

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
EQUALIZATION MEETING, APRIL 26, 2018  
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The 2018 Roland Township TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Vice Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors John Warberg and Michael Sivertson in attendance, as well as Clerk/Treasurer Glenore Gross and Assessor Addie Berg. Vern Jacobson and Adam Norling were absent. Five visitors attended: Gary & Jacqueline Beckedahl, Kathy Warberg, Tom Wilkie and Ed Kirkelie.

MINUTES of the April 26, 2017, Equalization Meeting were approved as written. Assessor Addie Berg briefly explained guidelines for the meeting, then presented her Assessor's Report to the Board.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Berg shared her findings to the board as of February 1 for the 2018 tax year, beginning with agricultural values that were raised by county commissioners per State Tax Department recommendations. The increase brought valuations to 91.8% of the state recommendation for all agricultural land. Points of interest mentioned include:

- Sixteen applicants qualified for Farm Resident Exemption, however one has not returned the required form; that farm residence is now considered taxable and will be assessed for 2018.
- Three residential owners applied for and qualified for Homestead Credit Exemption; five owners qualified for Disabled, Blind, Wheelchair and/or Veterans exemptions. The state reimburses the township.
- Notices of increase were sent to 62 property owners, based on increase of \$3,000 or more and 10% or more from the previous year's assessment; 39 land valuation changes were made due to change in market value; other notices resulted from permitted and/or completion of work, changes in grade and condition, land deeds/splits, judgments, etc.
- Additional value changes such as adding sheds and decks, removal of dwellings, requests for parcel combinations, minor depreciation, etc. did not require notice of increase be sent.
- Berg provided the estimated increase for residential and commercial properties in Roland Township for tax year 2018, somewhat less than recent years with the slowdown in building activity.
- Berg also provided charts showing Bottineau County tax statistics; Lake Metigoshe owners provide just under 20% of the revenue received by the county.

A packet with additional supporting information was provided for board information.

**FARM RESIDENCE EXEMPTIONS REQUESTED:**

ID#/Section    \*=Retired    ^=Vacant    *Italics=Not Returned – will be assessed*

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 John W to accept completed Farm Residence Exemptions as listed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. **VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.**

**OPEN MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

John W spoke for Loon Lake owners who questioned the need to have their front footage valuation doubled from \$300 to \$600. Berg explained the increase is based on Market Value determined by Loon Lake sales of raw land in Thompson Cove and Cobb and Bohl Additions during the period of 2013-17.

Ed Kirkelie, Minot resident who owns 140 acres in Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, proposed removing any value from the house he moved in some years ago but has never lived in and claims to be unlivable. Berg has reduced the value due to deteriorating condition but contends it has value regardless of Kirkelie's use or non-use. After much

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back and forth discussion, *MOTION by John W to have two board members check the property prior to the June 6 County Equalization Meeting for their determination of livability, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*

*MOTION by John W to approve the Assessor's Annual Report as presented, with the exception of addressing the Kirkelie request prior to the County Equalization meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE - 3 YES = CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer