

State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 11:00 a.m.,

Room 1000

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 Associate Director, Utah Agriculture 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 the State Department of Agriculture and Food

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

Excused:

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

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

Tax Commission Staff Present:

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

Commission Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and noted it was an electronic meeting. She was located at an anchor location at the Utah State Tax Commission Offices where the public could attend and hear all the members. She stated this was in compliance with the Open and Public Meetings Act and Tax Commission Rule R884-24B-72.

Commissioner Dixon asked all those participating in the meeting by phone to state their name into the record. Dr. Donald L. Snyder, Mr. Kyle Stephens and Mr. Rex Larsen gave their names and the entity each was representing on the Committee.

Commissioner Dixon noted that Mr. Gregg Garff, Duchesne County Assessor, a voting member, and Mr. Sterling Brown, Vice President for Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, an ad hoc, non-voting member, are both excused.

II. Approval of the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee minutes of October 2, 2013 and October 7, 2013.

Commissioner Dixon stated the purpose of the electronic meeting was to approve the minutes for the meetings where the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee consider and voted to recommend values to the Tax Commission for use in Administrative 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. Rule R884-24P-53 has been posted for public comment and the Commission will meet on December 12, 2013 to consider any public comment and vote to approve the Rule. The approval of the Committee minutes will effectively end the business of the Committee for the 2013 year.

MOTION: Mr. Larsen moved approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment (individuals or groups wishing to address the Committee for up to three minutes on matters not related to a pending or reasonably imminent appeal to the Tax Commission).

Commissioner Dixon stated that there was no one from the public in attendance at the meeting

Commissioner Dixon stated that this will be her last meeting chairing the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee. Her fellow Commissioner Robert Pero has been appointed by the Tax Commission Chair to Chair the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee.

Commission Dixon said she appreciated the opportunity to chair the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee, enjoyed working with the committee members and staff, and thanked the committee members for their service and support.

Dr. Snyder said that he appreciated Commissioner Dixon's involvement in the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee.

IV. Adjourn

Commission Dixon adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Approved on: Thursday, October 02, 2014

Attested: Christa Johnson
Executive Assistant
Utah State Tax Commission