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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 the Jeff Kropf for State Representative, Jeff Kropf,) Final Order by Default
Candidate/Treasurer, for the Second Pre-Election for the)
May 16, 2006, Primary Election) Case No. I9391
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September 19, 2008

Jeff Kropf for State Representative (002718)
Jeff Kropf, Candidate/Treasurer
4181 Cascade Hwy. SE
Sublimity, Oregon 97385

Dear Mr. Kropf:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

On June 4, 2008, the secretary notified the Jeff Kropf for State Representative (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 April 12, 2006. The statement reported Jeff Kropf, the candidate, as the treasurer and 4181 Cascade Hwy. SE, Sublimity, Oregon 97385 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee filed a second pre-election report with the secretary on May 8, 2006.
3. On May 19, 2006, 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 June 1, 2006, to avoid penalties for failure to file a sufficient report.

4. On the day following the June 1, 2006, amendment deadline, the committee's report was still missing the following required information: a sufficient name of the payee for one personal expenditure, the addresses for two cash expenditure payees and the sufficient purposes for twenty-nine personal expenditures (32 items).
5. On September 7, 2007, the committee filed an amended statement of organization updating the candidate and committee address to PO Box 130, Sublimity, OR 97385. However, mail has been returned from this address, so all subsequent correspondence has been sent to the Cascade Hwy address.
6. On June 4, 2008, 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/treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$480.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was returned unclaimed and the post office indicated it gave first notice on June 5, 2008.
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 one previous insufficient filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jeff Kropf, Candidate/Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate/Treasurer Jeff Kropf's failure to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, 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 *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 108 and 109, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Since this is the second violation by the candidate, the penalty is \$15.00 per omission.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$480.00 (\$15.00 X 32 items) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days, the Order will be forwarded to our accounting division for collection and may subsequently be sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number I9391 when mailing your payment.

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.

Candy Broucek, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____