

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Pam Wolf for Senate Committee (#16250);

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

1. The Pam Wolf for Senate Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Pam Wolf. The 2011 nonelection year contribution limit from an individual to a state senate candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(3). During 2011, the Committee reported accepting a facially excessive contribution from an individual in the amount of \$166. The contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit by \$66. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. The treasurer of the Committee, Joyce Spencer, voluntarily notified Board staff by phone in December of 2011 that the Committee accidentally accepted a check from an individual attending a golf fundraiser that exceeded the contribution limit. The Committee and Ms. Spencer were aware of the nonelection year contribution limit and took measures to ensure the Committee would be in

compliance while collecting the donations. However, during the course of the fundraiser one excess contribution was accepted.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on April 18, 2005.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from an individual resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(3), in calendar year 2011.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$66 to the individual who made the excess contribution. A copy of the check used to return 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 Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$132, 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.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$132 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 \$132, providing a copy of

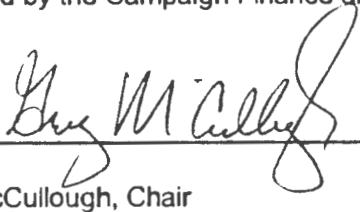
the check used to return the excess contribution, and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$132 or to provide a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution within the time period specified in paragraphs 5 and 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. Minn. Stat. §§ 10A.02, subd. 11; 10A.28, subd. 3.


_____ Dated: 5/7/12
Senator Pam Wolf

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  _____ Dated: May 1, 2012
Greg McCullough, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board