

Dakota County Board of Equalization
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Vice Chair Van Berkum called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Van Berkum, Hohenstein, Bousquet, Reed, Rodriguez. Absent: None. Also present was Stephanie Gatzemeyer, County Treasurer, Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens present.

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

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| A current copy of the <i>Open Meetings Act</i> is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance. |
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The Dakota County Board of Equalization reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. RE-ORGANIZATION
 - a. Nomination for Chairperson §23-156
 - b. Nomination for Vice-Chairperson
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of the previous minutes – January 6, 2025.
 - b. Approval of the time of regular Board of Equalization meetings for 2:45 p.m.
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Hearing for Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc., application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for (1) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG7GR108050 and (2) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG5GR102859. The vehicles are used by staff to attend meetings and to monitor program sites. Also transports staff and supplies to clinics. Application comes with recommendation of approval by Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer. §60-3,185 and §60-3,189
 - Board to consider the recommendation of the County Treasurer and any other information it may obtain; and shall approve or deny the exemption on the basis of law and of rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Tax Commissioner. §77-202(1)(c)(d)
 - b. Christy Abts, Assessor, requesting approval of tax list corrections.(If any)
4. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hohenstein moved, seconded by Board Member Reed to nominate Brian Van Berkum as Board of Equalization Chairperson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Hohenstein moved, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to nominate Jeff Reed for Board of Equalization Vice-Chairperson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Hohenstein moved, seconded by Board Member Reed to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025 meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Bousquet moved, seconded by Board Member Hohenstein to approve the meeting time for regular meetings for 2:45 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Van Berkum opened the hearing at 2:48 p.m. for Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc., application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for (1) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG7GR108050 and (2) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG5GR102859. The vehicles are used by staff to attend meetings and to monitor program sites. Also transports staff and supplies to clinics. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, stated she approves the application. Chair Van Berkum closed the hearing at 2:49 p.m.

Board Member Bousquet moved, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to accept the recommendation of the Dakota County Treasurer and approve the tax exemption for Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc., application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying as Nonprofit Organization for (1) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG7GR108050 and (2) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN#2C4RDGBG5GR102859. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

No Mail, emergency business or public comment.

Board Member Reed moved, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. Chair Van Berkum adjourned the January 21, 2025 Board of Equalization meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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Brian Van Berkum, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk