

**MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of Equalization**

August 1, 2023

A meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Equalization was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 1, 2023. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Steve Garchar, Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht(via Zoom), and County Deputy Clerk to the Board Shayla Oliver

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

In Person – Carl and Debra Temple, DC Assessor Amber Blackmore, and Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw

Property Protests

Carl and Debra Temple addressed the BOE in objection to the changing of their land from an ag land status to that of a residential land status. Mr. and Ms. Temple feel that by planning to plant wheat, spraying weeds, building fences, and producing fruit from the trees the land is still ag use. The Temples also do not agree with the assessed value of the property, they believe it is valued high, and would like a new appraisal.

Assessor Amber Blackmore and Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw stated that for an agriculture assessment status to remain in effect the land would have to be used primarily for agriculture for profit with income from crops or with use such as grazing or breeding of ag animals. Ms. Redshaw tried to explain the laws and regulations regarding assessed values and statutes. During the middle of Ms. Renshaw's explanation, Ms. Temple stated to the BOE "she needed to get back to work and she didn't want to hear about the ag thing, and they don't want to keep it ag". Commissioner Garchar asked them if they were fine with moving to a residential status and Ms. Temple said, "they would have to be". The Temples then discussed the value given the land and how they disagreed but, if that's the assessed value then they will have to go with it. Commissioner Garchar asked again if they are fine with the assessed value and status, and both Mr. and Ms. Temple confirmed yes.

Attorney Golbricht stated that a confirmation letter of the hearing will be sent via certified mail.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the withdrawal of protest from Carl and Debra Temple as well as accepting the Assessors recommended valuation of \$145,557.00, at a residential land status.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar Adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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