

Equalization Board Meeting Minutes  
Date: 03/16/2026 Time: 6:00pm  
Colton City Hall, 309 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Colton, SD

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** At 6:04pm, Mayor Bunde called the Equalization Board meeting to order at Colton City Hall. Answering roll call were Alderman Bunjer, Alderman Evans, Alderman Lyon, Alderman Wochnick, Alderman Vande Voort absent with cause, School Board Member Questad. Finance Officer Pilker was present for City staff.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Lyon to approve the agenda and seconded by Bunjer. All aye, motion carried. Assessment book and process discussed. Beacon was utilized during the meeting as a quick lookup of citizens property information and map availability.

**Property Assessment Appeals/Objections:**

**Appeal #1 – Parcel #021759 - Property: Lots 7 & 8, Block 4, Austin Addn. to the City of Colton.**

Larry Nesheim, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Evans to reduce land assessment to \$21,461.00 and reduce building assessment to \$316,368.00, for a total assessment of \$337,839.00, seconded by Bunjer. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by 22.90%. The board disagrees with the assessment that this building has appreciated \$67,078.00 from last year.

**Appeal #2 – Parcel #021708 – Property: Lots 5 & Lot 6, Block 9, Colton City 4<sup>th</sup> Addn.**

Dawn Pilker, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Wochnick to reduce land assessment to \$15,700.00, seconded by Evans. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value. The Board disagrees with the assessment that this land has appreciated \$5,959.00 from last year. The west and south portion of the land floods during heavy precipitation, not appropriate for building on.

**Appeal #3 – Parcel #096479 – Property: Lot 9, Block 1 Summit Addition to the City of Colton.**

Brandon & Kendra VanBlaricome, owners, were present and appealed to the board. Motion by Wochnick to reduce land assessment to \$14,200.00 and reduce building assessment to \$380,000.000, for a total assessment value of \$394,200.00, seconded by Bunde. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessment is higher compared to assessments of similar structures in the vicinity. Property has only had landscaping updates. Board agrees that this year's increase of \$11,936.00 is high.

**Appeal #4 – Parcel #021709 – Property: Lot 7 & 8, Block 9, Colton City 4<sup>th</sup> Addn.**

LeRoy Koopman, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Questad to reduce land assessment to \$8,600.00, seconded by Wochnick. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$3,100.00. The Board disagrees with the assessment that

this land has appreciated since last year. Platted lot is adjacent to unimproved right-of-way and not accessible for building. Low area floods with heavy precipitation.

**Appeal #5 – Parcel #021713 – Property: Lot 74', Lots 5 & (EX RY) Lot 6, Block 10 Colton City 4<sup>th</sup> Addn.**

LeRoy Koopman, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Evans to reduce land assessment to \$10,000.00, seconded by Questad. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$5,736.00. The board disagrees with the assessment that this land value has appreciated this much since last year. Board notes that the parcel still doesn't meet residential zoning regulations as buildable for dwelling or accessory building.

**Appeal #6 – Parcel #068717 – Property: S3 Lot 3 & All Lot 4, Block 1 Horizon Heights Addn. to City of Colton.** Brandon & Kathleen Puttmann, owners, were present and appealed to the board. Motion by Lyon for no change to assessments full and true value of building and land assessed at \$263,074.00, seconded by Evans. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: None.

**Appeal #7 – Parcel #021580 – Property: Lots 17 to 20, Block 17, Colton City 3<sup>rd</sup> Addn.**

Betty Oberg, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Bunde to reduce land assessment to \$15,500.00, and reduce building assessment to \$203,200.00, for a total assessment of \$218,700.00, seconded by Bunjer. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$19,253.00. Assessments are higher compared to assessments of similar structures in the vicinity.

**Appeal #8 – Parcel #021702 – Property: Lot 2 (EX E24) & All Lot 3, Block 8, Colton City 4<sup>th</sup> Addn.**

Betty Oberg, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion by Lyon to reduce land assessment to \$12,600.00 and reduce building assessment to \$106,200.00, for a total assessment of \$118,800.00, seconded by Wochnick. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$15,200.00. Assessment is higher compared to assessments of similar structures with more land in the vicinity.

**Appeal #9 – Parcel #021579 – Property: Lots 13 to Lot 16, Block 17, Colton City 3<sup>rd</sup> Addn.**

Betty Oberg, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion made by Wochnick to reduce building assessment to \$86,500.00 for a total assessment of \$100,000.00, seconded by Questad. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over the last year's value by \$24,300.00. Assessment is higher compared to assessments of similar structures and land in the vicinity. No improvements or changes have been made to the property.

**Appeal #10 – Parcel #021704 – Property: Lots 4, 5 & 6, Block 8, Colton City 4<sup>th</sup> Addn.**

Betty Oberg, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion made by Evans to reduce building assessment to \$232,100.00 for a total assessment of \$250,000.00, seconded by Bunjer. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$125,100.00. Assessment is higher compared to assessments of similar structures and land in the vicinity. No improvements or changes to the property have been made.

**Appeal #11 – Parcel #021577 – Property: Lots 5 to Lot 8, Block 17, Colton City 3<sup>rd</sup> Addn.**

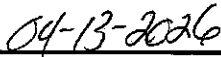
Betty Oberg, owner, was present and appealed to the board. Motion made by Evans to reduce building assessment to \$88,400.00 and land value assessment to \$15,500.00 for a total assessment value of \$103,900.00, seconded by Wochnick. All aye, motion carried. Reason for change: Assessed value has increased over last year's value by \$15,600.00. Assessment is higher compared to assessments of similar structures and land in the vicinity. No improvements or changes have been made to the property.

**Close Equalization Process and adjourn as Local Board of Equalization:** Motion by Evans at 8:17pm to close the equalization process and adjourn as Local Board of Equalization, seconded by Bunjer. All aye, motion carried.



Finance Officer

Dawn Pilker



Date



Mayor

Trevor Bunde

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pilker

Colton Finance Officer

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