

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Volunteers for (Scott) Dibble Committee (#15667);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Scott Dibble (hereinafter referred to as “the Candidate”) hereby agree as follows:

1. The Volunteers for (Scott) Dibble Committee (“the Committee”) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Scott Dibble. In response to a reconciliation audit of the 2010 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, Jill Schwimmer, treasurer, filed an amended report disclosing \$13,150 in contributions from special sources. These sources include large givers from whom the Committee accepted \$1,150, registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$4,150, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$7,850. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$250 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate was \$12,900. The \$250 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated June 3, 2011, Ms. Schwimmer describes how the contribution that caused the Committee to exceed the special source contribution limit was entered into the Campaign Finance Reporter software used to create file reports with the Board. "This contribution was inadvertently omitted from the report filed in January. ...I had actually included this PAC on the list of contributors but recorded a contribution of \$0. This was obviously a data entry error..."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on April 8, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2010.

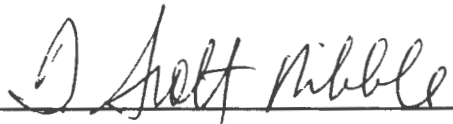
5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return to contributors described in paragraph 1 a sufficient amount to bring the Committee into compliance. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$250, 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 Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$250 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$250 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

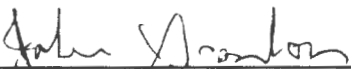
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$250 within the time specified in paragraph 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate 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: 7/10/11

Senator Scott Dibble

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: June 30, 2011

John Scarlion, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board