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Synopsis Case #20-40 Action Taken on March 5, 2021

Respondent: Patrick Berggren

The Respondent is a member of the Game and Parks Commission who was required to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests on or before March 2, 2020 covering calendar year 2019. He failed to do so in violation of §49-1493 of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The Executive Director of the Commission commenced a Preliminary Investigation on December 10, 2020 alleging a failure to file a Statement of Financial Interests in violation of §49-1493. The required statement was filed on January 27, 2021. The parties entered into a settlement agreement by the terms of which the Commission finds a violation of §49-1493 and no civil penalty is assessed. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with nine Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining.

Violation: Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found that the Respondent failed to file an Annual Statement of Financial Interests covering calendar year 2019 in violation §49-1493 of the NPADA.

Civil Penalty: None

Other: Required statement is now on file.

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Patrick Berggren,

Respondent

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Case #20-40

ORDER

Now on this 5th day of March 2021, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Anderson, Callahan, Carlson, Davis, Enenbach, Evnen, Hegarty, Peetz 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 nine 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 Statute §49-1493 as more fully set forth in the attached Settlement Agreement.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Commission does not impose a civil penalty in this case.

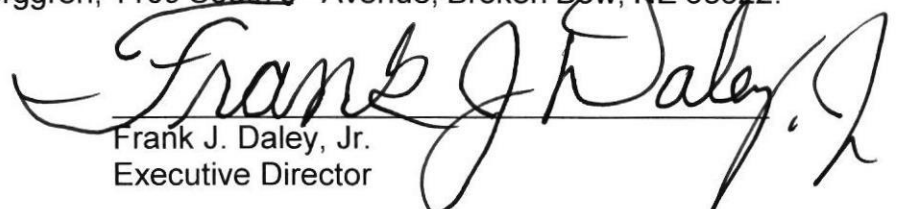
Issued this 5th day of March 2021.

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission


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 5th day of March 2021, to the following at the following address or addresses: Patrick Berggren, 1109 South 5th Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68622.


Frank J. Daley, Jr.
Executive Director

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**CASE No. 20-40
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 Patrick Berggren, 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 Violation: In its Notice of Preliminary Investigation in this case, the Commission has alleged that the Respondent failed to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests, covering calendar year 2019, which Statement was required by Section 49-1493 of the Nebraska Statutes.
- 5) Stipulation: The Respondent and the Commission stipulate and agree that at the time of the alleged violation, the Respondent had an obligation to file a Statement of Financial Interests covering calendar year 2019, and he did not do so.
- 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 the Commission has already made a finding that there is probable cause to believe that he violated Section 49-1493 of the NPADA, as described above in Paragraph 4, and as more fully set forth in the Notice of Preliminary Investigation; and he further agrees and stipulates that the Commission may enter an order that there has been a violation as alleged in Paragraph 4, and that he will not contest such order. The Respondent further states that he has now filed the Statement of Financial Interests in question, and that it has been accepted by the Commission.
- 7) Waiver of Civil Penalty. In view of the Respondent's willingness to resolve this matter at this point without a Hearing, and his filing of the Statement of Financial Interests at issue, the Commission will waive a civil penalty in this case.