

# HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Trenton, Nebraska  
August 4, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025 commencing at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz, County Attorney D. Eugene Garner, County Clerk Margaret Pollmann, and Deputy Assessor Lacey Daniels. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov). Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chair opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Agenda and 2. Approval of the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Damien Larson with Bent Arrow Consulting LLC met with the board via phone conference regarding Protests 25-20 and 25-21.

Attorney Garner advised as to the date was mailed and the date it was received by the Clerk. Further Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1502 regarding the requirement that Property Valuation Protests must include a reason for the protest on Form 422.

Member Wertz moved to dismiss Protest 25-20 and Protest 25-21 as said protests failed to contain a reason for the protest as required in NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1502. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Assessor Lacey Daniels advised as to valuations to be applied pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1315.01 and 77-1317.

Member Nichols moved to approve the change of assessed value pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1315.01 and 77-1317 on parcel number 440079459. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried. The spreadsheet entitled "Valuations To Be Applied By The Hitchcock County Board for 2025 shall be marked Exhibit "A" of these minutes.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn Board of Equalization at 11:18 a.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Nichols, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL