

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Center, Nebraska

July 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County - Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday July 8, 2026 at 10:00S a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mlady District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supr. James Sokol, Jr. District #4. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken during the convened meeting that was opened to the attendance of the public.

County Clerk Fischer read the June 24, 2026 meeting minutes. Chairman Schlote approved the minutes of the June 24, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Omitted/Over/Under Report after June 1, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing at 10:10 a.m. to hear testimony and to read into record the Forms 422 Property Valuation Protests filed between June 16 and 30, 2026. Present were the Board, County Assessor Beckmann, Deputy County Assessor Kracht and County Clerk Fischer.

County Clerk Fischer swore in County Assessor Beckmann. Chairman Schlote announced that the Board would not be taking action on filed protests on this date. The following were the protests heard during the hearing:

Protest #1-2026 – Hoppe Properties X, LLC, 1132 4th ST NW, Sioux Center IA 51750, #540013328, Tr. #1 in Lot 1, Blk. 1, White Tail Ridge Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #2-2026 – Dorothy M. Case, 307 W Nebraska, PO Box 86, Crofton NE 68730, #540000018, W. 65 ft. of Lots 7-9 and ½ vacated alley between Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 3, Original City of Crofton, Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #27-2026 – Neil C. and Lisa D. Timmerman, NW1/4 of Sec. 8, T31N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (160 acres). Protestors were present, Neil C. Timmerman was sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Chairman Schlote opened the public comment session at 10:43 a.m.

The public comment session was closed at 10:44 a.m. No one gave public comments.

Chairman Schlote recessed the Board of Equalization until 1:00 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Equalization reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with all members present except Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

Chairman Schlote reconvened the recessed public hearing at 1:04 p.m.

Protest #3-2026 – Lonnie and Jolene Greckel, 88694 541 AVE, Bloomfield NE 68718, #540005459, NW1/4 of Sec. 8, T31N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Protestors were not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #4-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540012950, N1/2N1/2 of Sec. 6, T29N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #5-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540006794, W1/2NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4 and SW1/4 (246.08 acres) of Sec. 30, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #6-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004996, Pt. NE1/4NW1/4 20 x 48 RD in NE corner of Sec. 6, T30N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (6 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #7-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004998, NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, Balance NW1/4SE1/4, Com. 20 ft. East of NW Corner on SE1/4 of Section 31 running 20 ft. West, 20 ft. South, then Northeasterly of Sec. 31, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (240.1 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #8-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004995, SW1/4NE1/4 & SE1/4 of Sec. 30, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (200 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #9-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540013766, SW1/4SW1/4 Is tract, SE1/4SW1/4 & N1/2SW1/4 of Sec. 29, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (130 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #10-2026 – Randy Klawitter, 51649 883 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004997, NE1/4NW1/4 & N1/2SE1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 30, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (60 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #11-2026 – Jeff Uhlir, 51261 886 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540008871, W1/2NW1/4 & SW1/4 of Sec. 11, T32N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (226.76 acres). Protestor and authorized representative were present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #12-2026 – Jeff Uhlir, 51261 886 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004692, W1/2 & SE1/4 of Sec. 11, T32N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (480 acres). Protestor and authorized representative were present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #13-2026 – Jeff Uhlir, 51261 886 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540008863, E1/2E1/2 of Sec. 10, T32N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (160 acres). Protestor and authorized representative were present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #14-2026 – John J. Cihlar, PO Box 144, Verdigre NE 68783, #540006546, Pt. NE1/4NE1/4, Pt. SE1/4NE1/4 ls. .26 acres Co. RD, SW1/4NE1/4 of Sec. 5, T30N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #15-2026 – Lance E. Knigge, 51436 888 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004678, SE1/4SW1/4 & SW1/4SE1/4 of Sec. 35, T32N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (80 acres). Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #16-2026 – Lance E. Knigge, 51436 888 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004557, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4 & NW1/4SE1/4 of Sec. 2, T31N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (240.68 acres). Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #17-2026 – Lance E. Knigge, 51436 888 RD, Verdigre NE 68783, #540004559, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4 & SW1/4SE1/4 of Sec. 2, T31N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (200 acres). Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #18-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005137, N1/2NE1/4 3.66 A. to St, ls tr. lying W of Hwy, SE1/4NE1/4 of Sec. 20, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (95.34 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #19-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005125, E1/2SE1/4 & Pt. SE1/4NE1/4, Pt. W1/2SE1/4 lying East of RD of Sec. 17, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (32 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #20-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540013838, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, Pt. SE1/4NE1/4 & Pt. W1/2SE1/4 lying W of Rd ls .55-acre strip in SW1/4SE1/4, Knox Co. ROW, ls 13.66 acres Hwy of Sec. 17, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (213.36 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #21-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005130, S1/2NE1/4 of Sec. 18, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (80 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #22-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005080, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, & NE1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 8, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (160 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #23-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005148, SW1/4NW1/4 & NW1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 21, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (80 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #24-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, Parcel ID number written on Form 422 was #540005079 and legal description written on Form 422 was NE1/4 of Section 19, T31N, R6W, however, the written the Parcel ID number and the legal description do not match. Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony.

Protest #25-2026 – Duane R. Liska, 88598 Hwy 14, Verdigre NE 68783, #540005083, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4 ls Hwy & includes 3.03 acres RR ROW of Sec. 8, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (197.12 acres). Protestor was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #26-2026 – Grace Silbernack, 802 S Bismark Circle, Wausa NE 68783, #540013108, Lot 8, South Addition to Original Town of Wausa, Knox County, Nebraska. Protestor was not present. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #28-2026 – Peter V. & Lynette Sukup, 11412 12th ST, Aurora NE 68818, NE1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 27, T30N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (40 acres). Protestor Peter V. Sukup was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Protest #29-2026 – Peter V. & Lynette Sukup, 11412 12th ST, Aurora NE 68818, NW1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 5, T29N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska (40 acres). Protestor Peter V. Sukup was present, sworn in and gave testimony. County Assessor Beckmann read the protest into record and presented information of the protested property.

Chairman Schlote closed the public hearing at 3:29 p.m.

Discussion was held on the viewing protested properties.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 3:45 p.m. on July 8, 2026 until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 for a special meeting/public hearing and until 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

Joann M. Fischer

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

By

Danny R. Schlote

Danny R. Schlote, Chairman