STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the Matter of the Campaign Fund for John Bacon (Registration No. 17449);

- 1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Campaign Fund for John Bacon's 2014 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a noncampaign disbursement which, as reported, constitutes a violation of the Minnesota Statutes.
- 2. The Campaign Fund for John Bacon (the Committee) reported that, on September 12, 2014, it made a noncampaign disbursement of \$262.83 to Russell Boe. The stated purpose of this disbursement was "donation to city council candidate's campaign."
- 3. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9(d) prohibits a principal campaign committee from making contributions to a candidate for office in a political subdivision, or in other words, a local candidate.
- 4. In a telephone conversation with Board staff, the Committee's treasurer stated that the Committee's bank account had been closed and that the Committee desired to terminate. As the Committee could not accept a return of the contribution from the local candidate, Russell Boe, Mr. Boe instead wrote a check for \$262.83 to the State of Minnesota. In addition, the treasurer forwarded \$8.17, the Committee's remaining funds, to the State of Minnesota.
- 5. The parties agree that the Committee violated the statutory prohibition on contributions to local candidates. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Committee agrees that it will terminate within 30 days of the date of this agreement.
- 6. If 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/ John Bacon	Dated: 5/12/2015	
John Bacon		
Campaign Fund for John Bacon		
/s/ Gary Goldsmith	Dated: 5/5/2015	
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director		
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board		
Agreement approved by Board at meeting of _	<u>5/5</u>	, 2015
/s/ George A. Beck		
George A. Beck, Chair		
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Roa	rd	