

**Order of the Thurston County  
Board of Equalization**

Property Owner: RYAN GORDON

Parcel Number(s): 11507330100, 11507330200, 11507330300, and 11507340100

Assessment Year: 2020

Petition Number: 20-0493 through 20-0496

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

☒ sustains      ☐ overrules      the determination of the assessor.

**Assessor's Determination**

☒ Deny application for Current Use

**BOE Determination**

☒ Deny application for Current Use

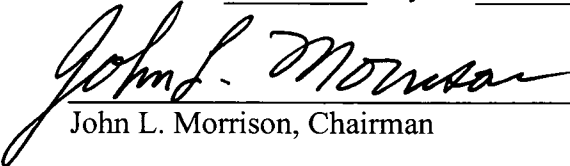
This decision is based on our finding that: The Board sustains the Assessor's decision to deny application for the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program based on the testimony and evidence presented.

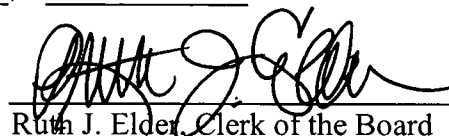
Petitioner Ryan Gordon participated in the teleconference hearing. Mr. Gordon testified that: he purchased these four parcels in 2020; his application for the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program was denied; he grew hay, cleared land for fruit trees and a farmers' market growing area, and planted trees in the Spring of 2021; and he provided receipts with his application.

The Assessor was represented by Appraiser Analyst Sam Howe who provided a letter in Response to the Petitions. Mr. Howe explained that the Petitioner did not meet the qualifications for the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program for the 2020 assessment year, including proof of income. Mr. Howe recommended that the Petitioner consult with the Assessor's Office staff in preparing an application for future years.

The Board finds that the Assessor's decision regarding Current Use determinations is presumed to be correct and may only be overcome by the preponderance of the evidence. The Board finds that the Petitioner did not provide sufficient evidence to show that he qualified for the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program for the 2020 assessment year.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of, January, 2022

  
John L. Morrison, Chairman

  
Ruth J. Elder, Clerk of the Board

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