

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION

ORDER

OF THE DERRICK LEHRKE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE

On February 10, 2014, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received the Derrick Lehrke for House committee's 2013 year-end report of receipts and expenditures. The report stated that the committee's year-end cash balance, as of December 31, 2013, was \$1,292.21. On February 2, 2015, the Board received the committee's 2014 year-end report of receipts and expenditures. The report was submitted as a "no change statement", disclosed no contributions or expenditures, and listed a cash balance of \$0.00. The 2014 report also attempted to terminate the committee.

The Board contacted Derrick Lehrke on February 2, 2015, informing him that the committee could not be terminated without an amended report that disclosed how the funds available at the end of 2013 had been disbursed.

After numerous communications to Mr. Lehrke went unanswered the Board referred the matter to the Attorney General's Office on August 4, 2015, to seek an order compelling the filing of the amended report and to obtain a judgment against the committee and Mr. Lehrke for previously assessed late filing fees. On April 6, 2016, in the matter of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board v. Derick Lehrke and Derrick Lerhke for House, Court File No. 62-CV-15-7562, the Ramsey County District Court issued a summary judgment order in the Board's favor. The order compelled Mr. Lehrke and the committee to file an amended 2014 year-end report by May 1, 2016, documenting the disposition of the committee's funds and entered judgment against Mr. Lehrke and the committee for \$1,000 in late filing fees.

On January 15, 2016, the Board authorized an audit and investigation of the committee for the purpose of determining whether the committee's funds were used as permitted by Chapters 10A and 211B. The Board obtained the committee's 2013 and 2014 bank records and confirmed that the money appeared to have been used for purposes reasonably related to an election campaign.

Although subsequent communications have been sent to Mr. Lehrke requesting that a proper report be filed detailing the transactions shown in the bank records, no communications or reports have been received by the Board.

Order

The audit and investigation of this matter is closed and hereby made a part of the public records of the Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 5. The committee is administratively terminated as of December 31, 2014. The requirements that Derrick Lehrke or the committee file an amended termination report to properly disclose all contributions and expenditures and pay all outstanding late fees remain in place.

/s/ Daniel Rosen
Daniel N. Rosen, Chair

Date: January 4, 2017