

#### OFFICE OF **AITKIN COUNTY ASSESSOR**

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# County Board of Equalization Appeal Information Sheet

Appointment Time:

5:00 PM

Owner Name:

Charles Hawkinson

Property ID#:

08-0-025900

Physical Address:

43344 320th Place

Aitkin, MN 56431

Estimated Market Value 2011 Assessment: \$17,200

Classification 2011 Assessment: Residential Homestead

Estimated Market Value 2012 Assessment:

\$58,200

Classification 2012 Assessment: Residential Homestead

Reason for Appeal: Valuation is too high. Mr. Hawkinson stated at the Fleming Twp Meeting that the property should qualify for class 2e and the Aggregate Resource Preservation Program.

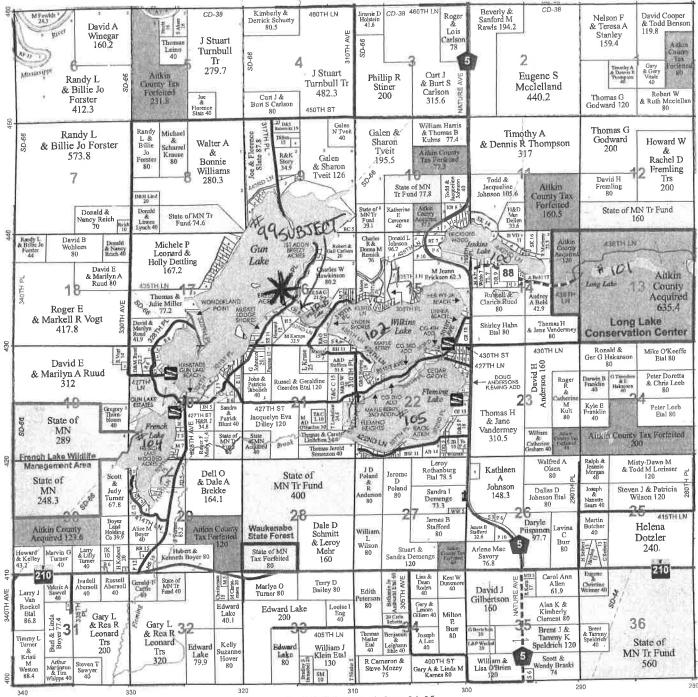
Assessor's Recommendation: No change. The valuation increase in the current assessment year is primarily due to the removal of large tract frontage discounts and quality discounts applied to the parcel when the property owner owned more lakeshore. The program and classification mentioned above cannot be granted by a Board of Appeal and Equalization. Owner must follow application process as directed by County Assessor's Office.

Comments: The letter recently sent to Mr. Hawkinson with attachments is included with this packet.

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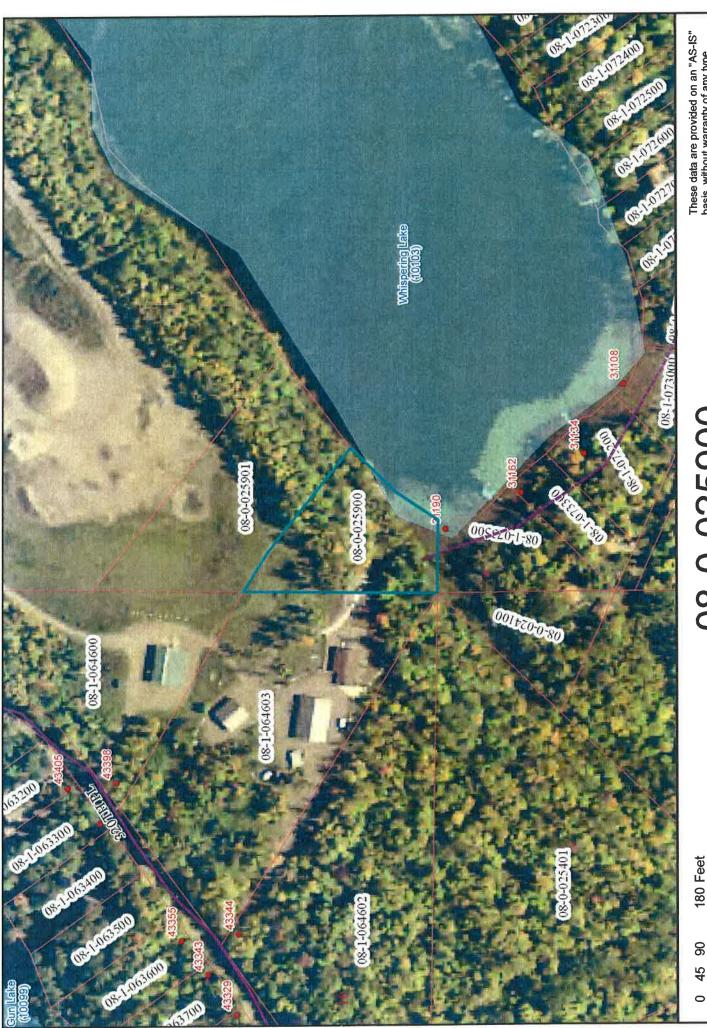


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Parcel Nbr: 08-0-025900 6924 PRD Production Fee Owner: 5666 DISTRICTS: HAWKINSON, CHARLES W Taxpayer: 5666 FALCO:F.O. School : Lake : 43344 320TH PLACE AITKIN MN 56431	2012 Property Assessment Record  8 FLEMING TWP 1 AITKIN 10103 WHISPERING LAKE (FLEMING	AITKIN COUNTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sec/Twp/Rqe: 16 48.0 2 NW SE LESS PLAT (13.95 T LAKE)& LESS 1.90 AC IN 1 21.88 AC IN DOC 379188 Parcel notes: 5-4-12, LBOAE, NO CHANGE 7-6-2011,JH, R/A, READ A	
ASSESSMENT DETAILS:	Isly SRR Land 2.53 Total MKT 10 acres	CAMA Estimated 58,200 58,200 58,200 58,200 58,200 58,200	Deferred Taxable 58,200 58,200 58,200
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Land market: 08	Last calc date/env: 03/21/12 F 1.00 Asmt year: 2012 Lake: Avg CER: Rate Adj Rate Value Asmt_Cd		OF 1320', IT APPEARS TO OWN, 245' IS ALL USED SAME DISCOUNT
CAMA SUMMARY: Schedule: 2012 Neighborhood: 08 FLEMING	Insp/By/Cmp: 07/06/2011 JH	P	



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May 4, 2012

Gun Lake Sand and Gravel, LLC Attn: Charles Hawkinson 43344 320<sup>th</sup> Place Aitkin, MN 56431



Re: The Aggregate Resource Preservation Program (ARPP) and the 2e Property Tax Classification

Dear Mr. Hawkinson:

We're sending you additional information regarding the classification and program listed above as per your request at the Fleming Township Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the Aggregate Resource Preservation Program fact sheet from the Department of Revenue, an application for this program, and a copy of a portion of Minnesota Statute 273.13.

To be considered for the reduced valuation benefits of the ARPP, a property must meet all of the qualifications that are listed on the application. It appears that your lakeshore parcels do not qualify since they are classified as commercial and they are actively being mined.

If you do believe you qualify for the ARPP, please fill out the application completely and attach all required documents and return to this Office prior to May 1, 2013. You have missed the deadline for the 2012 assessment.

The 2e property tax classification is described in MS 273.13 Subd. 23(m). There is no application for this classification but there are similar requirements as for the ARPP. Actively mined parcels do not qualify for 2e. Also, you would not receive a benefit from 2e on the parcels that are not actively mined since the classification tax rate is equal to the current tax rate you pay on rural vacant land.

Please contact me with any further questions at (218) 927-7340.

Sincerely:

Mike Dangers

Aitkin County Assessor

cc: Becky Bright, Fleming Township Clerk

showroom for the retail sale of those products. Use of a greenhouse or building only for the display of already grown horticultural or nursery products does not qualify as an agricultural purpose.

- (k) The assessor shall determine and list separately on the records the market value of the homestead dwelling and the one acre of land on which that dwelling is located. If any farm buildings or structures are located on this homesteaded acre of land, their market value shall not be included in this separate determination.
- (l) Class 2d airport landing area consists of a landing area or public access area of a privately owned public use airport. It has a class rate of one percent of market value. To qualify for classification under this paragraph, a privately owned public use airport must be licensed as a public airport under section 360.018. For purposes of this paragraph, "landing area" means that part of a privately owned public use airport properly cleared, regularly maintained, and made available to the public for use by aircraft and includes runways, taxiways, aprons, and sites upon which are situated landing or navigational aids. A landing area also includes land underlying both the primary surface and the approach surfaces that comply with all of the following:
- (i) the land is properly cleared and regularly maintained for the primary purposes of the landing, taking off, and taxing of aircraft; but that portion of the land that contains facilities for servicing, repair, or maintenance of aircraft is not included as a landing area;
  - (ii) the land is part of the airport property; and
  - (iii) the land is not used for commercial or residential purposes.

The land contained in a landing area under this paragraph must be described and certified by the commissioner of transportation. The certification is effective until it is modified, or until the airport or landing area no longer meets the requirements of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, "public access area" means property used as an aircraft parking ramp, apron, or storage hangar, or an arrival and departure building in connection with the airport.

- (m) Class 2e consists of land with a commercial aggregate deposit that is not actively being mined and is not otherwise classified as class 2a or 2b, provided that the land is not located in a county that has elected to opt-out of the aggregate preservation program as provided in section 273.1115, subdivision 6. It has a class rate of one percent of market value. To qualify for classification under this paragraph, the property must be at least ten contiguous acres in size and the owner of the property must record with the county recorder of the county in which the property is located an affidavit containing:
  - (1) a legal description of the property;
- (2) a disclosure that the property contains a commercial aggregate deposit that is not actively being mined but is present on the entire parcel enrolled;
- (3) documentation that the conditional use under the county or local zoning ordinance of this property is for mining; and
- (4) documentation that a permit has been issued by the local unit of government or the mining activity is allowed under local ordinance. The disclosure must include a statement from a registered professional geologist, engineer, or soil scientist delineating the deposit and certifying that it is a commercial aggregate deposit.

For purposes of this section and section 273.1115, "commercial aggregate deposit" means a deposit that will yield crushed stone or sand and gravel that is suitable for use as a construction

aggregate; and "actively mined" means the removal of top soil and overburden in preparation for excavation or excavation of a commercial deposit.

- (n) When any portion of the property under this subdivision or subdivision 22 begins to be actively mined, the owner must file a supplemental affidavit within 60 days from the day any aggregate is removed stating the number of acres of the property that is actively being mined. The acres actively being mined must be (1) valued and classified under subdivision 24 in the next subsequent assessment year, and (2) removed from the aggregate resource preservation property tax program under section 273.1115, if the land was enrolled in that program. Copies of the original affidavit and all supplemental affidavits must be filed with the county assessor, the local zoning administrator, and the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Minerals. A supplemental affidavit must be filed each time a subsequent portion of the property is actively mined, provided that the minimum acreage change is five acres, even if the actual mining activity constitutes less than five acres.
- (o) The definitions prescribed by the commissioner under paragraphs (c) and (d) are not rules and are exempt from the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and the provisions in section 14.386 concerning exempt rules do not apply.
- Subd. 24. Class 3. (a) Commercial and industrial property and utility real and personal property is class 3a.
- (1) Except as otherwise provided, each parcel of commercial, industrial, or utility real property has a class rate of 1.5 percent of the first tier of market value, and 2.0 percent of the remaining market value. In the case of contiguous parcels of property owned by the same person or entity, only the value equal to the first-tier value of the contiguous parcels qualifies for the reduced class rate, except that contiguous parcels owned by the same person or entity shall be eligible for the first-tier value class rate on each separate business operated by the owner of the property, provided the business is housed in a separate structure. For the purposes of this subdivision, the first tier means the first \$150,000 of market value. Real property owned in fee by a utility for transmission line right-of-way shall be classified at the class rate for the higher tier.

For purposes of this subdivision, parcels are considered to be contiguous even if they are separated from each other by a road, street, waterway, or other similar intervening type of property. Connections between parcels that consist of power lines or pipelines do not cause the parcels to be contiguous. Property owners who have contiguous parcels of property that constitute separate businesses that may qualify for the first-tier class rate shall notify the assessor by July 1, for treatment beginning in the following taxes payable year.

- (2) All personal property that is: (i) part of an electric generation, transmission, or distribution system; or (ii) part of a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, crude oil, or petroleum products; and (iii) not described in clause (3), and all railroad operating property has a class rate as provided under clause (1) for the first tier of market value and the remaining market value. In the case of multiple parcels in one county that are owned by one person or entity, only one first tier amount is eligible for the reduced rate.
- (3) The entire market value of personal property that is: (i) tools, implements, and machinery of an electric generation, transmission, or distribution system; (ii) tools, implements, and machinery of a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, crude oil, or petroleum products; or (iii) the mains and pipes used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for

# **Aggregate Resource Preservation Program**

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Property Tax Fact Sheet 16

**Fact Sheet** 

The Aggregate Resource Preservation Program, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 273.1115, provides a valuation deferral for qualifying property owners with land that is known to contain a commercial aggregate deposit but is not being actively mined.

#### **County Options**

Participation in this program by Minnesota counties is optional. Each county has the option to opt-out of the Aggregate Resource Preservation program at any time before June 1, 2010. If a county has opted out of this program, they have also opted out of the 2e classification. Please check with your county assessor to determine if your county offers this program and classification before making application.

#### Who qualifies?

Property owners may apply for valuation deferment under this program if:

- a property is classified as class 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b or 2e;
- the property consists of at least 10 contiguous acres;
- there are no delinquent taxes on the property; and
- there is a restrictive covenant which limits the use of the property's surface to the current use on the date of application and limits its future use to the preparation and removal of the commercial aggregate deposit under its surface.

#### How to apply for valuation deferment

Application must be made to the county assessor by May I to be eligible for the current assessment year (for taxes payable next year). For 2009 only, the application date has been extended to September 1, 2009. The application is available at the county assessor's office. A copy of the restrictive covenant filed with the county recorder must be included with the application. The application must also identify the legal description of the area, the name and address of the property owner, and a statement of proof that the land contains a restrictive covenant limiting the use of the property's surface and limiting its future use to the preparation and removal of the commercial aggregate deposit under its surface.

#### What are the benefits?

Enrollment in the Aggregate Resource Preservation program provides a valuation deferment. Land enrolled in the program is valued as if it were agricultural land as well as its estimated market value which is based on the potential commercial yield of the aggregate located on the property. Taxes are calculated on both values but are paid on the lower (agricultural) value. The difference in taxes is deferred until the property is no longer enrolled in the program.

#### Withdrawal from the program

Withdrawal from the program may occur in the following ways:

- 1. A property owner may withdraw from the program by filing a supplemental covenant with the county recorder. The property owner must pay additional taxes at the time of cancellation.
- 2. A city or town may withdraw the program as well, and in this case no additional taxes are due.
- 3. A property may be disqualified if it becomes actively mined and has not been properly withdrawn from the program. In this case, the amount of deferred taxes for the current year, multiplied by the number of years the property was enrolled in the program, may be due by the property owner.

If the enrolled property sells, the program may still be in effect so long as the property continues to qualify based on its use and that the new owner files an application with the county assessor within 30 days of the property's sale.

Property Tax Division - Mail Station 3340 - St. Paul, MN 55146-3340

This fact sheet is intended to help you become more familiar with Minnesota tax laws and your rights and responsibilities under the laws. Nothing in this fact sheet supersedes, alters, or otherwise changes any provisions of the tax law, administrative rules, court decisions, or revenue notices. Alternative formats

Application for Aggregate Resource Preservation Program

Provides a valuation deferral for qualifying property owners with land that is known to contain a commercial aggregate deposit but is not being actively mined. (Minnesota Statutes 273.1115)

Please read the back of this form before completing. This application must be signed, dated and returned to the county assessor's office (along with all attachments) by May 1 to be eligible for deferral for taxes payable in the following year. (For 2009 only, the application date has been extended to September 1.)

	This section to be completed by all applicants. Please fill out the following entity that owns the property.	g information for the owner or a	authorized representative of the		
123	Name of owner(s)				
è	Mailing Address		6		
	City	State	Zip		
Owner(s) of the Property	Legal description of all parcels being enrolled:				
Owner(s)	To qualify for the Aggregate Resource Preservation Program all of the following must apply for all parcels being enrolled:  1. The property is at least 10 contiguous acres in size.  Yes No  2. There are no delinquent taxes due on all property being enrolled.  Yes No  3. The property is classified as one of the following property classifications: 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, or 2e.  Yes No  4. The property contains a commercial aggregate deposit that is not actively being mined but is present on the entire parcel or parcels being enrolled.				
	Yes No	ctive covenant limiting its use for the property's surface to that which exists on the date of this application and limiting its future			
	The conditional use under county or local zoning ordinance of the parcel or parcels		Yes No		
Important	If your property is not currently classified as class 2e, you must permit has been issued to you by your local unit of government allowed under local ordinance; (2) a statement from a registered delineating the deposit and certifying it as a commercial aggreg covenant.	attach to this application allowing mining activity of professional geologist, of	: (1) documentation that a or that the mining activity is engineer, or soil scientist		
	By signing below, I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my member, partner, or shareholder of the entity that owns the property for which the Aggre	y knowledge, and I am an owner of egate Resource Preservation Progr	the property or an authorized ram is being claimed.		
Stgn Here	Making false statements on this application is against the law.  Minnesota Statute, Section 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.				
	Signature	Daytime phone ( )	Date		
98	This section is for assessor use only.				
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