

The Board of Equalization meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Southside Township Hall. The following members were present: Supervisors Phyllis Latour, Maynard Nilson, Tim Hable and Clerk/Treas. Carmen Merrill. Also present Nancy Dahlman, Township Assessor, Jim Barrett, Wally Peterson, and Conrad Anderson from Wright County Assessor Office.

Wally Peterson opened the meeting by explaining the purpose is to review assessment of property for 2011 for taxes payable in 2012. The Board cannot change this year's assessment value.

As a whole, property values were decreased. Residential decrease 4.27%, Ag decreased 7.92%, Commercial decreased 2.84% with total value decrease at 4.19%.

Merritt Bartlett, 217-065-000010, was present to discuss the lake improvement assessment by CRWD on this property. The property is a bog and CRWD deems it buildable. He was advised to contact Planning & Zoning to get something in writing stating the property is unbuildable.

Merritt's property 217-000-091203, is bits and pieces of property that he uses to grow Scotch pine. It is classified as rural vacant land. He is being assessed a fire assessment. He was advised to contact the Township at a regular board meeting to ask to have the assessment removed.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.