

# State of Nebraska

## Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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### Synopsis Case #24-20

Action Taken on April 11, 2025

**Respondent:** Douglas Steffensmeier

The Respondent is Douglas Steffensmeier, Chairperson of the Board of Beemer Township in Cuming County. After receiving information from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, the Executive Director ordered that a Preliminary Investigation be undertaken on December 5, 2024. The Preliminary Investigation alleged that the Respondent had improperly entered into a contract between Steffensmeier Insurance Agency, a business with which he was associated at the time, and the Township of Beemer, without making the contract an agenda item, without making a statement disclosing the nature and extent of his interest in the contract, without abstaining from voting on the contract, and without avoiding supervision or payment with respect to the contract, in violation of §49-14,103.01.

After discussions with the Respondent, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement by the terms of which the Commission found a violation of §49-14,103.01, and imposed a civil penalty of \$100.00. The Respondent promised to abstain from such a vote in the future.

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

**Violation:** Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found that the Respondent entered into a prohibited contract in violation of §49-14,103.01 of the State Statutes.

**Civil Penalty:** \$100.00

**Attorney for the Commission:** Neil B. Danberg

**Synopsis Prepared by:** David Hunter, Executive Director

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**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Douglas Steffensmeier )  
Respondent )  
Case #24-20  
ORDER

Now on this 11th day of April, 2025, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Anderson, Chung, Davis, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, and Sullivan are present with Commissioner Davis presiding. The Respondent is not present. The Commission notes the submission of a proposed Settlement Agreement.

Whereupon, the Commission with seven (7) 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 has committed a violation of Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 49-14,103.01 as recited in the attached Settlement Agreement.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Commission imposes a civil penalty of \$100.00 upon the Respondent.

Issued this 11th day of April, 2025.

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission



David M. Hunter.  
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 11th day of April, 2025 to the following address : Douglas Steffensmeier, P.O. Box 100, Beemer, NE 68716.



David M. Hunter Executive Director

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:                      CASE No. 24-20                      SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**


**DOUGLAS STEFFENSMEIER**

- 1) Parties: The parties to this Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") are the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission" and Douglas Steffensmeier, 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 Violation: In its Notice of Preliminary Investigation in this case, the Commission has alleged that the Respondent, as Chairperson of the Board of Beemer Township in Cuming County, in September, 2023, entered into a contract between Steffensmeier Insurance Agency, a business with which he was associated, and the said Board of Beemer Township, without making the contract an agenda item, without making a statement concerning the nature and extent of his interest in the contract, without abstaining from voting on the contract, and without avoiding supervision or payment with respect to the contract, in violation of §49-14,103.01 of the NPADA.
- 5) Stipulation: The Respondent and the Commission stipulate and agree that at the time of the alleged violation, the Respondent was Chairperson of the Board of Beemer Township in Cuming County.
- 6) The Alleged Violation, Agreement: The Respondent states that it was not his intent to violate the NPADA as alleged, but he agrees and stipulates that there is sufficient evidence to support the Commission's findings of a violation Section 49-14,103.01 of the NPADA, as stated in the Notice of Preliminary Investigation in this matter, and as described in Paragraph 4, above. The Respondent further agrees that he will not contest the Commission's Order in this case, and in future contracts with the Board of Beemer Township, he will follow the requirements of §49-14,103.01 of the NPADA.
- 7) Civil Penalty and Agreement: The parties have agreed that, in view of the Respondent's willingness to resolve this matter, accept the finding of the Commission in this case, and follow NPADA requirements in the future, the Commission will impose a civil penalty in this matter in the amount of \$100.00

- 8) The Commission must approve this Agreement in order for it to be effective: The parties agree that for this Agreement to become effective, the Commission must approve it, and enter an Order according to the terms of the 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 of the Order shall be deemed its effective date. If this Agreement is not approved by the Commission, this Agreement shall be void and may not be used in this or any other proceeding. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and any subsequent Order shall be announced at an open public meeting of the Commission. The parties further acknowledge that, upon adoption, this 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 he has had an opportunity to seek the advice of an attorney concerning this Agreement.

  
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Douglas Steffensmeier, Respondent

3-1-25  
Date

  
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David M. Hunter, Interim Executive Director  
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

3/04/2005  
Date