

Order of the Kittitas County

Board of Equalization

Property Owner: Douvier, Daniel
Parcel Number(s): 192236
Assessment Year: 2019 Petition Number: BE190178
Date(s) of Hearing: 1-29-2020

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

Land \$ 27,000
 Improvements \$ 109,430
 Minerals \$ _____
 Personal Property \$ _____
Total Value \$ 136,430

BOE True and Fair Value Determination

Land \$ 27,000
 Improvements \$ 109,430
 Minerals \$ _____
 Personal Property \$ _____
Total Value \$ 136,430

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 January 29th, 2020. Those present: Chair Jessica Hutchinson, Jennifer Hoyt, Josh Cox, Clerk Taylor Crouch, Assessor Mike Hougardy, and Appellant Vicki Douvier and Matt Stephens, observer. Daniel Douvier joined at 11:43am.

Appellant Vicki Douvier was blind-sided by the fact a petition was filed on her property. None of the petition related documents were received by Mrs. Douvier because she was not listed on the petition.

Assessor Mike Hougardy explained that Mr. Douvier initiated the appeal. The parcel is a segregated homesite parcel, appeal is specifically for the 2-acre home-site. Appellant Mrs. Douvier stated the valuation seems fair because there has been a decrease in value to the outbuildings because they were not permitted. The value of the property in general has gone up, property is recreational with easy access. The value increased not decreased. Looking to have the timber assessed on the parcel.

The Appellant Mr. Douvier stated in 3 years there has not been any improvements and the value increased. There is some snow damage to a few of the outbuildings.

Assessor Mike Hougardy explains the assessment process, that this was not a one-year increase, the increase was over a 4-year period. Property is a desirable recreation property.

The Board of Equalization has decided that due to the absence of comparable sales from the Appellant to suggest a lower value, the Board voted 3-0 to uphold the Assessor's Value.

Dated this 3 day of February, (year) 2020

Jess Hutchinson

Josh Cox

NOTICE

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