

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
EQUALIZATION MEETING, APRIL 26, 2017
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The 2017 Roland Township TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg and Michael Sivertson in attendance, as well as Clerk/Treasurer Glenore Gross and Assessor Addie Berg. Adam Norling was absent. Two visitors attended: Bill Demming and Ken Pederson.

MINUTES of the April 27, 2016, Equalization Meeting were approved as read. Chairman Vern briefly explained guidelines for the meeting, then turned the meeting over to Roland Township Assessor Addie Berg.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Berg shared her findings as of February 1 for the 2017 tax year. The recommended agricultural values from the State Tax Department resulted in no increase to ag values by county commissioners, with values at 90.2% being within the 90%-100% required tolerance level. Points of interest mentioned include:

- Sixteen applicants qualified for Farm Resident Exemption, with one form outstanding at time of report.
- Notices of increase were sent to 65 property owners, based on increase of \$3,000 or more and 10% or more from the previous year's assessment; 18 relate to the changeover of Twin Oaks to condominiums, 3 to a change in Possessory interest at the State Park, 3 to corrections after parcel splits, the remaining notices being primarily due to permitted or completed work.
 - Berg clarified for State Park Manager Bill Demming that the raise in values for the units occupied by park personnel was due to correction of a misunderstanding of applicable rules.
- The overall 'true and full valuation' increase for Roland Township will be approximately \$9.6 million for tax year 2017; \$7.7 million of the increase applies to dwellings.
- Lake Metigoshe share of 2016 taxes paid to Bottineau County was less than in previous years at 19.82% of the total, with rural owners at 1.58%.
- Current state legislation includes a Tax Reform bill where the state will take over County Social Service expenses, eliminating 11.20 in Bottineau County mill levies, and remove the 12% property tax discount. This reform may result in a 6% future tax increase for Roland Township, effective with 2017 levies.

A packet with additional supporting information was provided to the board.

FARM RESIDENCE EXEMPTIONS REQUESTED:

ID#/Section *=Retired ^=Vacant *Italics=Not Returned by Meeting Date*

401/32	Ronald-Ona Monson*	599/17	Matt-Earl Roland^
402/32	Garland-Sharon Beckman*	699/27	Earl Thompson*
409/1	Margaret Roland*	699/27	Earl Thompson*-David
480/8	Nola Biberdorf*	702/27	Judith-April Nelson*
500/9	Clayton Mastvelton	737/30	Ron-Toni Peck*
553/13	Earl Roland	745/33	<i>[Earl Kamrud et al*^ (Stella)]</i>
555/13	Virgil-Allen Rude *^	753/34	David Solper^
581/15	Matthew Roland	894-30/34	Lucas Artz
585/15	Owen Lund*		

MOTION by Michael S to accept completed Farm Residence Exemptions as listed; 2nd by Mike H. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.

OPEN MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ken Pederson reported that his notice of increase had the dwelling on the wrong parcel and questioned the dwelling value. Assessor will move the dwelling value to the correct parcel and will review the property with the owner prior to the Bottineau County Equalization meeting June 6 when any necessary value adjustment can be reviewed.

MOTION by Mike H to approve the Assessor's Annual Report as presented; 2nd by John W. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer