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Synopsis Case #26-14

Action Taken on August 21, 2026

Respondent: Kristi Wold

The Respondent is Kristi Wold, who was the Hall County Assessor. The Complainant is Gary Quandt, a member of the Hall County Board of Commissioners. The Complaint included a number of screen shots apparently taken in the offices of the Respondent, which apparently depicted campaign activity in the offices. The Complaint alleged that the Respondent had utilized public resources in support of her campaign for Assessor in 2026. The Notice of Preliminary Investigation alleged that the Respondent had violated Section 49-14,101.02: Use of public resources for campaign purposes. The Respondent was unsuccessful in the May, 2026 election.

Several witness interviews were conducted suggesting that there had been usage of public resources during the course of the campaign.

After discussions with the Respondent, she entered into a Settlement Agreement. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Respondent denied that she had intended to violate the terms of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, but she admitted that there was sufficient evidence from which the Commission could find a violation of Section 49-14,101.02 of the Act: use of public resources for campaign purposes in 2026. She agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00.

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

Violation: Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found a violation of §49-14,101.02 of the NPADA in 2026, and the Commission assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00.

Civil Penalty: \$750.00.

Attorney for the Commission: Neil B. Danberg

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

ORDER

Gary Quandt v. Kristi Wold

Case #26-14

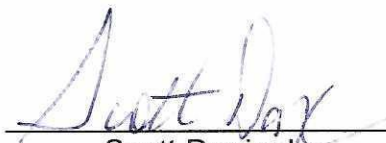
Now on this 21st day of August, 2026, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Davis, Gloor, Spray and Sullivan are present with Commissioner Christensen presiding. The Respondents are not present. The Commission notes the submission 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 utilized public resources for campaign purposes in 2026 in violation of §49-14,101.02 of Nebraska Revised Statutes, as recited in the attached Settlement Agreement.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Commission imposes a civil penalty of \$750.00 upon the Respondent.

Issued this 21st day of August, 2026.

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission



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 21st day of August, 2026 to the following persons and at the following addresses: Kristi Wold, 200 South Sycamore St., Suite 1, Grand Island, NE 68801; and Gary Quandt, 609 W. 14th Street, Grand Island, NE 68801.



Scott Danigole Executive Director

SETTLEMENT MEMORANDUM

Case #26-14

Gary Quandt v. Kristi Wold

- I. **Nature of the Case.** On April 28, 2026, Gary Quandt, as Complainant, filed a Complaint against Kristi Wold, Hall County Assessor. The Complainant is a County Commissioner in Hall County. The Complaint attached several photographs of the Respondent apparently conducting re-election efforts in her public office. The photographs include a picture of the Respondent with captions describing all the work she does as Assessor. Other photographs depict employees of her office apparently backing her election.
- II. **Notice of Preliminary Investigation.** A Notice of Preliminary Investigation was filed alleging that the Respondent had violated Section 49-14,101.02 by using public resources for campaign purposes.
- III. **Investigation.** We interviewed the Complainant. He said that the photographs attached to the Complaint were taken in her offices. He added that she had taken a video of her in her offices during working hours. The video promoted her candidacy. He added that the video was available for viewing by the general public.

The Complainant provided some additional information and names of possible witnesses. However, shortly after the commencement of the investigation, the Respondent called on July 7th. She said that she would like to settle the case. We said that we would obtain settlement authority, and we would call her back.
- IV. **Settlement Agreement.** We called the Respondent, and we proposed a settlement in which she denied that she had intended to violate the NPADA, but she admitted that there was sufficient evidence from which the NADC could find a violation as alleged. She agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00.
- V. **Recommendation.** A copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement, signed by the Respondent, has been appended to this Memorandum as **Exhibit "A."** We recommend it's acceptance.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August, 2026.


Neil B. Danberg General Counsel

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE No. 26-14

KRISTI WOLD

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1) Parties: The parties to this Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") are the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission" and Kristi Wold, hereinafter 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 Violation: In its Notice of Preliminary Investigation in this case, the Commission has alleged that the Respondent, as Hall County Assessor, during 2026, used or authorized the use of Hall County public resources for campaign purposes in violation of Section 49-14,101.02(2) of the Nebraska Statutes.
- 5) Stipulation: The Respondent and the Commission stipulate and agree that at the time of the alleged violations, the Respondent was a Hall County Assessor.
- 6) The Alleged Violations, Agreement: The Respondent states that it was not her intent to violate the Nebraska Statute as alleged, but she agrees and stipulates that there is sufficient evidence to support the Commission's findings of a violation of the Nebraska Statute as listed in the Notice of Preliminary Investigation, and as stated in Paragraph 4, above. The Respondent further agrees that she 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 in the amount of \$750.00.
- 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

EXHIBIT

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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 she has had an opportunity to seek the advice of an attorney concerning this Agreement.

Kristi Wold
Kristi Wold

7/21/24
Date

Scott Danigole
Scott Danigole, Executive Director
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

8-21-2026
Date