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<b>BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE</b>	1	I N D E X	
AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD	2	WITNESS	PAGE
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA	3	FRED MEYER	4
	4	Examination by Mr. Sigurdson	4
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In the Matter of the Republican	б	EXHIBITS:	
Party of Minnesota	7	1 Minutes of the 2/17/11 Meeting	4
	8	2 Minutes of the 9/9/11 Meeting	4
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	10	4 Minutes of the 4/24/12 Meeting	4
Statement of FRED MEYER, taken in the	11		
above-entitled matter, pursuant to Notice, before	12		
Angie D. Threlkeld, court reporter and notary	13		
public, at 658 Cedar Street, Third Floor, St. Paul,	14		
Minnesota, on the 12th day of June, 2012, commencing			
at approximately 2:15 p.m.	16 17		
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1 APPEARANCES:	1	(Exhibits 1 through 4 marked.)	
2 GARY GOLDSMITH, Executive Director, and	2	FRED MEYER,	
3 JEFFREY SIGURDSON, Assistant Executive Director, and	3	after having been first duly sworn, v	vas
4 Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure	4	examined and testified on his oath as foll	
5 Board, Centennial Office Building, Suite 190,	5	EXAMINATION	0.1151
6 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1603,	6	BY MR. SIGURDSON:	
7 appeared for and on behalf of the Minnesota Campaign	7	Q Sir, would you please state your name a	nd address
8 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	8	for the record?	
9	9	A Fred E. Meyer, 2177 Rosewood Lane N	orth, Roseville
10	10	Minnesota 55113.	
11	11	Q Thank you. And I do appreciate you co	-
12	12	take this time to talk to us today. And I a	
13	13	apologize that we're starting a little bit la	
14	14	here, but we shouldn't take too long to ge	t through
15	15	the material.	
16	16	I understand, Mr. Meyer, that you	
17	17	currently a member of or a board of the	
18 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were	18	of Count Them All Properly, Incorporate	d; is that
19 duly had and entered of record, to wit:	19	correct?	
20	20	A Yes.	
21	21	Q Just for shorthand, I tend to refer to that	as CTAP,
22	22	SO	
23	23	A Fine.	
24 25	24 25	Q How would you describe the purpose of A The purpose was to raise money and fur	
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1	of the last gubernatorial election.	1	Q Okay. On that first meeting on February 17th,
2	Q Okay. And how did you become a member of the board	2	towards the bottom, I think it's the third line from
3	A I was invited.	3	the bottom, one of the items on the that was
4	Q And who invited you to join?	4	discussed was, Take recommendations from the RPM,
5	A Dan Puhl.	5	and then in parenthesis, Tony Sutton, on what to pay
6	Q Okay. And you knew Mr. Puhl before he invited	6	with the cash on hand.
7	you	7	What was the relationship or what was the
8	A Yes.	8	communication let me rephrase that. How was Tony
9	Q to be a member of the board? Had you known	9	Sutton being communicated with in terms of
10	Mr. Puhl for quite a while or	10	recommendations on who would be paid?
11	A Couple years.	11	A I have no idea.
12	Q Okay. How did he explain to you the what CTAP	12	Q Okay.
13	was going to be or why he needed to have board	13	A As far as I know, he never communicated with us and
14	members for the organization?	14	we never communicated with him. I've never seen
15	A Because it was a corporation.	15	anything involving any communication between CTAP
16	Q Okay. Okay. And prior to Mr. Puhl contacting you,	16	and Tony Sutton.
17	had you heard of any organization other than the	17	Q Okay. So you don't recall who made that suggestion
18	Republican Party of Minnesota paying for the cost of	18	at the meeting, then, or the context of it?
19 20	the recount?	19	A No.
20	A No.	20	Q Was there any contact with anyone other than Tony
21 22	Q Okay. I have had the court reporter mark Exhibits 1 through 4. These are copies of the minutes of the	21 22	Sutton with any member of the Republican Party that
23	four meetings that we're aware of of CTAP. I	22	you're aware of? A To the best of my knowledge, no.
23 24	provided them, one, because I do have a couple of	23 24	Q Okay. Was there any discussion led by either
25	specific questions, items listed on the minutes; but	25	Mr. Puhl or by any other members of CTAP or board
23	Page 6		Page 8
1	also, secondly, just in general to help you prod	1	members of CTAP on how the organization came to
2	your memory. I do realize that these were more than	2	exist, whose idea it was, just the background of the
3	a few months ago.	3	organization?
4	But on the first meeting, which is dated	4	A Other than what I've told you, no, I don't have
5	February 17th, 2011, at the Meritage Restaurant,	5	any
6	subsequent minutes list the membership who was	6	Q So Dan Puhl didn't, you know, explain where the idea
7	there, but you're not listed on this one. Were you	7	came from; he just said that there was just a
8	at that meeting, do you recall?	8	corporation and we'd like you to join?
9	A As far as I know, I was. And I don't remember Mary	9	A Well, no, I mean, the purpose of the corporation was
10	Hible.	10	to facilitate the recount.
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2	Can you kind of tell me about that	2		different amounts
3	statement, what that discussion was?	3	Α	Right.
4	A Pretty self-explanatory. We wanted Tom Emmer to	4	Q	which I'm assuming are the amounts that CTAP
5	come and talk to us about what was going on.	5		recognizes
б	Q Okay. Is it is it reading too much into that	6	Α	Right.
7	statement to say that there hadn't been any	7	Q	as bills from those attorneys, with a total debt
8	communication with Tom Emmer prior to the meeting?	8		of \$558,712
9	A To the best of my knowledge, there had been no	9	А	Right.
10	communication prior to that with Tom.	10	Q	35 cents. Where did the information about how
11	Q So the debt that the recount that CTAP was taking	11		much those attorneys were owed, where did that
12	over, from the members board members'	12		information come from?
13	perspective, was coming from the Republican Party	13	Α	I would assume they submitted bills to that extent.
14	and not from Tom Emmer; is that accurate?	14	Q	
15	A Restate that.	15	А	
16	Q Yeah, I'm sorry, that was a long question. The debt	16	Q	
17	that the purpose of CTAP, you stated, was to	17		in front of the board, was that being done by
18	repay for the cost of the recount. Was that a cost	18		Ms. Igo or Mr. Puhl or
19	that was coming from the Republican Party? Who	19	Α	In terms of who brought the information, I'm not
20	initially incurred the debt for conducting the	20		sure. It could have been Tom. I don't know.
21	recount?	21	Q	-
22	A I'm assuming whoever asked for the recount, which	22	Α	But obviously the bills had been submitted to the
23	would have been the candidate.	23		corporation, and we the board was made aware of
24	Q Okay.	24	~	what those debts were.
25	A If that answers your question.	25	Q	Okay. And right below that it says, Have paid
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2	says, Possible guarantees the chairman, Tony Sutton,	2	A Okay.
3	made. Is this in reference to the lawyer bills, do	3	Q Has this been the last meeting? The April 24th,
4	you know, do you recall?	4	2012, was this the last meeting?
5	A I believe if you'll check back, this was after	5	A This year, yes.
б	Tony's resignation from the party. And that	6	Q Okay. From your perspective, what is the future of
7	statement reflected things that were in the paper.	7	CSTAP CSTAP try again. Is CTAP still an
8	Q Okay.	8	entity that's trying to raise funds for the recount
9	A It had nothing to do with CTAP.	9	expenses?
10	Q Okay. I've probably drilled this point to death,	10	A To the best of my knowledge, we have made no effor
11	but I guess I want to make sure I'm very clear on	11	to raise additional funds.
12	it. Chairman Sutton, either prior to or after	12	Q Let me look at my notes for a second and see if I
13	leaving his role as chairman of the Republican	13	forgot to ask a question.
14	Party, he didn't have any communication with you	14	A But a corporation can exist without doing anything.
15	about CTAP in any way?	15	It can just exist.
16	A Me personally?	16	Q Do you recall and this is in reference to
17	Q Correct.	17	possible ways to raise funds for the recount if
18	A I don't think I've talked to Tony Sutton in five	18	there was a discussion at any of the meetings about
19	years.	19	approaching organizations like the Midwest
20	Q Okay. Thank you. Right below that reference I made	20	Leadership Conference to help pay for the cost of
21	on February 10th, 2012, there's a line that says, No	21	the recount?
22	jurisdiction over nonfederal debt, post-election	22	A To the best of my knowledge, that discussion I
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