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City, state, zip	100.3		Daytime telephone no. 952-240-6066
	Identify person/entity you	ı are complai	ning about
Name of person/entity being complain	ed about Michael "Mitre	" Moore/	Ed Lavelle (Rag. # 18016)
Address	118 Johnson Ave		
City, state, zip	Fosston MN 56	542	
Title of respondent (if applicable)	andidate/Treasurer	Committ	ee to Elect Mika Moone
Board/Department/Agency/District # (i	flegislator) House Distr	r .	
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Signature of person filing	complaint	Dat	te
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FAX

<u>To</u>: Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board 190 Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1603

FAX #: (651) 539-1196

Phone #: 651) 539-1180

From: Erwin "Erv" Rud 33261 US Highway 2 SE Fosston, MN 56542

FAX #: None, unless prearranged

Phone #: 952-240-6066

Re: Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

Board Members-

In attempt to expedite scheduling this for a CFPDB Hearing before the August 9th Primary Election, I am faxing my complaint with all attached documents and Exhibits.

I will attempt to also mail these by USPS today.

Thank you.

-Erwin "Erv" Rud

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Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board Suite 190, Centennial Building 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155 CAMPAIGN FINANCE & PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOM 27, 2016

Erwin "Erv" Rud 33261 US Highway 2 SE Fosston, MN 56542

Re: Complaint For Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

Dear Board Members;

Attached, please find my Complaint For Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act together with Exhibits 1-11. Please find some exhibits have more than one page differentiated with a small alphabetic letter indicating its place in that Exhibit.

I am copying in Greg Widseth, Polk County Attorney, should he wish to pursue this matter further after the Board has made its decisions.

Thank you very much for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Erwin "Erv" Rud

952-240-6066

Cc: Greg Widseth, Polk County Attorney

the Board's website at www.cfboard@state.mn.us.

Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated. Chapter 10A,015, Chapter 10A,025, Chapter 211B, 15, Subcl. 2; Chapter 211B,09, and Chapter 211B,05, Subcl. 1, Subcl. 4

You will find the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions, or other evidence to support your allegations.
See attached Complaint and Exhibits

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.02, subdivision 11, paragraph (a), describes the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website.

Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed.

The Board has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint is sufficient to allege a prima facie violation of the campaign finance taws. If the Board determines that the complaint does allege a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you when the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board will start an investigation. The Board will send you monthly updates regarding the status of the investigation. At the end of the investigation, the Board will offer you and the respondent the opportunity to be heard before the Board makes a final decision.

In most cases, the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. For a spending or contribution limits violation, the Board can enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent instead of issuing findings, conclusions, and an order. The Board's final decision will be sent to you and posted on the Board's website.

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT JUL 27 PM 3:55

- 1. I, Erwin "Erv" Rud, am a primary election challenger in House District 01B. My Campaign OARD Finance and Public Disclosure Board (CFPDB) registration is # 17939. I live at 33261 US Highway 2 SE, Fosston, Minnesota 56542, Polk County, 9th Judicial District, Minnesota House District 01B.
- 2. I am making this complaint for violations of the Campaign Finance And Public Disclosure Act relating to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211B.15 prohibiting corporate political contributions; Chapter 211B.04 requiring disclaimers on all campaign literature; Chapter 211B.05 paid advertisements in news requiring same rates accept as clearly identified as an editorial opinion; Chapter 10A.01 providing definition clarifications; and Chapter 10A.025 regarding filing requirements.
- 3. My CFPDB Complaints are first against Michael "Mike" Moore who is the endorsed DFL House candidate of District 1B (CFPDB registration # 18016). The address of his "Committee to Elect Mike Moore" is 118 Johnson Ave N, Fosston, MN 56542 (Exhibit 1). Moore is a candidate for the legislature as defined by Chapter 10A.01, Subd. 10.
- 4. My CFPDB Complaints are also against Ed Lavelle, "Treasurer" of Moore's "Committee to Elect Mike Moore". His address is also listed at 118 Johnson Ave N, Fosston, MN 56542 as "Treasurer" (Exhibit 1).
- 5. Mike Moore lists Sources of Compensation in his Economic Interest Statement (EIS) as "Owner" of three (3) businesses, one of which is "The Thirteen Towns" but does not reveal that it is a corporation. In the next section titled Business and Professional Activities, Moore lists himself as an "Employee" in the "Information (publishing industries except internet)" category. In the Real Estate portion of his EIS, Moore reports ownership at "118 Johnson Ave N Fosston" (Exhibit 2).
- 6. In a not easily found "inactive" file # 10U-449 due to failure by Mike Moore to file the required annual reports with the Minnesota Secretary Of State, the Minnesota Business Name of "The Thirteen Towns" is listed as "The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc" with "Business Type" as

"Business Corporation (Domestic)". Further, the "Principal Executive Office Address" is "118 Johnson Ave N, Fosston, MN 56542 USA" (Exhibit 3).

- 7. The address of Moore's "Committee to Elect Mike Moore" is 118 Johnson Ave N, Fosston, MN 56542 as the very same corporate address of "The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc.
- 8. This mixing of a corporate business with a candidate's campaign committee, both as to time and place with no clear accounting of any reimbursement to that corporation, is a clear violation of Chapter 211B.15, Subd. 2. that prohibits any kind of contribution, as defined by Chapter 10A.01, Subd. 11., from a corporation in support of a candidate for State elective office.
- 9. Ed Lavelle is listed on the Masthead inside the front page of The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc as the "Editor" (Exhibit 4). He is also the "treasurer" for the "Committee to elect Mike Moore" (Exhibit 1) with the same committee address as The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc (Exhibit 3).
- 10. This mixing of a corporate employees, both Mike Moore as an "employee" listed in his EIS (Exhibit 2) and Ed Lavelle listed as both "Editor" and then also as "treasurer" with no clear accounting for reimbursement to that corporation as to pay for time as place with their "Committee to elect Mike Moore" work is also a clear violation of Chapter 211B.15, Subd. 2. as defined by Chapter 10A.01, Subd. 11.
- 11. In Mike Moore's Campaign Finance Report filed with the CFPDB, no "contributions" or "receipts" of any kind are listed as received from The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc. There are no "disbursements" or "loans payable" to that corporation for office rent or employee time at that corporate/campaign committee address. These transactions are all hidden (Exhibit 5).
- 12. The "Committee to Elect Mike Moore" also does not report any "Expenditures" for its web site (http://mikemooremn.org/), campaign signs, yard signs or campaign materials (Exhibit 6). Yet this web site and these campaign signs, yard signs and campaign materials have existed for some time, with one posted in the front window of The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc. since mid-June 2016. The "Expenditures" for the web site and these campaign materials should have been reported to the CFPDB as required by Chapter 10A.025. This required information was due in the CFPDB Pre-Primary Report of Receipts and Expenditures on July 25th, 2016.

- 13. Mike Moore's campaign signs, yard signs and campaign materials seen by most people does not have the required "Prepared and paid for by the Committee To Elect Mike Moore, 118 Johnson Ave N, Fosston MN 56542" disclaimer (Exhibit 6). This is a clear violation of Chapter 211B.04 and hides from the general public and CFPDB the fact that their campaign headquarters is located inside the offices of a corporation, The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc.
- 14. I submitted a Letter to The Editor of The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc. that had been published in many area papers giving my response to news stories regarding a threat to my status in the DFL party because of my primary challenge against Moore (Exhibit 7). Many other area papers published my response under Chapter 211B.05, Subd. 4 regarding unpaid material identification influencing voting if that published material is clearly identified as an editorial opinion. My "Dear Editor" heading clearly indicated that editorial opinion in all cases.
- 15. Through a series of emails with Ed Lavelle, "Editor", "Treasurer" and Mike Moore, "Candidate", "Owner", "Employee", of both The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc. and the "Committee to Elect Mike Moore" and I was told,

"If a letter advocates either voting for a specific candidate, or voting against a specific candidate, I consider it political advertising. The value of press releases are decided on a case-by-case basis.

The cost of an ad depends on the size (see the rate guide I sent you for specific prices)" (Exhibit 8) (Exhibit 9).

- 16. Ed Lavelle and Mike Moore openly disregard the point made in my letter that a larger-than-quarter-page size column published by Moore in The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc called "Reflections" written by his paid columnist, Dick Roue, regularly advocates voting for or against a specific candidate (Exhibit 4). Ed Lavelle and Mike Moore openly disregard the 2' X 4' sign in the front window of The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc hanging there since mid-June (Exhibit 6).
- 17. In order to get my voice heard by a key bloc of voters in my home town, I paid \$91.50 to have my updated and revised letter published in The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc (Exhibit 10). This charge to my campaign is a violation of Chapter 211B.05, Subd. 2 that states, "Rates charged for advertising to support or oppose a candidate or ballot question must be the same as the

charges made for any other political candidate and may be no greater than charges made for any other comparable purpose or use according to the seller's rate schedule." Neither Roue's columns nor Moore's campaign sign in the front window are admitted by Moore or Lavelle as "comparable purposes" in their strategy to censure and suppress my candidacy in The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc.

- 18. My letter was published with the title "The Thirteen Towns will no longer publish my letters without a charge" on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 (Exhibit 11). At the bottom of the letter is "Paid" Advertisement". If Mike Moore and Ed Lavelle have knowledge of that requirement for what they decide is a "political advertisement" under Chapter 211B.05, Subd. 1, then they also demonstrate awareness other more generally known laws. Certainly, a candidate and a campaign committee "treasurer" would need to know the CFPDB "Candidate Handbook" regarding campaigning and campaign finance reporting.
- 19. Deliberately disregarding these laws should not be tolerated when others, such as I, are diligently attempting to follow Minnesota laws as described in the "CFPDF Handbook".
- 20. I have no further statements at this time.

I AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE

BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.

Erwin "Erv" Rud 07/27/2016

NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA

Principal Campaign Committee Registration Information

Exhibit 1

Principal Campaign Committee Registration Information Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Michael "Mike" Moore

Address: 118 Johnson Ave N

Fosston, MN 56542

Telephone: (218)779-7858

Email: mooremichael785@gmail.com

Public Subsidy: Yes

Registration Number: 18016

Registration Date: 4/21/2016

Office: House District 1B

Party: DFL

Web Address: mikemooremn.org

Aff.of Contribution: Yes

Committee Information

Committee Name: Committee to Elect

Mike Moore

Address: 118 Johnson Ave N

Fosston, MN 56542

Daytime Phone: (218)778-7858

Chair: Myrna Moore

Address: 34643 E Trinity Pt Rd

SE

Mentor, MN 56736

Daytime Phone: (218)687-3637

Email: mmoore@gvtel.com

Treasurer Name: Ed Lavelle

Address: 118 Johnson Ave N

Fosston, MN 56542

Daytime Phone: (218)435-1313

Email:

Depository(ies) American Federal

Information:

209 Johnson Ave N Fosston, MN 56542 Dpty Treas(if any):

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Statement of Economic Interest for Public Officials

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Exhibit 2 -a

Public Offical Information House of Representatives

Name:

Moore, Michael (Mike)

Occupation:

Publisher/Consultant

Business

118 Johnson Ave N

Address:

Fosston, MN 56542

Employer

Name:

Self-employed

Appointment

Date:

Sources of Compensation

Applicable categories

Name of Source Director Officer Owner Member Partner Employee Employee Honorarium

Economic

Development

X

Consulting

Kittson County

X

Enterprise

The Thirteen Towns

X

Business and Professional Activities

Applicable categories

Business or Professional Activity Category	Employee	Contractor
Information (publishing industries except internet)	X	
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services (Other)	X	

Securities

None Reported

Real Property

County	Address and Municipality or Section, Township and Range		Own	Mortgage	Contract for deed	to buy,	option to buy, Acreage \$50,000
Polk	118 Johnson Ave N	Fosston	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Kittson	118 2nd St S	Hallock	Yes	No	No	No	No

Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing Interests

None Reported

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Statement of Economic Interest for Public Officials

Exhibit	2-6
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	Agency Index
	Public Official Index
Campaign Fin	ance Home Page

Exhibit 3-a

Business Record Details »

Minnesota Business Name

The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc.

Business Type

Business Corporation (Domestic)

File Number

10U-449

Filing Date

08/17/1999

Renewal Due Date

12/31/2014

Number of Shares

1,000

Chief Executive Officer

Dick Richards 118 Johnson Ave N Fosston, MN 56542

USA

MN Statute

302A

Home Jurisdiction

Minnesota

Status

Inactive

Registered Office Address

118 Johnson Ave

Fosston, MN 56542

USA

Registered Agent(s)

Richard D Richards

Principal Executive Office Address

Effective Date

118 Johnson Ave N Fosston, MN 56542

USA

Filing History

Filing History

Select the item(s) you would like to order: Order Selected Copies

Filing Date Filing

08/17/1999

Original Filing - Business Corporation

(Domestic)

08/17/1999

Business Corporation (Domestic) Business

Name

Business Filing Details

Exhibit 3-6

Filing Date	Filing	Effective Date
04/22/2005	Registered Office and/or Agent - Business Corporation (Domestic)	
6/8/2015	Administrative Dissolution - Business Corporation (Domestic)	

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the name of equality.

E. Rud

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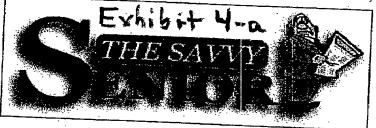
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How To Choose An ADULT DAY CARE SERVICE

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer any tips on finding and choosing a good adult day care service for an elderly parent? My 82-yearold mother, who is moving in with me, has Alzheimer's and needs attention during the day while I'm at work.

Looking for Help

Dear Looking,

Adult day care services can be a great option for caregivers who work, or for those who just need a break during the day. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you find and choose one.

Adult Day Services

The business of adult day care services has grown rapidly in recent years. According to the National Adult Day Services Association, there are around 5,700 programs operating in the United States today.

As the name implies, adult day care provides care for elderly seniors who cannot care for themselves at home. While services will vary from center to center, they typically provide personal care, meals and snacks, various activities and social interaction in a safe supportive environment. Additionally, many centers also provide health services such as medication management, various therapies, exercise and transportation to and from the facility.

Adult day care centers

during normal business hours five days a week. However, some centers may offer services in the evenings and on weekends, too.

Costs for care will vary as well, usually between \$25 to more than \$100 per day (the national average is \$65/day), depending on where you live.

Unfortunately, in most cases original Medicare (Part A and B) does not pay for adult day care, but some Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans, and many long-term care insurance policies do. But, most seniors or their families pay for care out-ofpocket.

If your mom is lower income and can't afford this, many states offer Medicaid waiver programs, and some have PACE programs that provide financial assistance. Contact your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) for more information. The VA even provides adult day care to eligible veterans enrolled in their Medical Benefits Package. See VA.gov/geriatrics to learn more.

How to Choose

Your first step in shopping for an adult day center is to determine the kinds of services your mother and you need. After you do that, here are some tips to help you. locate and choose a good provider.

Start by contacting your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 to get your generally operate programs local number) to get refer-

rals to adult day s programs in your area can also search online National Adult Day Se Association (NADSA) site at NADSA.org/lo or check your phone yellow pages under ". Day Care" or "Seniors vices."

Once you have a list few centers, call them to out their eligibility cri if they offer the types of vices your mother need they are accepting new ents, their hours of opera if they're licensed and/or istered with a state ago (this is not required in states) and what they char

After you identify a good centers, go in fo visit. Find out about the st ing ratio (at least one s member for every six part pants is recommended); what kind of training th have. While you're the notice the cleanness and sn of the facility. Is it homey a inviting? Does the staff se friendly and knowledgeab. Also be sure to taste the for and consider making an una nounced visit.

To help you rate your vis the NADSA offers a hel ful checklist of questions ask at NADSA.org - click ("Choosing a Center."

Then, after your visit, t sure to check their reference Get names and phone nun bers of at least two or thre families who have used th center you are considerin and call them.

Send your senior question, to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070 or visit SavvySenior.org. Jin Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book

Exhibit 4-6



Committee Transaction Summary COMMITTEE TO ELECT MIKE MOORE

1	Beginning cash balance 1/1/2016 (shou as the previous year ending cash balan		0.00		•	
A	Receipts		Cash		In-Kind	Total
2	Individual contributions	Sch. A1 - IND	5,820.00		0.00	5,820.00
3	Lobbyist contributions	Sch. A1 - LOB	500.00		0.00	500.00
4	Political committee and political fund contributions	Sch. A1 - PCF				
5	Political party & terminating principal campaign committee contributions	Sch. A1 - PTY/ TERM PCC	500.00		0,00	500.00
6	Other contributions	Sch. A1 - OTH				
7	Public Subsidy Payment	Sch. A1 - PS	***************************************			
8	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP				
9	Miscellaneous income	Sch. A2 - MISC				
10	Total Receipts	Sum #2 to #9	6,820.00		0.00	6,820.00
В	Disbursements		Cash	Unpaid Bills	In-Kind	Total
11	Campaign expenditures	Sch. B1 - CE				****
12	State ballot question expenditures (Not local referendums)	Sch. B1 - BQ				
13	Total Campaign Expenditures	Sum #11 to #12				<u>,</u>
14	Non-campaign disbursements	Sch. B1 - NCD				
15	Contributions to other principal campaign committees	Sch. B2 - PCC				
16	Contributions to political parties	Sch. B2 - PTY				
17	Contributions to political committees and political funds	Sch. B2 · PCF				
18	Other disbursements	Sch. B3				
19	Total Expenditures and Disbursements	#13 to #18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Ending cash balance on 7/18/2016	#1 + #10 - #19	6,820.00		a 1) mare the Empire of Philip may Company annual Commission	
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21B	Total outstanding balance of all loans in	curred during any ye	ar prior to the re	eporting year Sch. C	;	
21C	Total Outstanding balance of all loans			Sum #	/21A + #21B	
22A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during	the current year		Line 1	9	
22B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during	any year prior to the	reporting year	Sch. D)	
22 C	Total unpaid obligations			Sum #	22A + #22B	
23	Total debt of committee			Sum #	#21C + #22C	
		Certific	cation			
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Ed I	avelle				July 25, 201	6
	ature of Candidate, Treasurer, or Depu	ty Treasurer			Date	

Committee Transaction Summary

Any person who signs and certifies to be true a report or statement which the person knows contains false information, or who knowingly omits required information, is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Board of up to \$3,000 and is subject to criminal prosecution for a gross misdemeanor.

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Exhibit 6-B

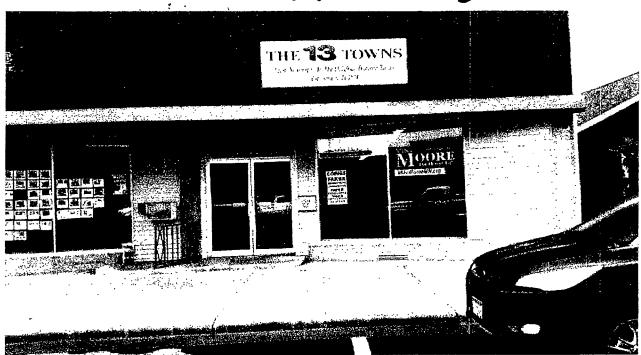


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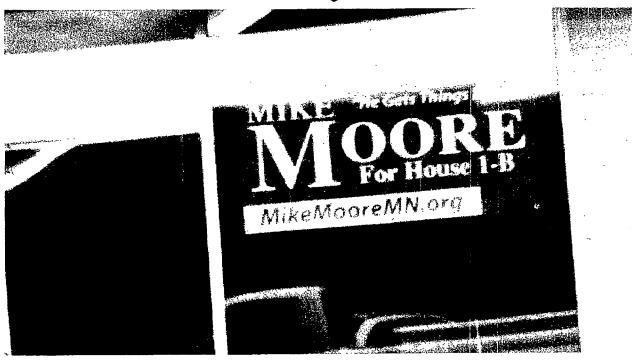


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communities throughout the District. This is a lifetime of work dedicated to making the communities been a teacher, developed senior programs through the Older Americans Act, worked as a community development to the District. I've recruited new business, helped retain existing businesses and I've been a of District 1-B a great place to live and work ~ that is my passion, making communities thrive. I've development director, as well as an economic development director. I served on RiverView Health's It's time to end the excuses and elect someone who knows how to get the job done, follows Michael "Mike" Moore. Many of you know who I am and what I have helped get done in the Board of Directors, created "Computers for Our Community" and brought expanded broadband through on his promises, and is willing to fight for House District 1-B. That person is

successful business owner for over 30 years - I know how to get things done.

This election is about people and prosperity – from the youngto the elderly and everyone in-between, It's about getting things done for District 1-8. It's about:

✓ New Business Development -- working to create high quality jobs and raising income,

Strengthening Education - public education funding, vocational education and career counseling.

Transportation – maintaining the life breath of our rural existence – product to market.

Rural Community Infrastructure – keeping water and waste disposal safe and affordable for all,

/ Housing - developing affordable, livable housing created to satisfy the demand.

Healthcare - keeping It accessible and affordable, supporting new educational offerings.

Older Americans – accessibility to necessary savices and continued community integration. / Technological Advances -- bringing District 1-gresidents access to today's innovation,

/ Fiscal Creativity and Sensibility – creating affordable methods to attract and keep needed new workers.

goals and in creating jobs and opportunities. I need your help to better understand the needs of House District 1-8 and, finally, l have worked on every issue that is listed above and continue to do so today. I have a proven track record in achleving those Lneed your vote and financial support to get things done. Think you for your consideration!

Please vote in the Primary - August 9th and the General Election - November 8th. Thank You!

Exhibit 7

Dear Editor

July 6, 2016

It didn't have to be a knife-fight. But a small group of the Polk County DFL Party Unit has threatened to kick me out of the party because I am making a primary challenge to the endorsed candidate. They have never "officially" notified me of this action.

On June 2nd, I gave notification of the Chairs of District 1B, SD1, CD7 and the State DFL as required under these same rules. At that point, any prior endorsement of a candidate becomes provisional until the primary challenge is resolved on August 9th. Therefore, I have not violated any party rules.

The current chair overlooks other violations of these same rules. No party officer was to support any candidate prior to the endorsement, scheduled at a time when so few of my supporters could attend. Yet at that time the Polk County Chair and SD1 Secretary not only campaigned for that other candidate, but also gave the nominating speech for him at the endorsement convention.

Attacking me for supporting myself against the endorsed candidate is deliberately hypocritical. The other candidate has supported a severe attack on Hilary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and that instead offered a "Christian Conservative Constitutionalist" in his March 29th Thirteen Towns newspaper. Despite the rules, he was endorsed.

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Erwin "Erv" Rud

Fosston, Minnesota

952-240-6066

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Ed-

I have not gotten a reply.

Am I being censored?

Erwin "Erv" Rud

Fosston MN 952-240-6066

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To: 13 Towns

Subject: Opinion page letter

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Erwin "Erv" Rud

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Erv,

You're not being censored - I didn't your letter for the same reason I don't run any of the letters that Steve Green and Deb Kiel send me: I don't run free advertising from any politician. The reason I didn't respond sooner was because I was on vacation until today.

Exhibit 8-d

Attached is a copy of our rate guide - the example ad boxes are 1:1 scale, so you can print them out if you want to know how big they'll appear "in real life".

Thanks, Ed Lavelle Editor

The Thirteen Towns 118 Johnson Ave. N PO Box 57 Fosston, MN 56542 13Towns.com

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Exhibit 8-e



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Will my letter cost \$91.50 or \$61.50?

When is my letter a campaign letter or just a letter to the editor? What is the difference?

Will I be considered a candidate from this point and forever forward?

What and when is a news story considered a news story and not a campaign advertisement?

-Erv Rud

Fosston MN 952-240-6066

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Jul 20 (6 days ago)



Editor

Ed-

Then my letter explaining my disappointment with the Polk County DFL Party Unit should be seen as a reaction to a news piece and not voting on a specific candidate...

How do I determine the size of a letter. Is there a way to overlay the original letter to see how it sizes up?

If I send you the piece by email, can you determine the cost, email me back the price and I pay you by campaign check to run it next week?

Could you take the original letter sent last Friday and send me a box advertisement proof to review with a price? The I can see what it will look like with a chance to review and modify?

Thanks.

-Erv

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Jul 20 (6 days ago)



Editor

Ed-

The 3 column by 5" add should contain the attached letter.

Let me see how it looks.

-Erv

Editor 13 Towns

Jul 20 (6 days ago)



me

Erv

You might want to cut down the text or go to a larger size. The body text is 8pt, which is about as small as it can go and still be legible (8pt is what's used in the Classified ads).

Ed

The hirteen owns

118 Johnson Ave. North • Fosston, MN 56542

Serving Polk County communities...
Fosston, Gully area, Lengby, McIntosh, Trail and Winger

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Email: 13towns@gvtel.com

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Exhibit 9-6

Standard Rate Guide:

Our standard rates for display advertising is \$6.10 per column inch. (Number of columns in width) x (number of inches in height) x \$6.10

A standard newspaper page is 6 columns wide. This means there are 6 columns of text on a page.

Example: An ad that is 2 columns wide and 3 inches tall is $(2 \times 3 \times \$6.10) = \36.60 per week.

Discounts are given for large ads. Prices for large ads are as follows:

Full page: \$600 3/4 page: \$460 Half Page: \$320 1/3 page: \$220 1/4 page: \$196.73

Our column widths are as follows:

1 column = 1.8"; 2 column = 3.78"; 3 column = 5.75"; 4 column = 7.73"; 5 column = 9.7"; 6 column = 11.67"; Double Truck (Centerfold) = 24".

Color ads are available on our back page, or front and back of a second section, if we print a two section paper. The cost for color ads is regular cost + \$75.

There is a \$120 charge for insertions, plus any printing costs to create the inserts. Single-sided inserts printed here are 7 cents each for glossy 80# paper and 6 cents each for regular 20# paper. Our local circulation is 1,200 papers. Subscribers outside of the local area do not get inserts in their papers.

Cost for printing 1,200 glossy 80# inserts: \$84.00 (single sided); \$126 (2-sided)

Cost for printing 1,200 standard 20# inserts: \$72.00 (single sided); \$108 (2-sided)

The next pages have samples of our most common ad sizes. These are 1:1 scale, so the size in which they appear is the same size as how they will appear "in real life" in the printed newspaper.

Exhibit 9-c

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

1/4 PAGE AD

(scaled to 90% actual size to fit on this paper)

(3 Columns wide = 5.75" X 10 3/4" high) 32 1/4 column inches

WEEKLY RATE: 13 Towns - \$196.73

Exhibit 9.d

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

3 COLUMNS X 5" AD

(3 Columns wide = 5.75" X 5" high) 15 column inches

<u>WEEKLY RATE:</u>
13 Towns - \$91.50

Exhibit 9-e

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

2 COLUMN X 5" AD

(2 Columns wide = 3.78") 10 column inches

> **WEEKLY RATE:** 13 Towns - \$61.00

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

2 COLUMN X 4" AD

(2 Columns wide = 3.78") 8 column inches

> **WEEKLY RATE:** 13 Towns - \$48.80

Exhibit 9-f

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

2 COLUMN X 3" AD

(2 Columns wide = 3.78") 6 column inches

<u>WEEKLY RATE:</u>
13 Towns - \$36.60

THIS BOX REPRESENTS A

2 COLUMN X 2" AD

(2 Columns wide = 3.78")
4 COLUMN INCHES PRE-PAID ONLY

13 Towns - \$24.40

THIS BOX
REPRESENTS A

1 COLUMN X 4" AD

1 column = 1.8" 4 column inches

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1 COLUMN X 3" AD

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PRE-PAID ONLY

13 Towns - \$18.30

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Exhibit 10

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COMMUNITY

Other officers were Roy Hoialmen, Sig Walstad, Lorence Granum and H. Lohn.

The cheese factory at Gentilly burned down.

100 YEARS AGO ... August

Alma, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elling Gulbranson of Clearbrook burned to death when she tried to fight a fire with kerosene.

Damage varying from 25 to 75 percent was reported in the area from rust.

Arthur Holt was serving with the Third Minnesota Regiment stationed on the Mexican border.

Ralph Mortensen left for Norway to attend a year at the University of Christiania,

A Ford runabout cost \$345 and a touring car \$360. This was down \$5 for the runabout and \$80 for the touring car. Local dealers were J.E. Campbell and Sons.

110 YEARS AGO... August

A new proposed county of "Mahnomen" would include 16 townships if a vote separated it from Norman County.

Holden and Hancock obtained the franchise to sell Belle City threshing machines.

A complete survey of drainage for the Red Lake Reservation was being made.

Gunder, 13 year old son of Gunder Moy of Sletten Township, fell about 20 feet from a tree and broke his arm and was stunned.

Andy Lucken, who had been employed at the Stadsvold Mill and Elevator, left for Cummings. No. Dak, to take charge of an elevator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Done Editor

The Thirteen Towns will no longer publish my letters without a charge

A version of the following letter has been published in many other papers, but my hometown paper classifies it as a "political ad" for or against a candidate with my response to the news. The Thirteen Towns is charging me just under \$100 to publish my response to the news.

Dear Editor.

It didn't have to be a knife-fight. A few Directors of the Polk County DFL Party Unit has now tabled a motion to kick me out of the party because I am making a primary challenge to the endorsed candidate, Mike Moore, owner of The Thirteen Towns, All I have to do is behave and not challenge Moore.

On June 2nd, I gave notification of the Chairs of District 1B, SD1, CD7 and the State DFL as required under State DFL rules. At that point, any prior endorsement of a candidate becomes provisional until the primary challenge is resolved on August 9th. Therefore, I did not violate any party rules.

Earlier, other Party Unit Directors had ignored other violations of those same rules. No party officer was to support any candidate prior to the endorsement, scheduled at a time when so few of my supporters could attend. But the prior County Chair, also serving as SD1 Secretary then and now, campaigned for that other candidate and gave the nominating speech for him at the endorsement convention.

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People have a right to be angry at the parties and politics when they see this hypocrisy all over the place. Minnesota Stat. 211B.10, Subd. 1a prohibits a party unit penalizing me for filing for public office. In turn, Republicans are penalized by their Suburban TEA-Party leadership that prevents anything being done for any of us in District 1B. We need new leadership in both parties. Both Democrats and Republicans should vote for me in both the August 9th Primary and the November 8th General Elections.

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SUPPORT MY CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR FAIRNESS FOR ALL OF US!

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PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Essentia Health Partnering With Medica

New Option for Business Health Insurance Coverage

Businesses in northern Minnesota, eastern North Dakota and northwestern Wisconsin will have a new option for health insurance coverage under a plan built collaboration between Essentia Health and Medica.

The plan, called Essentia ChoiceCare with Medica, gives employers the opportunity to have their health care provided by an Accountable Care Organization (ACO). The plan will be available for a November 1, 2016, effective date for large group purchasers (51 or more employees) in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin and a January 1, 2017, effective date for small group purchasers in Minnehealth care more efficient and improve the patient experience. Essentia Health became an ACO in 2013 and is one of only three health systems in the U.S. to earn the highest possible level of accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

"When health plans and work providers directly together like this, it's a win/ win for employers and their employees," says Dr. Michael Van Scoy, Medical Director of Population Care Management for Essentia Health. "Employers are able to offer high quality health care to their workers at a lower cost, and employees can get the care they need, when they

practitioners. In addition, enrollees will benefit from:

- · Same day primary care appointments.
- · Direct access to specialists - a member may see any primary or specialty care provider in the Essentia Health network without a referral.
- Essentia MyHealth a secure online tool helps members track their health information and stay connected with their physician.

 Patient navigator – 24/7 dedicated customer service providing nurse triage and appointment scheduling.

 Single phone number – this one-stop-shop approach makes it easy for members to contact either Excentia Hoolth ... charges made for any other political candidate and may be no greater than charges made for any other comparable purpose or use according to the seller's rate schedule." Neither Roue's columns nor Moore's campaign sign in the front window are admitted by Moore or Lavelle as "comparable purposes" in their strategy to censure and suppress my candidacy in The Thirteen Towns of Fosston, Inc.

- 18. My letter was published with the title "The Thirteen Towns will no longer publish my letters without a charge" on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 (Exhibit 11). At the bottom of the letter is "Paid Advertisement". If Mike Moore and Ed Lavelle have knowledge of that requirement for what they decide is a "political advertisement" under Chapter 211B.05, Subd. 1, then they also demonstrate awareness other more generally known laws. Certainly, a candidate and a campaign committee "treasurer" would need to know the CFPDB "Candidate Handbook" regarding campaigning and campaign finance reporting.
- 19. Deliberately disregarding these laws should not be tolerated when others, such as I, are diligently attempting to follow Minnesota laws as described in the "CFPDF Handbook".
- 20. I have no further statements at this time.

I AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.

num R "En" Red 07/27/2016



Greg Widseth, County Attorney 816 Marin Ave, Suite 110 Crookston, MN 56716 July 27, 2016

Erwin "Erv" Rud 33261 US Highway 2 SE Fosston, MN 56542

Re: Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

Dear Sir;

Enclosed are copies of my Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act. I am providing this to you for your information.

If you should choose to consider prosecution after the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (CFPDB) has had time to consider this matter, I will be provide my assistance as you my require.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Erwin "Erv" Rud

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