

**CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS
BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 09, 2016
MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Appeal & Equalization public meeting of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota, was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 9th day of May, 2016.

Members Present: Kevin Harmoning, Neil Knaack, Kevin Brevik, Allen Bertilrud

Members Absent: Sara Kenfield, Cheryl Matzke

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, County Assessor Nancy Amberson, Carol Seeger

Mayor Harmoning called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

County Assessor Nancy Amberson opened the public meeting by handing out training information for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Training. Two council members are currently trained with Knaack's up in July of 2017 and Brevik good until 2020.

Assessor Amberson explained that last year when we met she hadn't done anything with our property values because our level of assessment was 95%. 2016 values were set relating to the number of Sales from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015. There were 14 Sales in the study. The Median Level of Assessment was 83.19% which was short of the 90% minimum level, so she increased the values of land. We are currently at 90%.

There is a 10% increase in Taxes Payable in 2016 (due to the school referendum). All of Assessor Amberson's values were sent in to the State. She meets with her supervisor this week and they will go over her projections.

There were no questions from the meeting attendees.

Annual Reminder: Remember to apply for your Property Tax Refund. It is accessible online effective in April at the MN Department of Revenue website.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Harmoning, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator