

# **State of Nebraska**

## **Accountability and Disclosure Commission**

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### **Synopsis Case #25-167**

Action Taken on December 5, 2025

#### **Respondent: Steve Erdman**

The Respondent is Steve Erdman. A Complaint was filed against the Respondent, alleging that the Respondent had sent printed matter relating to a recall election, without providing a street address in violation of Section 49-1474.01 of the Nebraska Statutes.

After receiving the Notice of Preliminary Investigation, the Respondent was cooperative, and he wished to resolve the matter. We were able to enter into a Settlement Agreement under which he would accept the Commission's finding of a violation. He noted that it was not his intention to violate the law, and that he was not aware that a recall election fell within the terms of Section 49-1474.01. A civil penalty in the amount of \$625.00 was then agreed upon.

The Commission adopted the attached Settlement Agreement with six (6) Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining.

**Violation:** Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found that the Respondent failed to provide a street address as a disclaimer on the printed material sent out in support of the recall election in violation of Section 49-1474.01 of the Nebraska Statutes. The Commission assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$625.00.

**Civil Penalty: \$625.00**

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

**Synopsis Prepared by: Scott Danigole, Executive Director**

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**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

**NELSON V. ERDMAN**

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**ORDER**

Now on this 5th day of December, 2025, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Christiansen, Davis, Gloor, Reuss, Spray 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 six (6) 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 failed to provide a street address with respect to printed matter seeking a recall election in violation of §49-1474.01 of Nebraska Revised Statutes, as recited in the attached Settlement Agreement.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Commission imposes a civil penalty of \$625.00 upon the Respondent.

Issued this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

  
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Scott Danigole  
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 5 day of December 2025 to the following parties and at the following address: Steve Erdman, 8527 L62a, Bayard, NE 68334.

  
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Scott Danigole      Executive Director

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**CASE No. 25-167**


**STEVE ERDMAN**

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

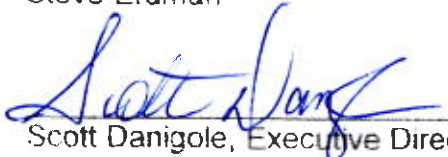
- 1) Parties: The parties to this Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") are the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission" and Steve Erdman, hereafter referred to as the "Respondent."
- 2) Jurisdiction: The Respondents acknowledge that the Commission 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, during calendar year 2025 allegedly advocated a recall ballot question in a mailer but the disclaimer on the said mailer failed to provide a street address, in violation of Section 49-1474.01 of the NPADA.
- 5) Stipulation: The Respondent and the Commission stipulate and agree that at the time of the alleged violation, the mailer was sent in support of a recall question.
- 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 of Section 49-1474.01 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.
- 7) Civil Penalty and Agreement: The parties have agreed that, in view of the Respondent's willingness to resolve this matter and accept the finding of the Commission in this case, the Commission will impose a civil penalty in this matter not to exceed \$625 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.

  
Steve Erdman

11-21-2025  
Date

  
Scott Danigole, Executive Director  
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

12-5-2025  
Date