

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Friends for Kirk Stensrud Committee (#17069);

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

1. The Friends for Kirk Stensrud Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Kirk Stensrud. On January 11, 2013, the Candidate entered into a conciliation agreement to remedy a violation resulting from accepting excess contributions from a party unit and a terminating principal campaign committee totaling \$5,500. The 2012 party unit limit for a state representative was \$5,000. To meet the requirements of the conciliation agreement the Committee paid a \$500 civil penalty and forwarded \$500 to the Board for deposit into the State Elections Campaign Fund.

2. During a routine Board reconciliation audit of the 2012 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, an additional \$150 contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee to the Committee was discovered. The additional contribution increased the total amount of contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees accepted by the

Committee in 2012 to \$5,650. The excess amount was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated July 3, 2013, Paul Hocker, treasurer, states, "Our records show receiving a personal check from someone named Kirstin Beach." Ms. Beach responded to the reconciliation audit and stated that she could not find the campaign checkbook and had the bank print counter checks. She further states the checks did not have the name of the campaign on them.

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 and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 17, 2010.

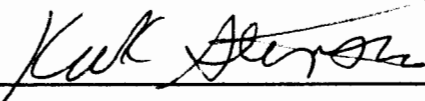
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted contributions from political party units and terminating principal campaign committees in calendar year 2012 that cumulatively result in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Because the principal campaign committee that contributed \$150 to the Committee has terminated, the Committee is directed to forward the excess amount of \$150 to the Board for deposit into the State Elections Fund as provided by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9(b). The excess contribution must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties.

5. The Board imposes no additional civil penalty for the acceptance of \$150 from a terminating principal campaign committee because the contribution appeared to be from an individual.

6. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$150 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 forwarding the \$150 excess contribution to the Board, and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

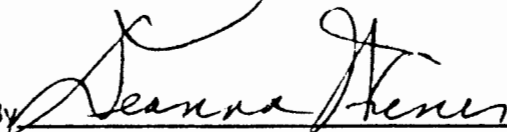
7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to forward the \$150 excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 4 and 6 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

8. 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: 11-23-13

Kirk Stensrud

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board


By _____ Dated: November 5, 2013

Deanna Wiener, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board