

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of the Kandiyohi County RPM (Registration No. 20241);

1. The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board conducted a routine compliance review of the Kandiyohi County RPM's 2014 year-end report of receipts and expenditures. The Kandiyohi County RPM is a political party unit registered with the Board. The audit disclosed that on October 22, 2014, the Kandiyohi County RPM had received a \$574.56 contribution from the Kandiyohi Republican Women. The Kandiyohi Republican Women is not an association that is registered with the Board.
2. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, prohibits a political party unit from accepting a contribution over \$200 from an unregistered association unless the contribution is accompanied by the written disclosure statement required by that section. The appropriate disclosure was not provided with the contribution from the Kandiyohi Republican Women.
3. In emails to the Board, the Kandiyohi County RPM's co-chair and treasurer confirmed that the party unit had accepted the contribution from the Kandiyohi Republican Women. The co-chair and treasurer explained that when the party unit accepted the contribution, they did not know that the Kandiyohi Republican Women was not registered with the Board.
4. In emails to the Board, a former treasurer of the Kandiyohi Republican Women stated that in October 2014, the group had given all of its remaining funds to the Kandiyohi County RPM and then disbanded. The group had never been registered with the Board and had not received any contributions during the two years before it disbanded.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Kandiyohi County RPM agrees that it will not accept a contribution of more than \$200 from an association without also obtaining the association's Board registration number, a disclosure statement in the form required by statute, or advice from Board staff.
6. Kandiyohi County RPM also agrees to forward \$374.56 to the Board, the amount by which the contribution from the unregistered association exceeded the amount permissible without providing a written disclosure statement, because the Kandiyohi Republican Women have disbanded and the contribution therefore cannot be returned.
7. The Kandiyohi County RPM agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$374.56 against the party unit for accepting a contribution without the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$93.64 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed

by both parties and the remaining \$280.92 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the party unit violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the party unit does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

8. If the Kandiyohi County RPM 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/ Loren Corle Dated: July 18, 2015
Loren Corle, Treasurer
Kandiyohi County RPM

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: July 6, 2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of July 6, 2015, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board