

**STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF ROUTT**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
AUGUST 4, 2022**

Commissioner Tim Redmond, Chair Pro-tem, called the special meeting of the Routt County Board of Equalization to order. Commissioner Timothy V. Corrigan and Executive Assistant Jennifer Parent were also present. Katie McCaulley prepared the minutes.

**EN RE: ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Erick Knaus, County Attorney, and Lynaia South, Assistant County Attorney, were present.

**HEARING REFEREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CBOE HEARINGS HELD ON  
AUGUST 3, 2022**

Ms. South presented consideration of the Hearing Referee recommendations for the CBOE hearings held on August 3, 2022, and for the Chair to sign the Hearing Order approving, denying, or amending the Hearing Officer's recommendations. Commissioner Corrigan noted that the Commissioners' role as the County Board of Equalization is to review the decisions that have been made by the Hearing Officer to the extent that the Commissioners were looking for recommendations that were somehow out of order or lacking material support to the decisions that were made. The Commissioners recognize that on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, the CBOE did examine several of the recommendations that the Hearing Officer made after being alerted that there may have been problems with the material facts in those cases. The Commissioners do not have any reason to believe that the Hearing Officer's decisions were somehow lacking in material evidence to support those recommendations. Commissioner Corrigan also noted that he has reviewed the Assessor's report in each case, as well as the Hearing Officer's recommendations, and has not, in any of these cases being brought forward, found anything that would lead him to want to overturn the Hearing Officer's recommendations. Commissioner Redmond commented that upon review of these cases, he also did not find anything that was materially flawed.

**MOTION**

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R8169102, the owner of record being Ronald W. Crawford, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to agricultural land based upon the Hearing Officer's determination that there was no evidence of agricultural use or benefits on this property.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R8169105, the owner of record being Ronald W. Crawford, Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the Petitioner's request to have a classification change from vacant land to agricultural land, based upon the Hearing Officer's finding that evidence of hay field and compensation for agricultural use was presented.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R8169108, the owner of record being Ronald W. Crawford, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to agricultural land based upon the Hearing Officer's determination that there was no evidence of agricultural use or benefits on this property.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R0117700, the owner of record being Wendy & Roy Powell, joint tenants, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to support the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to residential land based upon the Hearing Officer's finding that the ownership of both parcels was the same, even though the names on the parcels were not exactly the same, with the finding being that in fact these were the same parties.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R8163466, the owner of record being Ivars Mikelsons Revocable Trust, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to residential land based upon the Hearing Officer's finding that the parcel did not meet the test for essential.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R6771102, the owner of record being John M. Herbst, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to residential land, but also to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the value of the property estimated by the Assessor's office of \$323,610.00 be reduced to \$225,000.00.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R6816640, the owner of record being Walter Paul & Rhonda Lynne Erickson, joint tenancy, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation to approve the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to residential land based upon the Hearing Officer's finding that the property did in fact meet the definition of essential to the residential property.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

In the matter of Assessor's schedule number R8173038, the owner of record being Jonathan & Carol Clark, joint tenancy, Commissioner Corrigan moved to uphold the Hearing

Officer's recommendation to deny the Petitioner's application for a classification change from vacant land to residential land based upon the Hearing Officer's finding that the parcel did not meet the essential standard to the residence.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 2-0.

No further business coming before the Board, same adjourned sine die.

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Jenny L. Thomas, Clerk and Recorder

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M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair

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Date