



*Pend Oreille County*  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

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**BOARD ORDER**

**PROPERTY OWNER:** SPRECHER LIVING TRUST/MARK A. SPRECHER



**PARCEL/ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 15398-453031520001

**PROPERTY LOCATION:**



**PETITION NUMBER:** BOE 2019-13

**ASSESSMENT YEAR:** 2019

**TAXES PAYABLE IN:** 2020

The Board of Equalization for Pend Oreille County Washington was duly convened on September 26, 2019, and hereby orders the property listed above be placed on the Assessment Roll for Pend Oreille County Washington as follows:

**ASSESSED VALUE:**

**BOE VALUE:**

Land	\$ 207,750
Improvements	\$ _____
<b>ASSESSED VALUE</b>	<b>\$ 207,750</b>

Land	\$ 207,750
Improvements	\$ _____
<b>BOE VALUE</b>	<b>\$ 207,750</b>

**Date of Hearing:** September 26, 2019

**Hearing Location:** Board of Commissioners Meeting Room  
625 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Newport, WA 99156

**Attendees:**

Board of Equalization Members:  
Robert Sanborn, Chair  
Margie Fedderly  
Carl Jackson

**Appellant:** Mark Allen Sprecher

**Assessor:** None

FACTS AND FINDINGS

76.9 acres

Appellant estimated value at:

Land \$ 164,490

**REQUESTED VALUE \$ 164,490**

Appellant states, "Property is actively listed at \$2,868/acre and there has not been 1 showing in 5-6 months. Not one phone call. Price reduction to \$2,538/acre and still not one call or showing. Most recent comparable I can find is 100 acres at \$2,450/acre. This property has 700k board feet of timber and 2,100' of water frontage. My parcel had no marketable timber and no water frontage. My parcel should be valued less than this. I don't see how the fair market value increased from previous year based on this sale."

Lead Appraiser Nathan Longly's response states, "Mr. Sprecher is correct that the per acre value is more than what he has the petitioned parcel listed for. However, the information that was omitted in the petition is the subject parcel is listed for sale **with 2 other parcels for that price per acre (\$2538/acre)**...The Petitioner provided one sale as his basis of value. He stated that the sale price of this comparable sale is \$245,000 (\$2450/acre) for the 100 acres that were included in this sale. According to WAC 458-07-030 (1), a true and fair market transaction does not allow any obligation of any party for the transaction. The comparable sale that was given by the Petitioner provided obligation on the seller's part as it was **transferred based on a bankruptcy order**, not as part of a true and fair market transaction. As such, this sale cannot be viewed as an arm's length transaction, usable as a comparison for the petitioners parcel...I spoke with Mr. Sprecher on 8/8/2019 regarding the value of his property at which point it was listed for \$2839/acre...which was more than the total assessed value. Based on the listing history in the listing provided by this response packet, it appears the next day (8/9/2019), the value was reduced to what it is currently listed at.

DECISION

The Board, after carefully reviewing the information provided by the appellant and the information provided by the Assessor concludes that the appellant has not made an argument sufficiently clear, cogent and convincing to overcome the assessor's presumption of correctness.

Market value of the subject property is sustained at \$207,750 as of January 1, 2020.

**This order is submitted into the record of the Pend Oreille County Board of Equalization.**

Mailed on: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Robert Sanborn, Chair  
Pend Oreille County Board of Equalization

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cc: Assessor, Petitioner, BOE file