

State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 07, 2011 2:00 p.m.,
Room 1026

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. Rex Larsen, Larsen Farm Products, representative of the farming and ranching community, appointed by fellow committee members

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

Mr. Kyle Stephens, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture
Appointee of the Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture and Food

Mr. Sterling Brown, Vice President for Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, ad hoc, non-voting member

Tax Commission Staff Present:

Mr. Denny Lytle, Director, Property Tax Division (PTD), Utah Tax Commission (UTC)

Ms. Christa Johnson, Executive Assistant, Office of the Commission, UTC

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

Commissioner Dixon called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Approval of the 2011 State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee minutes of October 5, 2011.

MOTION: Dr. Snyder moved approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the Commission will hold a meeting December 8, 2011 to accept approval of rule R884-24P-53 2012 Valuation Guides for Valuation of Land Subject to the Farmland Assessment Act Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-515.

Mr. Larsen reported on a proposal that the counties have been considering this year. The current proposal was brought about by last year's legislation S.B. 82 regarding urban farming in counties of the first class.

Mr. Brown explained the qualifications under the current Green Belt Act of acreage and production between two and 4.99 acres.

The Committee members discussed the issues around the proposal and how it would fit in without altering the Constitution, State statute, general policy and Green Belt Act.

After some discussion, the committee addressed how the land would be valued and how the diversity of crops would be evaluated.

III. Adjourn

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

Commissioner Dixon adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Approved on: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Attested: Christa Johnson
Executive Assistant
Utah State Tax Commission