

Order of the KITITAS County

Board of Equalization

Property Owner: Cindy McMeans
Parcel Number(s): 958174
Assessment Year: 2015 Petition Number: BE-150062

Having considered the evidence presented by the parties in this appeal, the Board hereby:

sustains overrules the determination of the assessor.

Assessor's True and Fair Value

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land	\$	<u> 34,250 </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements	\$	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	\$	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	\$	<u> </u>
Total Value	\$	<u> 34,250 </u>

BOE True and Fair Value Determination

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land	\$	<u> 17,125 </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements	\$	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	\$	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	\$	<u> </u>
Total Value	\$	<u> 17,125 </u>

This decision is based on our finding that:

The issue before the Board is the assessed value of land/improvements.

A hearing was held on March 28, 2016. Those present: Chairman Ann Shaw, Jennifer Hoyt, Reta Hutchinson, Clerk Debbie Myers, Appraiser Mark Peterson, Appellant Cindy McMeans, and Observer Lisa Lawrence.

Appellant Cindy McMeans discussed the red zone for water and how it affected her property. She listed recent sales near her parcels and said some of the comparables listed from the county have electricity and some other differences which she believed made them not comparable. She said none of the comparables were from before the red zone was created, and now they can't build in the red zone. Ms. McMeans provided maps with her property shown in relation to the canal and Clockum road.

Appraiser Mark Peterson said the appraisal date of the property is 1-1-15 and they have to use sales before 1-1-15 for comparables. He said exhibit one shows the comparables the Assessor's office used. He also said most of the Appellant's property is above the canal but not considered remote, and discussed the land models used to value the property. Mr. Peterson referred to the maps provided with comparable sales which were above the canal and said some were valued as dry parcels; there was some road frontage with a value of \$10,000 for the first acre, then it decreases from there. He also discussed range models and how they differ and that they are adjusted for topography in some situations.

Appellant McMeans asked about the valuations, since she can't sell one acre, she would have to sell 20 acres at a time. Appraiser Peterson agreed, but said that is how their computer models work in valuing the property. He said a residential acre has more value because it is a building site. Road access was also discussed.

Pursuant to RCW 84.40.0301, the value placed on the property by the Assessor is presumed to be correct, and can only be overcome by clear cogent and convincing evidence. This means the appellant is required to provide enough information to convince this Board that it is highly probable the assessed value is incorrect.

The Board of Equalization has determined that the value of this land is to be reduced 50% due to the red zone water availability classification. The Board has reduced the value 50% based on the value remedy used by the Assessor's office in Upper Kittitas County during the water moratorium. The Board of Equalization voted 3-0 to overrule the Assessor's determination.

Dated this 31 day of March, (year) 2016


Chairperson's Signature


Clerk's Signature

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