

**Rule Hearing of the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board
Conference Room "D"
Lower Level, Nebraska State Office Building
April 19, 2007**

A Hearing to consider amendments to Title 298 NAC was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Sheila Newell, Chairman of the Real Property Appraiser Board, who announced she would serve as Hearing Officer for the proceedings. Vice Chairman Mathew 'Joe' Wilson and Board members James Bain, Timothy Kalkowski and R. Gregg Mitchell were present as well as Interim Administrator Kitty Policky. Hearing Officer Newell welcomed guests and asked the guests to introduce themselves and sign the guest roster. The guest roster from the Hearing is attached and is made part of these minutes. Hearing Officer Newell then asked each Board member to introduce themselves.

Hearing Officer Newell proceeded, stating the purpose of the Hearing was to receive public comment on the extensive proposed rule changes and eventual amending or adoption of the proposed rules. Evidence was presented of publication of the hearing notice on March 15th, 2007, in the *Lincoln Journal Star*, a legal newspaper in this state.

Hearing Officer Newell announced that copies of the Hearing notice, proposed rules, fiscal impact statement, explanatory statement, and a copy of the USPAP 2006 were filed with the Secretary of State on March 12, 2007 and, thus, made available to the public for copy and inspection. On the same date, March 12, 2007, copies of the Hearing notice, proposed rules, fiscal impact statement, explanatory, and a copy of the USPAP 2006 were also filed with Senator Patrick Engel, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Legislature, and Kathleen Dolezal, Governor's Policy Research Office.

Copies of the proposed rule changes were made available for review and testimony at this Hearing. The proposed amendments to Title 298 NAC, all chapters, were entered as Exhibit 1. Proof of public notice of Hearing was entered as Exhibit 2. Notice of filing with the Secretary of State was entered as Exhibit 3. Fiscal note was entered as Exhibit 4. Explanatory statement was entered as Exhibit 5. No written testimony was received prior to or during the April 19, 2007 Hearing. Proposed amendments to the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Act Rules and Regulations, Title 298, all chapters, is to adopt the year 2006 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) as the formal rules and regulations governing professional appraisal practice in the State of Nebraska. The changes to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 298 bring the Rules and Regulations of the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board into compliance with Neb. Rev. State. §76-2201 - §76-2250, introduced in the 99th Session of the Nebraska Legislature, for the purpose of implementation of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification 2008 Criteria.

Hearing Officer Newell and Interim Administrator Policky read the text of the proposed rule changes to Title 298, all chapters. A copy of the text is attached and considered part of these minutes.

Hearing Officer Newell asked for any individuals present who wished to testify, please state their name and address for the record.

Cay Lacey, a certified general real property appraiser from Great Plains Appraisal, made constructive editing comments pointing out typographical errors and a reference in Chapter 5, page 18 that should be eliminated as the referenced subsection no longer exists. The corrections did not change the intent or the content of the rules and regulations.

Hearing Officer Newell stated that the Board had adopted the proposed Rules and Regulations at the December 19, 2006 Real Property Appraiser Board meeting. The Rules and Regulations were amended at the February 21, 2006 Real Property Appraiser Board meeting. There being no further comments and no other testimony during this Hearing, Hearing Officer Newell declared the public hearing closed at 10:10 a.m., April 19, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Policky, Director

These minutes were available for public inspection on April 29, 2007, in compliance with Nebraska Statute §84-1413(5).