

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Steve Cwodzinski for State Senate (17990);

1. The Steve Cwodzinski for State Senate committee is the principal campaign committee of Steve Cwodzinski (the candidate). On its amended year-end report of receipts and expenditures, the committee reported accepting \$10,900 in contributions from political party units and terminating candidate committees in 2016. This amount exceeded the \$10,000 limit on contributions from these sources for the 2015-2016 election cycle segment by \$900. The \$900 that exceeded the limit was not returned within 90 days and was therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. During the routine reconciliation audit of the 2016 year-end reports, Board staff discovered that the Cwodzinski committee had not reported a \$900 in-kind contribution from a party unit. In discussions with Board staff, the committee explained that the violation had occurred because it had not recorded the value of access to a voter file at the time of receipt. After receiving notice of the violation from the Board, the committee returned \$900 to a local political party unit.
3. Board records indicate that this is the first instance in which the committee reported the acceptance of contributions that exceeded the political party unit and terminating candidate committee limit. The committee registered with the Board on March 28, 2016.
4. The parties agree that the committee accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating candidate committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2015-2016 election segment.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Steve Cwodzinski for State Senate committee agrees that in the future it will record all in-kind contributions at the time of receipt.
6. The candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$900 against the candidate for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Of this penalty, \$225 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties and the remaining \$675 is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2019, for this violation. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2019, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately and the Board may impose such other penalties as may be appropriate. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If the candidate or the committee 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/ Steve Cwodzinski Dated: October 10, 2017
Steve Cwodzinski
Steve Cwodzinski for State Senate

/s/Daniel N. Rosen Dated: October 4, 2017
Daniel N. Rosen, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board