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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by Lorts for the Legislature, Jack E. Lorts, Candidate, Donnie) Final Order by Default
J. Holly, Treasurer, for the Supplement for the 2005)
) Case No. L8553
)

June 30, 2006

Lorts for the Legislature (004738)
Jack E. Lorts, Candidate / Donnie J. Holly, Treasurer
PO Box 474
Fossil, OR 97830

Dear Mr. Lorts:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely supplement contribution and expenditure report for the 2005.

On May 26, 2006, the secretary notified Lorts for the Legislature (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file the 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 December 9, 2003. The mailing address provided on the Statement of Organization for the candidate was PO Box 474, Fossil, OR 97830. The statement reported Donnie J. Holly as the treasurer and PO Box 473, Fossil, OR 97830 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a supplement report with the secretary on September 12, 2005.
3. The secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on September 13, 2005. The notice was sent by first class mail to the candidate and treasurer at the above-referenced addresses.

4. The secretary received the report on September 19, 2005, which is four business days after the date on which the report was due.
5. The committee reported no contributions and total expenditures of \$174.76 during the accounting period for the report.
6. On September 19, 2005, the secretary received an amended SEL 220 updating the committee address to PO Box 474 Fossil, OR 97830.
7. On May 26, 2006, 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 addresses. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$100.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Jack Lorts on May 30, 2006.
8. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
9. The secretary has record of two previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jack E. Lorts, Candidate, and Donnie J. Holly, Treasurer, failed to file a timely supplement contribution and expenditure report for the 2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Jack E. Lorts's and Treasurer Donnie J. Holly's failure to file a timely supplement contribution and expenditure report for the 2005 violated ORS 260.068.

By statute, 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 101 and 102, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Under the penalty matrix, the maximum statutory penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 5% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the third late violation by the candidate.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$100.00 ($\$174.76 \times 5\% \times 4$ days) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days from the date of service noted below, this Order will be sent to our accounting division for collection and may be subsequently sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number L8553 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: _____

c: Donnie J. Holly, Treasurer
PO Box 474
Fossil, OR 97830