

**IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
OPEN MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2019**

In attendance: Commissioners Tom Katsilometes, Tom Harris, Janet Moyle, and Elliot S. Werk; Maria Young, Jerott Rudd, George Brown, Alan Dornfest, Phil Skinner, Kathlynn Ireland, and Kolby Reddish.

Commissioner Tom Katsilometes, the Chairman for the State Board of Equalization, reconvened the State Board of Equalization for 2019 (Board) pursuant to Idaho State Board of Equalization's notice and agenda on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. (MDT). The Idaho State Board of Equalization is now reconvened.

Present Recommendation on the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act ("4R Act") Report

Chairman Katsilometes recognized Mr. Alan Dornfest, Property Tax Bureau Chief to present the report. Mr. Dornfest opened with the explanation that the report stems from the federal 4R Act of 1976. The Federal "4R Act" prohibits assessment discrimination against railroads, defining discrimination as occurring if the level of assessment of commercial and industrial property is more than 5% below the level of assessment of a railroad. He noted that the federal law provides different compliance standards from those used to determine if locally assessed values are acceptably close to market value. It was therefore recommended that railroad assessments be lowered to comply with the 4R Act by reducing the Union Pacific Railroad Counties by 13.17%, Eastern Idaho Railroad Counties by 14.61%, and the BNSF Railroad Counties by 14.01%. There is no adjustment recommended for Montana Rail Link Counties.

Present Decisions and Deliberations

The next order of business was to enter into the record the State Board of Equalization findings and decisions regarding PacifiCorp Energy, Docket No. 2-066-950-144. Commissioner Werk moved to approve the State Board of Equalization's decision consistent with deliberations on Thursday, August 19, 2019, regarding PacifiCorp Energy. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Werk and Harris voted in the affirmative and Commissioner Moyle voted in opposition. The motion passed by a two-to-one split vote.

The next order of business was to enter into the record the State Board of Equalization findings and decisions regarding the non-utility generators identified as the IdaHydro properties, Docket No. 0-874-084-352. Commissioner Werk moved to approve the State Board of Equalization's decision, consistent with deliberations on Thursday, August 19, regarding the IdaHydro properties. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Harris, Werk, and Moyle voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Present 2019 Operating Property Roll

Chairman Katsilometes recognized Jerott Rudd, Property Tax Bureau Chief, to present the 2019 centrally assessed values, as recorded on the 2019 Operating Property Roll, as adjusted, consistent with the 4R Act. Mr. Rudd reported on the 2019 Operating Property values apportioned to the counties. The 2019 values they recommend be certified for operating property in total is \$6,638,479,544. That value does reflect the 4R assessment previously recommended by Mr. Dornfest. Commissioner Werk moved to approve the operating property tax roll in the amount of \$6,638,479,544. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Harris, Werk, and Moyle voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Present Irrigation Exemption

The next order of business was to consider a report from Jerott Rudd regarding the 2019 Irrigation Exemption. Commissioner Katsilometes turned the floor over to Mr. Rudd who presented the proposal on the 2019 Irrigation Exemption Roll reported at a total value of \$366,374,145. Commissioner Moyle moved to adopt the 2019 Irrigation Exemption of \$366,374,145. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Harris, Werk, and Moyle voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Present and Equalize County Assessments and Abstracts Recommendations

Chairman Katsilometes recognized Alan Dornfest, Property Tax Bureau Chief, to present the statewide report of the 2019 County Property Categories and the values reported in the statewide county property roll abstracts. Mr. Dornfest first presented the equalization summary, then the county property roll abstracts. Mr. Dornfest recommended approval of the statewide 2019 County Property Roll Abstracts. Discussion followed. Chairman Katsilometes asked for a motion to approve the value reported by the statewide County Property Roll Abstracts as presented. Commissioner Werk moved to approve the values reported the report on the equalization of the statewide County Property Roll Abstracts. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Harris, Werk, and Moyle voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Other Business

The Board appreciates the Property Tax Staff and the jobs they do.

Adjourn Board

Chairman Katsilometes considered a motion for adjournment, having considered all of the business to come before the 2019 Board of Equalization. Commissioner Moyle moved to adjourn the 2019 State Board of Equalization. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative and the 2019 State Board of Equalization stood adjourned.

Maria Young
Secretary

Tom Katsilometes
Chairman of the Idaho State Board of Equalization