

# STATE OF NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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In the Matter of		)	
Bank of Wachov APN: 125-06-301 Clark County, N PETITIONER		)	O N- 42 207
Michele Shafe Clark County As RESPONDENT	sessor	)	Case No. 13-327
Appeal of the De CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF EQU	(	) ) )	

## NOTICE OF DECISION

## **Appearances**

Michael P. Killion appeared on behalf of Bank of Wachovia National Association (Taxpayer).

Leon Maj, Heather Drake, and Darrell Prawalsky appeared on behalf of the Clark County Assessor's Office (Assessor).

## Summary

The matter of the Taxpayer's petition for review of property valuations for the 2013-14 Secured Roll within Clark County, Nevada, came before the State Board of Equalization (State Board) for hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 9, 2013 after due notice to the Taxpayer and the Assessor.

The Assessor offered maps showing the location of properties appealed. The State Board admitted the new evidence into the record. See Tr., 7-9-13, p. 156, II. 13-22; NAC 361.739.

The State Board, having considered all evidence, documents and testimony pertaining to the valuation of the property in accordance with NRS 361.227, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) The State Board is an administrative body created pursuant to NRS 361.375.
- 2) The State Board is mandated to hear all appeals of property tax assessments pursuant to NRS 361.360 and NRS 361.400.
- 3) The Taxpayer and the Assessor were given adequate, proper and legal notice of the time and place of the hearing before the State Board, and the matter was properly noticed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law at NRS 241.020.
- The subject property consists of 3.24 acres of vacant land located on Oso Blanca Road, north of Kyle Canyon Road at the US 95 interchange in Clark County, Nevada. See Record, SBE pages 212-215; 221; Tr., 7-9-13, p. 156, l. 25 through p. 157, l. 3.
- 5) The Clark County Board of Equalization (County Board) ordered the total taxable value for the subject properties of \$1.00 per square foot, be upheld for the 2013-2014 secured roll. See Record, SBE pages 19, 224-225.
- The Taxpayer presented sufficient evidence to support a value different from that established by the County Board. The State Board found the shape and current lack of access to the property were detriments to the subject property. See Tr., 7-9-13, p. 107, I. 1 through p. 199, I. 11.
- 7) The State Board found the taxable value of the subject property should be reduced to a nominal value of \$24,300, based on a per acre value of \$15,000 with a 50% discount applied. See Tr., 7-9-13, p. 199, l. 20 through p. 200, l. 12.
- 8) The assessed value as adjusted by the State Board is 35% of taxable value.
- 9) Any finding of fact above construed to constitute a conclusion of law is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1) The Taxpayer timely filed a notice of appeal, and the State Board accepted jurisdiction to determine this matter.
- 2) The Taxpayer and the Assessor are subject to the jurisdiction of the State Board.
- 3) The State Board has the authority to determine the taxable values in the State.
- 4) The subject property is appraised, as adjusted, at the proper taxable value in accordance with NRS 361.227.
- 5) Any conclusion of law above construed to constitute a finding of fact is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

#### DECISION

The Petition of the Taxpayer is granted based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Clark County Comptroller is instructed to correct the assessment roll by adjusting the assessed valuation of the subject property as follows:

2013-2014 Secured Roll

	Taxable Value		Assessed Value	
Parcel Number 125-06-301-001	Established by County Board of Equalization	Revised By State Board	Established by County Board of Equalization	Revised by State Board
Land	\$141,134	\$24,300	\$49,397	\$8,505
TOTAL	\$141,134	\$24,300	\$49,397	\$8,505

The Clark County Comptroller is instructed to certify the assessment roll of the county consistent with this decision.

BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THIS 30+1 DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Christopher G. Nielsen, Secretary

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