

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Laborers District Council of Minn & ND Pol Fund (40712);

1. A routine reconciliation review of the Laborers District Council of Minn & ND Pol Fund's (the Fund's) 2014 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures revealed that, on July 1, 2014, the Fund made a \$246.91 approved expenditure on behalf of the Laurie Warner for House 32B committee (the Committee), the principal campaign committee of Laurie Warner. This contribution resulted in the Committee accepting more money than it was permitted from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and unregistered associations during the 2013-2014 election segment.
2. In a letter to the Board dated June 5, 2015, the Committee's treasurer stated that the Fund failed to inform the Committee of the approved expenditure for a fundraiser that was held for the Candidate. The Fund informed the Board, in letters dated April 15, 2015, and June 11, 2015, that it did not receive written authorization for the approved expenditure and that it did not provide the Committee with a record of the approved expenditure.
3. The parties agree that the Fund made an approved expenditure without receiving written authorization from the principal campaign committee's treasurer in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.17, subdivision 2, during the 2013-2014 election segment.
4. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Fund agrees that it will ensure that the Fund receives written authorization from a principal campaign committee's treasurer that specifically details the amount that may be spent and the purpose of each future approved expenditure.
5. The Fund agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$226.91 against the Fund for making an approved expenditure without receiving written authorization as prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.17, subdivision 2. \$56.73 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$170.18 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Fund violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.17, subdivision 2 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Fund does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.17, subdivision 2 within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.
6. If the Fund does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Russell Hess
Russell Hess
Laborer's District Council of MN & ND Pol Fund

Dated: July 9, 2015

/s/ Gary Goldsmith
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 6, 2015

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of July 6, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board