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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of an Insufficient Contribution and Expenditure)
Report by Friends of Doug Whitsett, Douglas K. Whitsett, D.V.M,) Final Order by Default
Candidate, Gail D. Whitsett, Treasurer, for the First Pre-Election)
for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election) Case No. I8309
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January 27, 2006

Friends of Doug Whitsett (004821)
Douglas K. Whitsett, D.V.M, Candidate / Gail D. Whitsett, Treasurer
23131 North Poe Valley Rd
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Dear Senator Whitsett:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

On November 16, 2005, the secretary notified the Friends of Doug Whitsett (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file a sufficient report and that the secretary may impose a civil penalty. An opportunity for a hearing was provided in that notice; however, no request for a hearing was received by the secretary within the time permitted in the notice. Accordingly, after consideration of the records and files of the secretary regarding this matter, the secretary is entering the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The committee's Statement of Organization (SEL 220), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on February 9, 2004. The statement reported Gail D. Whitsett as the treasurer and 23131 North Poe Valley Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97603 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a first pre-election report with the secretary on April 12, 2004.
3. On April 27, 2004, the secretary sent the committee an exam letter that itemized the areas where the report was not in compliance. The committee was asked to submit the necessary amended information by May 6, 2004, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the May 6, 2004, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: the name of the payee for one expenditure and a Report of Expenditures Made by an Agent (form PC 9) or a copy of an invoice from the agent detailing expenditures of \$1,000.00 made by the agent on behalf of the committee (1 item).
5. On August 15, 2005, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment provided one item of previously insufficient information.
6. On November 16, 2005, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$11.86 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Douglas K. Whitsett on November 18, 2005.
7. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
8. The secretary has record of no previous insufficient filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Douglas K. Whitsett, D.V.M, Candidate, and Gail D. Whitsett, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Douglas K. Whitsett, D.V.M's and Treasurer Gail D. Whitsett's failure to file a sufficient first pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election violated ORS 260.058, ORS 260.083 and OAR 165-012-0005. A civil penalty may be imposed for this violation under ORS 260.232(1)(b).

A maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2004 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 104 and 105, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Since this is the first violation by the candidate, the penalty is \$10.00 per omission plus 1% of agent expenditures, less 50% for every omitted item provided prior to the issuance of the proposed penalty notice.

ORDER

It is ordered that no penalty be assessed because the appropriate penalty is under \$50.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was served to you. Because this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was *mailed*, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

Jennifer Hertel, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: January 27, 2006

c: Gail D. Whitsett, Treasurer
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