

Order of the Kittitas County

Board of Equalization

Property Owner: Granite Creek Ranches LLC

Parcel Number(s): 949815

Assessment Year: 2019

Petition Number: Be-190137

Date(s) of Hearing: 1-7-2020

Having considered the evidence presented by the parties in this appeal, the Board hereby:

sustains  overrules the determination of the assessor.

**Assessor's True and Fair Value**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land	\$	<u>74,680</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements	\$	<u>          </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	\$	<u>          </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	\$	<u>          </u>
Total Value	\$	<u>74,680</u>

**BOE True and Fair Value Determination**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	\$	<u>          </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	\$	<u>          </u>
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This decision is based on our finding that:


The issue before the Board is the assessed value of land/improvements.

A hearing was held January 7th, 2020. Those present: Chair- Jessica Hutchinson, Jennifer Hoyt, Josh Cox, Clerk Taylor Crouch and Appraiser Anthony Clayton. No one present for Appellant.

Appraiser, Anthony Clayton states the Appellant did not appeal all properties in the area. Some subject parcels are under the powerlines and have unique shapes to compensate for powerline setbacks. Appraiser states the Appellant wrote water, on his petition as an issue for the parcels, but there are water mitigation certificates from 2019, so water rights are available for the parcels. Parcels bordering Forest Service land usually sell for more. Points to Appellant's appraisal, the Appraiser did not consider that this was more than one parcel, was appraised as one whole lot, then found comparative sales and divided up the acreage after. Access was considered, but the Appraiser provided comparable sales have similar access issues.

The Board of Equalization has decided that unfortunately the appraisal provided by the Appellant does not accurately take into consideration the true nature of the parcels and their unique attributes. The Assessor's Office provided ample comparable sales to support the values. The Board voted 3-0 to uphold the values.

Dated this 15 day of January, (year) 2020

  
Chairperson's Signature

  
Clerk's Signature

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