



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

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Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Joseph Sheffer		
Address	6905 County 18	Email address	joes@acegroup.cc
City, state, and zip	Hokah , MN 55941	Telephone (Daytime)	608-406-0419

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Gary Steuart for Minnesota		
Address	PO Box 306		
City, state, zip	Mabel, MN 55954		
Title of respondent (If applicable)			
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	26B		

Signature of person filing complaint

08/01/2024

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

Chapter 211B

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

The Gary Steuart for Minnesota Committee has accepted contributions from Steurt Property LLC, a prohibited source.

The contributions are listed on Schedule A1 - IND of the Pre-Primary report under Steuart, Gary. In kind contributions in that section are listed as "paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds."

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe 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 chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges 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 if 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 may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures for
Principal Campaign Committee

Period Covered: 01/01/2024 through 07/22/2024

Committee Information

Registration Number: 19157
Committee Name: Gary Steuart for Minnesota
Candidate Name: Steuart, Gary
Office and District: House of Representatives District 26B
Treasurer Name: Hershberger, Rachel
Treasurer Address: 42858 180th Street Mabel, MN 55954

Report Options

- No Change Since Last Report** The committee received no contributions and made no expenditures during the report period.
Previous Cash Balance:
Current Cash Balance:
- Amendment** This report amends a previously filed report for the same period.
- Termination** The committee has settled all its debts, disposed of all its assets in excess of \$100 and dissolved.

Received by the Board July 26, 2024

Committee Transaction Summary
Stuart, Gary House of Representatives District 26B Committee

1	Beginning cash balance 01/01/2024 (should be the same as the previous year ending cash balance)		0.00			
A	Receipts		Cash	Blank	In-kind	Total
2	Individual Contributions	Sch. A1 - IND	9,866.26		2,801.86	12,668.12
3	Lobbyist Contributions	Sch. A1 - LOB	0.00		0.00	0.00
4	Political committee and political fund contributions	Sch. A1 - PCF	0.00		0.00	0.00
5	Political party and terminating principal campaign committee contributions	Sch. A1 - PTY/ TERM PCC	0.00		0.00	0.00
6	Other contributions	Sch. A1 - OTH	0.00		0.00	0.00
7	Public Subsidy Payment	Sch. A1 - PS	0.00			0.00
8	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP	0.00			0.00
9	Receipts from miscellaneous receipts	Sch. A2 - MISC	0.00			0.00
10	Total Receipts	Sum #2 to #9	9,866.26		2,801.86	12,668.12
B	Disbursements		Cash	Unpaid Bills	In-kind	Total
11	Campaign expenditures	Sch. B1 - CE	9,446.90	0.00	2,801.86	12,248.76
12	State ballot question expenditures (Not local referendums)	Sch. B1 - BQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Total Campaign Expenditures	Sum #11 to #12	9,446.90	0.00	2,801.86	12,248.76
14	Noncampaign disbursements	Sch. B1 - NCD	176.30	0.00	0.00	176.30
15	Contributions to other principal campaign committees	Sch. B2 - PCC	0.00		0.00	0.00
16	Contributions to political parties	Sch. B2 - PTY	0.00		0.00	0.00
17	Contributions to political committees and political funds	Sch. B2 - PCF	0.00		0.00	0.00
18	Other disbursements	Sch. B3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Total Expenditures and Disbursements	Sum #13 to #18	9,623.20	0.00	2,801.86	12,425.06
20	#1 + #10 - #19	Ending cash balance on 07/22/2024	243.06			

Loans and Unpaid Obligations Summary

21A	Total Outstanding balance of all loans incurred during the current year	Sch. A2-LP	0.00
21B	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. C	0.00
21C	Total Outstanding balance of all loans	Sum #21A + #21B	0.00
22A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during the current year	Line 19	0.00
22B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. D	0.00
22C	Total unpaid obligations	Sum #22A + #22B	0.00
23	Total debt of committee	Sum #21C + #22C	0.00

Certification

I certify that this report is complete, true, and correct.

Hershberger, Rachel (Treasurer)

Signature of Candidate, Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer

July 26, 2024

Date

Certified Electronically by Valid Person

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.

Schedule A1 - IND Contributions from Individuals
Steuart, Gary House of Representatives District 26B Committee

Baarsch, Robert
 79800 251 St Spring Valley, MN 55975
 Employment: Owns real estate, partner in hog buildings, and retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/30/2024	500.00	0.00	500.00
06/03/2024	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Kingsley, Kerry
 PO Box 214 Harmony, MN 55939
 Employment: Owner of Kingsley Mercantile

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
05/06/2024	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Love, Robert
 13731 201st Ave Preston, MN 55965
 Employment: Farmer

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
06/17/2024	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Steuart, Gary
 40184 120th St. Mabel, MN 55954

Date	Cash	In kind	Total	
01/08/2024	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
06/13/2024	JWS Graphix; Clothing; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	540.00	540.00
06/17/2024		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
06/21/2024	Printy Quik; Hand-outs, letters, etc.; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	325.97	325.97
06/22/2024	USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	272.00	272.00
06/24/2024	USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	204.00	204.00
06/25/2024	USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	136.00	136.00
07/09/2024		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
07/16/2024	Screen Tech; Yard Signs; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	1,095.89	1,095.89
07/22/2024	Ben Hershberger; Stand for sign; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds	0.00	120.00	120.00
Total	6,000.00	2,693.86	8,693.86	

	Cash	In kind	Total
Total of itemized	9,000.00	2,693.86	11,693.86
Total of non-itemized	866.26	108.00	974.26
Totals	9,866.26	2,801.86	12,668.12

Schedule B1 - CE Campaign Expenditures

Steuart, Gary House of Representatives District 26B Committee

Reimbursement: Bertschinger, Sara
 49685 County 55 Blvd Pine Island, MN 55963

Vendor: Sticker Mule
 336 Forest Ave Amsterdam, NY 12010

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/05/2024	Advertising - Print: Custom 2" x 2" circle stickers	447.75	0.00	0.00	447.75
Total reimbursement for Bertschinger, Sara		447.75	0.00	0.00	447.75

Chuck's Welding
 1731 State Line Road Decorah, IA 52101

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/16/2024	Supplies: Yard Signs Rerod	454.75	0.00	0.00	454.75

Davies Printing Co
 2715 Pennington Ct NW Rochester, MN 55901

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
05/16/2024	Advertising - Print: Flyers	227.06	0.00	0.00	227.06

JWS Graphix
 313 North Elm Street Mabel, MN 55954

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
05/09/2024	Advertising - general: Clothing	348.00	0.00	0.00	348.00

MPX
 7105 Medicine Lake Rd Golden Valley, MN 55427

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/28/2024	Postage/ Delivery: Postage for Vote for Gary Steuart Mailer	2,118.06	0.00	0.00	2,118.06
07/09/2024	Postage/ Delivery: Postage for Vote for Gary Steuart Mailer	1,725.69	0.00	0.00	1,725.69
Total		3,843.75	0.00	0.00	3,843.75

Mower County Independent
 135 E Main Street Le Roy, MN 55951

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
02/26/2024	Advertising - Print: Newspaper	377.48	0.00	0.00	377.48
05/30/2024	Advertising - Print: Newspaper Print	636.46	0.00	0.00	636.46
Total		1,013.94	0.00	0.00	1,013.94

Screen Tech
 2272 3rd St N North St Paul, MN 55109

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
05/09/2024	Advertising - general: Yard Signs	826.36	0.00	0.00	826.36
06/14/2024	Advertising - general: Yard Signs	2,149.29	0.00	0.00	2,149.29
Total		2,975.65	0.00	0.00	2,975.65

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 40184 120th St. Mabel, MN 55954

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/13/2024	Advertising - general: Inkind receipt: JWS Graphix: Clothing; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (JWS Graphix: Clothing; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	540.00	540.00
06/21/2024	Advertising - Print: Inkind receipt: Printy Quik; Hand-outs, letters, etc.; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (Printy Quik; Hand-outs, letters, etc.; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	325.97	325.97
06/22/2024	Postage/ Delivery: Inkind receipt: USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (USPS; Stamps; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	272.00	272.00
06/24/2024	Postage/ Delivery: Inkind receipt: USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (USPS; Stamps; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	204.00	204.00
06/25/2024	Postage/ Delivery: Inkind receipt: USPS; Stamps; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (USPS; Stamps; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	136.00	136.00
07/16/2024	Advertising - general: Inkind receipt: Screen Tech; Yard Signs; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (Screen Tech; Yard Signs; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	1,095.89	1,095.89
07/22/2024	Supplies: Inkind receipt: Ben Hershberger; Stand for sign; paid for with Steuart Property LLC funds (Ben Hershberger; Stand for sign; paid for with personal funds)	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
Total		0.00	0.00	2,693.86	2,693.86
		Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
Total of itemized		9,310.90	0.00	2,693.86	12,004.76
Total of non-itemized		136.00	0.00	108.00	244.00
		Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
Totals		9,446.90	0.00	2,801.86	12,248.76

Schedule B1 - NCD Non-Campaign Disbursements
Steuart, Gary House of Representatives District 26B Committee

Total of itemized	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of non-itemized	176.30	0.00	0.00	176.30
Totals	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
	176.30	0.00	0.00	176.30