

Staff Report for 2023 State Board of Equalization

File No.: 2023-WILLIAMS-HICKEL

Prepared By: Property Tax Division

County or City: Williams County

Appellant: Hal Hickel

Issue: Appeal of Residential and Agricultural Valuation

Summary: Mr. Hickel is unhappy with zoning issues in Ray, ND, and with a township road which was removed. He stated that the road was built with tax dollars, and he does not feel the road should be allowed to be removed by another landowner.

Analysis: Mr. Hickel appeared at both the Equality Township and the Williams County board of equalization meetings. When asked at the county board of equalization meeting what his concerns were regarding his properties, he told the board members that the City of Ray is monopolizing the market and driving up values. He also stated his father is a World War II veteran and he feels he should not have to pay taxes.

Williams County Commissioner Hanson advised Mr. Hickel that neither of his concerns fall under the purview of the board of equalization; therefore, no motion was made.

Mr. Hickel's concerns regarding zoning in the City of Ray and the removal of a gravel road in Equality Township are not found in the general duties and powers of the State Board of Equalization found under North Dakota Century Code § 57-13-04.

Proposal for Review: No action required.