

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Michael) Beard Volunteer Committee (#15781);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Michael Beard (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2005, the (Michael) Beard Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$1,150 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$550, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$600. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$10 the applicable calendar year 2005 limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$1,140. The amount of \$10 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In a letter dated February 21, 2006, Representative Beard stated "To rectify the situation the Committee has refunded \$10 to ...a registered lobbyist who contributed \$50 to the Committee during 2005. ...We use the software provided by the Board to manage our campaign finances. We have updated the downloads to include Service Pack 22. At no time during 2005 did our software indicate an error that we had exceeded the limit on contributions from registered parties."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 14, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2005.

5. Representative Beard hereby agrees to forward to the Board a copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. Unless violated, the parties agree that this Conciliation Agreement is a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

Rep Michael Beard

Dated: 3-27-06

Representative Michael Beard

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Bob Milbert

Dated: 27 Mar 06

Bob Milbert, chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board