got left off. Property on both sides and would be a hassle to sell to either at this time. Cannot do anything else with it at this time. Assessor stated value as contiguous land with existing small acreage and recommends a value of \$3,244 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the Assessors recommendation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Denise Ottenbacher did not appear concerning buildings on OL in 24-115-55; E 20' of OL 4 in Hazel Town. Value on building \$4,800 lot \$1,500 She stated property is a garage that is no longer usable as the roof leaks, door will not work and building is in a dilapidated condition. Assessor stated she plans to tear it down. Assessor recommends no value on the buildings and lot value of \$1,500 Motion by Roe seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried

Jim & Yula Weber met with the Board concerning Eiseles Subd Block 1 Lots 18,19, and 18A in Estelline Township. House value \$179,652 lot \$236,289 They stated house was built in 1986, has a wood foundation, structural damage, replaced siding, water in crawl space only a summer cabin. Assessor recommends \$128,520 for house and \$236,289 for lot. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to accept the Assessors recommendation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Scott Stroman met with the Board concerning Bakkes Subd Lots 5,5A6,6A,7 and 7A in Estelline Township He stated he thinks the appraised value is too high. Comps used are not realistically similar to this property. He stated was built in 1978, lot slants downward so hard to do anything else with lot. Value on house \$177,753 lot \$320,472 Assessor stated issues with lot with no comparables. Assessor recommends house \$129,456 lot \$320,472. Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Bruce Berger met with the Board by speaker phone concerning Forrest Gottschalks, N ½ of 3, all of 4 and N 23.5' of 7 & and Lot 6 of OL 4 in Estelline Township. Value on house \$82,437 lot \$128,889 He stated substantial structural damage to cabin and land value due to flooding. He stated he is not fixing it probably will tear it down. Assessor stated cabin has major structural damage. Foundation is cracking/settling. Assessor recommends house at \$60,000 lot \$128,889. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to accept the Assessors recommendation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Thomas Delzer met with the Board concerning Grape Tract 12 in Norden Township. Out buildings value \$28,635 house \$213,160 land \$599,707 He stated that 1/3 lot is a natural drain into Lake Poinsett It is unusable for building. Assessor recommends out buildings at \$213,160 lot #449,780 due to natural drainage ditch limiting use. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to accept the Assessors recommendation. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

ADJUSTMENTS: Dustin & Bridget Leiseth N 320' of the S 2170' of the 300' of the SE ¼ 7-115-54 Brantford Township Land was assessed as a small acreage. Need to assess as Ag land since it is in the management unit of other Ag land Value \$41,646 Assessor states the value should be \$6,838 Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

ADJUSTMENT: Damon & Stacey Stormo S 725' of the E 725' of SW ¼ 8-115-52 Castlewood Township. House was increased 10% with small acreages and should not have been since it is classified as AG, Value \$351,622 Assessor states it should be \$319,656 Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to accept the change of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried

ADJUSTMENT: David & Susan Intveld Lot 13 Block 8 Estelline City. Structure and land are being valued as residential and should be commercial to be consistent with neighboring property. Building value \$27,035 land \$2,000 Assessor states to make this change building \$27,035 land \$1,250 Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to accept the change of the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

OWNER OCCUPIED ADDITIONS: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to approve the four owner occupied additions as recommended by the Assessor. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

OWNER OCCUPIED DENIALS: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Saathoff to approve the Assessors recommendation for eight denials of owner occupied as not qualified for approval. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

EXEMPT PROPERTIES: Motion by Roe seconded by Saathoff to approve the 66 properties as being exempt from taxes. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

DISABLED VET EXEMPTIONS: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Rudebusch to approve the listing of 14 applications for disabled vet exemption on property. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

ELDERLY FREEZE: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to approve the 40 applications for elderly freeze on their taxes. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

The Board adjourned as an Equalization Board and then met as a Commissioners Board.

TRAVEL REQUEST: The Board approved the Auditor, Treasurer and Register of Deeds to attend the State meeting in Pierre on May 3rd to May 4th.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to make an automatic supplement from Highway Safety Grants of \$1,990.76 to the Sheriff Budget (201-311-411) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

UTILITY INSTALLATION: Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to authorize the Chairman to sign the boring of drain tile 8" yellow mine for Popham Agronomics for 17-115N-53W by 449 Ave. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

SALARY CHANGE: The Board approved a monthly salary of \$3,600.00 effective April 1,2022 for Weed Supervisor John Michalski.

CLAIMS PAID: State 24/7 Program fees to State \$1,002.00 Watertown City 911 fees from State \$4,529.81 Connecting Point Treasurer supplies \$20.00 Verizon Sheriffs cell phones & air cards \$593.67 South Dakota Public Assurance property and liability insurance General \$45,282.13 Road \$28,567.51 SDACO Registration Auditor \$185.00 Register of Deeds \$185.00 Treasurer \$185.00 Ottertail Power elec Ag Bldg \$65.07 Courthouse \$637.49 Lingo phones Assessor \$17.53 Register of Deeds \$15.89 Treasurer \$17.25 Weed \$15.89 Auditor \$15.89 Courthouse Internet \$15.89 LIEAP \$16.76 Extension \$15.89 SDACO Register of Deeds fees to M&P state funds \$280.00 SD Public Health Lab blood tests \$270.00 H-D Electric 911 towers elec \$119.31 Office of Child & Family Service Nurses contract \$3,348.00.

SD Dept of Revenue: money to the State: Motor Vehicle license 185,708.47 Drivers license 1219.00 Birth fees 70.00 Death fees 120.00 Total to State 187,117.47

The Auditor reported the cash on hand In the Treasurers Office as of April 1,2022

Checking Account	\$1,420,172.06
Money Markets	\$4,546,134.88
CD's	\$3,500,000.00
Cash on Hand	\$2,027.40
Checks on Hand	\$58,861.17
Credit Card Deposit	\$2,320.08
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Cash Items	\$1,331.03
Total	\$9,531,246.62

Of this the following belongs to...

General Fund	\$6,209,799.27
Special Revenue	\$2,285,291.56
Schools	\$490,123.76
Townships	\$221,669.93
Cities & Towns	\$87,192.63
Trust and Agency Funds	\$237,169.47
Total	\$9,531,246.62

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TO TOWNSHIPS:

Castlewood	\$3,238.63
Oxford	\$5,227.26
Brantford	\$7,613.62
Garfield	\$4,602.26
Norden	\$7,045.44
Estelline	\$5,170.44
Hamlin	\$3,750.00
Dempster	\$4,431.81
Florence	\$3,579.54
Hayti	\$4,772.71
Cleveland	\$3,920.44
Opdahl	\$5,568.17
Dixon	\$5,454.51
Total	\$64,374.83

PRO RATE LICENSE TO TOWNSHIPS:

Castlewood	\$584.77
Oxford	\$943.83
Brantford	\$1,374.72
Garfield	\$830.98
Norden	\$1,272.13
Estelline	\$933.58
Hamlin	\$677.10
Dempster	\$800.21
Florence	\$646.32
Hayti	\$861.76
Cleveland	\$707.88
Opdahl	\$1,005.39
Dixon	\$984.86
Total	\$11,623.53

CITIES ROAD TO CITIES AND TOWNS:

Castlewood	\$388.65
Hazel	\$68.16
Bryant	\$223.54
Lake Norden	\$215.95
Hayti	\$293.80
Estelline	\$428.85
Total	\$1,618.95

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TO CITIES & TOWNS:

Bryant	\$3,352.86
Castlewood	\$4,660.68
Estelline	\$4,312.89
Hayti	\$2,046.86
Hazel	\$972.71
Lake Norden	\$2,767.79
Total	\$18,113.79

PRO RATE LICENSE TO CITIES & TOWNS:

Bryant	\$759.36
Castlewood	\$1,055.55
Estelline	\$976.79
Hayti	\$463.57
Hazel	\$220.30
Lake Norden	\$626.85
Total	\$4,102.42

Meeting adjourned until May 10, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Douglas Noem
Chairman

ATTEST:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

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