

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Ted Lovdahl SD3 Volunteer Committee (#16552);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Ted Lovdahl (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2006, the Ted Lovdahl SD3 Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") accepted aggregate contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in the amount of \$5,203.17 which exceeded the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$203.17. The excess contributions were not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated May 5, 2007, Ronald Niemala, treasurer, stated "I have identified the error and the error is in my reporting. I make physical copies of all checks received and all deposits made. In this particular case I 'mis-filed' the copy..."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on July 21, 2006.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in calendar year 2006 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 2.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$203.17 to party units that contributed to the committee in calendar year 2006. Copies of the check(s) and accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$203.17, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$203.17 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$203.17 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

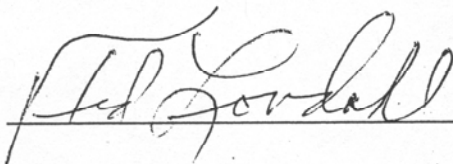
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$203.17 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$406.34 which is two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$609.51 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

(c) \$812.68, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received after 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

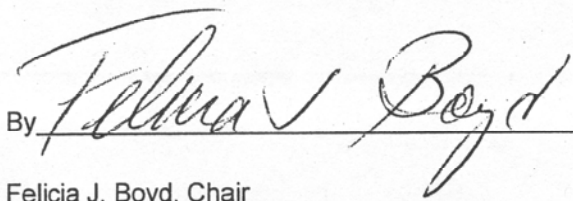
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11 and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Ted Lovdahl

Dated: 7-24-07

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Felicia J. Boyd, Chair

Dated: 7-30-07

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board