

State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 2:00 p.m.,
Room 1040

Utah State Tax Commission Building
210 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

Participating:

D'Arcy Dixon Pignanelli, Chair, State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee;
Commissioner, Utah State Tax Commission

Dr. Donald L. Snyder, Professor and Assistant Director, Utah Agricultural Experiment Station (UAES), Applied Economics Department, Utah State University; appointee of the President of Utah State University

Mr. Kyle Stephens, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture; appointee of the Commissioner of if the State Department of Agriculture and Food. Mr. Rex Larsen, Larsen Farm Products, Proposed and then Appointed Member actively engaged in farming or ranching

Absent:

Mr. Gregg Garff, Assessor, Duchesne County; appointee of the state County Assessors' Association

Tax Commission Staff Present:

Christa Johnson, Commission Executive Assistant

Charlie Roberts, Public Information Officer

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be obtained from the Office of the Commission at 801-297-3901.

I. Call to Order

Commission Dixon called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and noted that Dr. Donald L. Snyder, Mr. Kyle Stephens and Mr. Rex Larsen are participating by telephone.

Commissioner Dixon stated that a copy of this agenda was posted in the front foyer of the Tax Commission Building in Salt Lake City, Utah Public Notice Website, and on the Tax Commission website. The Commission public information officer also provided copies of this agenda for the news media via electronic transmission.

II. Consideration of appointment by the other members of the committee of a committee member actively engaged in farming or ranching pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 59-2-514.

Commissioner Dixon stated that it has been the business practice of the Utah State Tax Commission and the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee to accept a name of a committee member actively engaged in farming and ranching from the Utah Farm Bureau. The Utah Farm Bureau has recommended Mr. Rex Larsen.

Commissioner Dixon introduced Mr. Larsen who is from Spanish Fork, Utah. He is principal owner and general manager of a cow-calf and feedlot agribusiness operation of Larsen Family Farms, served as Chairman, and Vice Chairman on the U.S.D.A. Farm Services Agency and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science and Agribusiness from Utah State University.

MOTION: Commissioner Dixon requested a motion to accept the nomination of Mr. Rex Larsen to serve as committee member actively engaged in farming or ranching pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 59-2-514. The Motion was made by Dr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Stephens. The vote was unanimous.

I. Introduction of Committee Members

Commissioner Dixon said she many people are only one generation removed from farming roots, and she was proud to have a farming heritage. She served last year as Chair of the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee and appreciated the opportunity. She thanked Commission Chair Bruce Johnson for appointing her as Chair of the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee and fellow Commissioners Marc Johnson Michael Cragun for their support of this committee.

Dr. Snyder Professor and Assistant Director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station said that he was also one generation removed from farm operations and is honored serve on the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Kyle Stephens, Deputy Commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture said that he grew up on dairy farm in Summit County and graduated from Utah State University with Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science and Agribusiness.

Mr. Rex Larsen shared had served for several years on the Farmland Advisory Committee and was glad to continue his service.

Commissioner Dixon noted that committee member Gregg Garff, County Assessor of Duchesne County had served several years as an assessor.

II. Open and Public Meetings Act training pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-104.

Commissioner Dixon said that the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee falls under the Open and Public Meetings Act and the Committee Members need to be in compliance with the requirements of the Open and Public Meetings Act. Commissioner Dixon took 20 minutes and conducted the OP Open and Public Meetings Act training required under Utah Code Annotated 52-4-104.

III. Public Comment (members of the public wishing to address the Commissioners for up to three minutes on matters not related to a pending or reasonably imminent appeal to the Tax Commission)

Commission Dixon noted that no one from the public wished to address the Committee Members.

IV. Next meeting time

Commissioner Dixon said that the next meeting dates would be Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 10:00 am, in room 1040 and Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in room 1040.

V. Adjourn

MOTION: Commissioner Dixon moved for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Dixon adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Approved on: Wednesday, October 05, 2011

Attested: Christa Johnson
Executive Assistant
Utah State Tax Commission