

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

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Coalition for Democratic Values Committee (#40898):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and the Coalition for Democratic Values Committee hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2009 the contribution limit from a political committee to a Governor candidate is \$500 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(1). On January 4, 2009 the Coalition for Democratic Values Committee (the "Committee") made a contribution of \$1,000 to the Becky Lourey for Governor Committee. The contribution exceeded by \$500 the applicable limit. The excess contribution was disclosed when the Committee supplied bank records to the Board to resolve an issue outside the scope of this Conciliation Agreement. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days by the Becky Lourey for Governor Committee, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated September 19, 2009, William Hansen, treasurer, acknowledged making the contribution and stated there was no intention to violate the rules.

3. Board records show that this is the first violation for the Coalition for Democratic Values Committee of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c), which prohibits a political committee from making an excess contribution to a principal campaign committee.

4. The parties agree that the Coalition for Democratic Values Committee made a facially excessive contribution to the aforementioned principal campaign committee in calendar year 2009, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c). The parties recognize that the subject contribution was excessive on its face.

5. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1000.00, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

6. William Hansen, treasurer, hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$1,000 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within thirty days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that the payment of the civil penalty of \$1,000 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

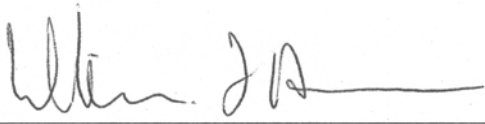
7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$1,000 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then William Hansen will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$1,500 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;


(b) \$2,000 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received after 60 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

8. It is further understood that if the civil penalty is not paid as agreed, within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by William Hansen and the Board Chair. Once signed, the Agreement 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.

  
Dated: 10/24/09  
William Hansen, Coalition for Democratic Values Committee

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
Dated: 12-02-09  
A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board