

Board of Review and Equalization -- MINUTES
Friday, April 25, 2025, 9:30 a.m., at Girard Town Hall

Present: Supervisors Al Pedersen and Larry Estes, Clerk Debbie Irmen, Otter Tail County Representatives Dawn Swisher, Larry Cote, and Todd Finkelson, and property owner Gary Hoffman.

Chairman Al Pederson opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag and welcomed all in attendance. He introduced the Otter Tail County Assessor representatives and turned the meeting over to the County Representatives

Cotes presented the current sales report and lake rates, and classification of properties and stressed this meeting was a valuation meeting, not a tax meeting. He shared the sales report and lake rates. Four lakes in East Otter Tail County saw increases per foot: Stuart went from \$1,300 to \$1,400; E. Battle Lake increased from \$2,300 to \$2,800; Ethel increased from \$1,200 to \$1,300; and W. Battle Lake increased from \$3,400 to \$3,600. There was an increase of 5% on building. The full countywide land values is on file with the township clerk.

Cotes had two appeals to bring before the township supervisors:

- 1) Larry Estes -- Parcel Number: 29000080058003
Because Estes is a township supervisor, Cotes **recommended no change** due to a conflict of interest, and Estes was advised to take the matter to the County Board of Commissioners. Cotes will forward the date of the hearing to Estes so he may attend.
- 2) Judd and Barbara Yound -- Parcel Number: 29000991146000
Following an inspection of the property, the assessor made an increase adjustment from \$267,000 to \$400,000 for an added cabin, and reduced a second cabin value, for a total **recommended adjustment of \$46,200.00**

Estes moved to accept the assessor's recommendations on both properties. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Estes moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Pedersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Al Pedersen -- Signature on File
Chairman

Debbie Irmen -- Signature on File
Clerk

Approval date: 05/20/2025