

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

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**September 1, 2015
Nokomis Room
Centennial Office Building**

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beck.

Members present: Beck, Leppik, Oliver, Rosen (arrived during Executive Director topics); Sande

Members absent: Flynn

Others present: Goldsmith, Sigurdson, Fisher, Pope, staff; Hartshorn, Campion, counsel

MINUTES (August 4, 2015)

After discussion, the following motion was made:

Member Oliver's motion: To approve the August 4, 2015, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously passed (Rosen absent).

CHAIR'S REPORT

Board meeting schedule

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOPICS

Status of office operations

Mr. Goldsmith reported that staff had been busy since the last meeting. Mr. Goldsmith specifically highlighted the resumption of compliance and software training classes and the preparation of special election materials in a very short time frame.

Website redevelopment

Mr. Goldsmith told members that the RFP for the website redevelopment had produced three credible responses. Staff used a formal review process to select Avallo, a Maple Grove company, for the project. Mr. Goldsmith said that he expected the contract with Avallo to be finalized and work to begin on the project within the week. The target completion date for the project is April 1, 2016. Mr.

Goldsmith stated that the goals for phase one of the redesign were to make the website more interactive, more user-friendly, and more accessible. Mr. Goldsmith said that the website would be designed to facilitate the possible addition of social media features in future phases.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

A. Consent Items

1. Confirmation of lobbyist terminations for principal MN Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG).

Mr. Fisher told members that this principal had informed Board staff that many of its lobbyists had not been involved with the organization for quite some time, ranging from one year to five years in some cases. Mr. Fisher said that the principal had provided the Board with the following termination dates, which Board staff used to terminate the lobbyists.

Sarah Casper	5/16/2014
Annamaria Cioffi	5/31/2010
Joanna Dobson	5/31/2013
Joseph Eggers	5/31/2010
Erin Hocking	5/31/2014
Dakotah Johnson	6/15/2013
Jamison Tessneer	8/15/2012
Joshua Winters	5/16/2014

Mr. Fisher asked the Board to confirm these lobbyist terminations.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

Member Leppik's motion:

To confirm the listed lobbyist terminations for principal MN Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG).

Vote on motion:

Unanimously passed.

Informational Items

A. Payment of late filing fees for Lobbyist Disbursement Reports:

Scott Hedderich, Renewable Energy Group, \$50

B. Payment of a late filing fee for 2010 Year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures:

Friends of Jeremiah Ellis, \$500

C. Payment of a civil penalty for misuse of committee funds:

Tim Manthey, \$100

D. Payment of a civil penalty for exceeding the aggregate special source contribution limit:

Clausen (Greg) for Senate, \$62.50
Jeff Hayden for Senate, \$157
Senator Stumpf (LeRoy) Re-election Committee, \$218.75

E. Payment of a civil penalty for a contribution from an unregistered association without disclosure:

Scoles Equipment Inc, \$25
Vote Jefferson Fietek, \$25

F. Deposit to the General Fund, State Elections Campaign Fund:

Jennifer Berquam Volunteer Committee, \$3,722.42 (termination gift to state)
14th Senate District RPM, \$1,274 forwarding contribution

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Hartshorn presented members with a written report that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

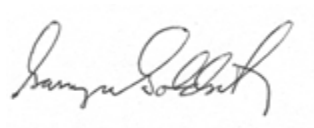
The Chair recessed the regular session of the meeting and called to order the executive session. Upon completion of the executive session, the Chair reported the following into regular session:

The Chair reports that in executive session the Board received advice from legal counsel in the matter of *Seaton v. Wiener*. The Board discussed litigation strategy related to attorney's fees in the matter. The claim for attorney's fees is \$139,192.50 and the claim for costs is \$2,436.55. The Board voted to recommend settlement of the claims for \$100,000 in attorney's fees and the full amount of costs.

The Chair directs the Executive Director to submit this recommendation to the Governor and the Legislative Advisory Commission and to work to secure its acceptance.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.



Gary Goldsmith
Executive Director

Attachment:
Legal counsel report

