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Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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Synopsis Case #21-13

Action Taken on September 10, 2021

Respondent: Greg Goree

Greg Goree is a member of the Inglewood Village Board of Trustees. He also has a business association with Goree Backhoe and Excavating, Inc. (the corporation). The corporation entered into 13 contracts with the Village over a period of one year. Payments to the corporation from the Village totaled just over \$30,000.00.

Based upon information received from the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Executive Director commenced a Preliminary Investigation on April 28, 2021. The allegations were that the Respondent had, through his business, an interest in contracts with the Village and failed to: a) ensure the contracts were agenda items at Village Board meetings; b) ensure that the Village Board voted upon the contracts; c) make a public disclosure of his interest; and d) abstain from voting to make payment under the contracts, all in violation of §49-14,103.01. The parties entered into a settlement agreement by which the Commission found 6 violations of §49-14,103.01. By the terms of the agreement, no civil penalty was assessed.

The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with five Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining.

Violation: Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found 6 violations of §49-14,103.01 of the NPADA.

Civil Penalty: None

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Greg Goree

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**CASE No. 21-13
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

- 1) **Parties:** The parties to this Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") are the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission" and Greg Goree, hereafter referred to as the "Respondent."
- 2) **Jurisdiction:** The Respondent acknowledges that the Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to the terms of Nebraska Statutes 49-1401 et seq., known as the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("NPADA").
- 3) **Intention:** The parties hereby agree and intend that this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any further proceedings in this matter, thereby resolving the matter without further delay and expense to the parties.
- 4) **The Alleged Violations:** In its Notice of Preliminary Investigation in this case, the Commission has alleged six separate violations as specified in the said Notice, where the Respondent violated the NPADA, Section 49-14,103.01, with respect to contracts between the Village of Inglewood and a Company with which he was associated, in that he failed to: (a) make each contract an agenda item; (b) make a declaration that concerning the nature and extent of his interest in each contract; (c) obtain approval of each contract from the Inglewood Board; and (d) recuse himself from voting on each contract and payments under it.
- 5) **Stipulation:** The Respondent and the Commission stipulate and agree that at the time of the alleged violations, the Respondent was a member of the Village Board of Inglewood, Nebraska, and that Goree Backhoe and Excavating Company was a business with which he was associated, as that term is defined in Section 49-1408 of the NPADA, because he was an officer of said Company.
- 6) **The Alleged Violations, Agreement:** The Respondent states that it was not his understanding that he was violating the NPADA with respect to the contracts noted in Paragraph 4, above, and in the Notice of Preliminary Investigation. However, Respondent agrees and stipulates that if this matter proceeded to a Hearing, there is sufficient evidence from which the Commission could make a finding of a violation with respect to each of the alleged violations of Section 49-14,103.01, as more fully described in Paragraph 4, above. The Respondent further agrees that the Commission may enter an order in accordance with said findings, and that the Respondent would not contest such findings or order.

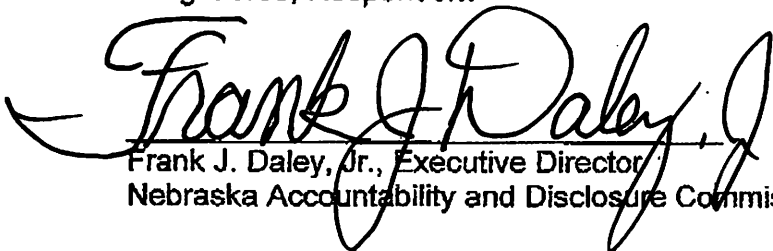
- 7) Waiver of Civil Penalty: The parties have agreed that, in view of the Respondent's willingness to resolve this matter, and accept the findings of the Commission, all civil penalties related to the alleged violations will be waived.
- 8) The Commission must approve this Agreement in order for it to be effective: The parties agree that in order for this Agreement to become effective, the Commission must approve it, and the Commission shall, if it approves the Settlement, enter an Order in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 9) Effective Date of Agreement: This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until the date it is approved by the Commission and the Commission issues an order in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The date upon which the Commission enters its Order approving this Agreement shall be deemed its effective date. If this Agreement is not approved in whole by the Commission, this Settlement Agreement shall be void and may not be used in this or any other proceeding. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement and any subsequent Order shall be announced at an open public meeting of the Commission. The parties further acknowledge that, upon adoption, this Settlement Agreement, the Order, and the Commission's file pertaining to this matter shall become open and public.
- 10) Right to Address the Commission: The Respondent has a right to address the Commission on the matter of the approval of this Settlement Agreement.
- 11) Advice of Counsel: The Respondent acknowledges that it has had an opportunity to seek the advice of an attorney in connection with the terms of this agreement.



 Greg Goree, Respondent

6/27/21

 Date



 Frank J. Daley, Jr., Executive Director
 Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

9-10-21

 Date

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Respondent

ORDER

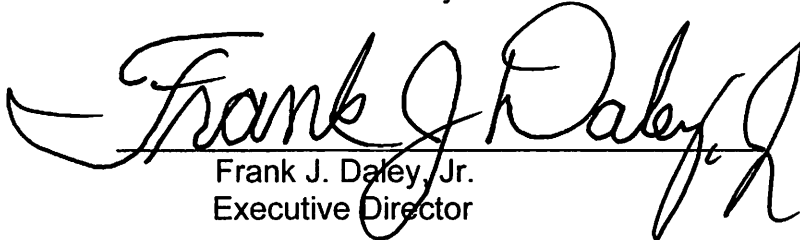
Now on this 10th day of September 2021, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Anderson, Callahan, Davis, Evnen, and Hegarty are present with Commissioner Davis presiding. The Respondent is not present. The Commission notes the submission of a proposed Settlement Agreement which is attached to this Order.

Whereupon, the Commission, with five Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining, finds that the attached Settlement Agreement should be and hereby is approved and incorporated into this Order. Pursuant to that Agreement, the Commission finds that the Respondent violated Section 49-14,103.01 of the NPADA on six occasions, by having a prohibited interest in contracts with the Village of Inglewood.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, no civil penalty is assessed.

Issued this 10th day of September 2021.

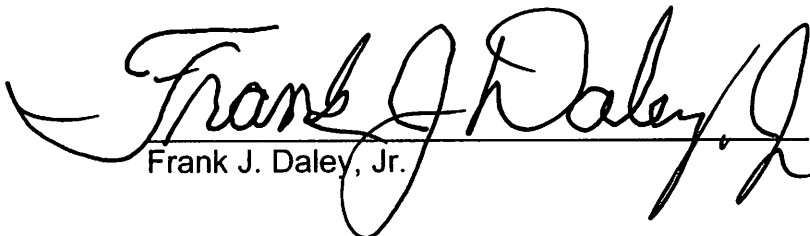
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Frank J. Daley, Jr.
Executive Director

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this Order was sent by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested on this 10th day of September 2021, to the following address: Greg Goree, 1106 Hanson Road, Fremont, NE 68025



Frank J. Daley, Jr.