OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

Friday, October 25, 2013
State Capitol, Room 1524
Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Commissioner Brostrom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced the location in the meeting room of a copy of the Public Meetings Law.

Roll Call -

Kevin Brostrom – Present Sean Conway - Present John Gale – Excused Joseph Grant - Present Paul Hosford – Excused Andrew Loudon - Present Jan Mumm - Present Timothy Schulz - Excused Brad von Gillern - Present

Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the September 13, 2013 Meeting - Commissioner Brostrom referred the Commissioners to their copies of the Open Session Minutes of the previous meeting.

<u>Motion by Mumm, second by Conway,</u> that the Open Session Minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting be approved as presented - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Brostrom, Conway, Grant, Loudon, Mumm, and von Gillern voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Action relating to proposal to amend Title 4, Chapter 10 Rules and Regulations Governing campaign practices under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and the Campaign Finance Limitation Act. Commissioner Brostrom announced that the court reporter would record this proceeding.

a) Formal Public Hearing including public comment. (Separately recorded by Latimer Reporting.)

b) Consideration of action re: adoption of amendments

The Public Hearing was held on Title 4, Chapter 10 and separately reported by Latimer Reporting.

Motion by Grant, second by Conway, to approve the proposed amendments to Rule 10 - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Brostrom, Conway, Grant, Loudon, Mumm, and von Gillern voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Report on late filing fees and requests for relief: Douglas County Republican Party – Commissioner Brostrom indicated that the Douglas County Republican Party had withdrawn its request for relief.

Executive Director's Report (includes personnel activity, budget status, budget process and litigation status) – Executive Director Daley reported that three months into the current budget year approximately 11% of the agency budget has been expended.

The Executive Director reminded the Commissioners that he had registered as a lobbyist for the purpose of testing the new electronic filing system. He advised that he will purposely file late to in order to evaluate that process. It was noted that reports for lobbyist and principals are due at the end of the month.

Executive Director Daley next reported electronic filing project for campaign finance reports under LB 79. It had been concluded by the Commission, Materiel Division and the Chief Information Officer that it would be useful to bring on board an outside consultant familiar with both IT and campaign finance reporting concepts. The consultant would assist in the development of the specs and the scoring of the proposals.

The Executive Director indicated that the Commission staff is in the process of revising all forms and instructional materials due to the change in reporting thresholds under LB 79. It was also explained that the annual reports disclosing transactions occurring in 2013 would be filed under the current /old report requirements. Subsequent reports disclosing transactions occurring in 2014 would be under the new requirements.

Executive Director Daley announced that the Council on Governmental Ethics Law (COGEL) is holding its annual conference December 8th thru 11th, 2013 in Quebec City. Mr. Daley and Mr. Hinman plan to attend this year.

The Executive Director reported that the Roland Skinner v. Les Tlustos cases were before the Nebraska Supreme Court. General Counsel Danberg has been appointed Special Deputy Attorney General for the purpose of representing the Commission. Mr. Danberg reported that the Commission's brief has been

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submitted. He has received briefs from both the intervenors and the respondents. Oral arguments are scheduled for January.

Discussion followed.

Set 2014-2015 Commission meeting dates – Commissioner Brostrom presented to the Commission the proposed meeting dates.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Conway, second by von Gillern, to approve and set the 2014 and 2015 Commission meeting dates - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Brostrom, Conway, Grant, Loudon, Mumm, and von Gillern voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Report of Conflicts Committee – Commissioner von Gillern indicated that there were 6 filings to report. Mr. von Gillern noted that most of the filings were unnecessary. However, adding that it is better to have people over disclose than to under disclose.

Report of Executive Committee – Commissioner Brostrom indicated that there are no issues to present at this time.

Closed Session - <u>Motion by Conway, second by Von Gillern</u>, that the NADC go into Closed Session pursuant to the confidentiality provisions of the **NPADA** - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Brostrom, Conway, Grant, Loudon, Mumm, and von Gillern voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

The NADC went into Closed Session at 9:24 a.m.

The NADC returned to Open Session at 9:50 a.m.

Action on or Announcement of Closed Session matters - Executive Director Daley indicated that there were none.

Adjournment – <u>Motion by Mumm, second by von Gillern</u>, that the NADC adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Brostrom, Conway, Grant, Loudon, Mumm, and von Gillern voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Commissioner Brostrom declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.