

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

FINDINGS REGARDING PILE DRIVERS LOCAL 1847

Procedural Background

In response to an inquiry from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”). Mary Bonk, Comptroller, Minnesota DFL State Central Committee (#20003), confirmed that Pile Drivers Local 1847, an association that is not registered with the Board, made a \$150 contribution to the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee on October 26, 2004.

Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13, prohibits an unregistered association from making a contribution to a registered political party unit unless, at the time the contribution was made, the unregistered association provides the recipient with the disclosure required by Minn. Stat. §10A.20.

By letter dated November 10, 2005, Craig Comer, Financial Secretary, Pile Drivers Local 1847, states that “We regret the mistake we made regarding this matter. It was unintentional.” Mr. Comer also states that the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee has refunded \$50 to the Pile Drivers Local 1847.

This matter was considered by the Board in executive sessions in its meetings on November 22, 2005. The Board’s decision was based upon correspondence from the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee, the Pile Drivers Local 1847, and Board records.

Based on the record before it, the Board issues the following:

EVIDENTIARY FINDINGS

1. There is evidence that the Pile Drivers Local 1847 inadvertently violated Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13, when it made a contribution in excess of \$100 to the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee without providing the required disclosure.
2. There is evidence that this contribution was not returned within 60 days. Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13 (b), provides that an unregistered association that makes a contribution to a political party unit without the required disclosure is subject to civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

Based on the above Statement of the Evidence, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS CONCERNING PROBABLE CAUSE

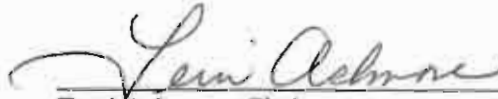
There is probable cause to believe that the Pile Drivers Local 1847 inadvertently violated Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13, by making a contribution to the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee without providing the required disclosure.

Based on the above Findings, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

1. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$50, one times the amount of the contribution in excess of \$100, for making a contribution to a registered political party unit without providing the disclosure required by Minn. Stat. §10A.20.
2. The Pile Drivers Local 1847 is directed to forward to the Board payment of the civil penalty, by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota, within thirty days of receipt of this order.
3. If the Pile Drivers Local 1847 does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the appropriate County Attorney for civil enforcement pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd.4.
4. The Board investigation of this matter is hereby made a part of the public records of the Board pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.02, subd. 11, and upon payment by the civil penalty imposed herein, this matter is concluded.

Dated: November 22, 2005



Terri Ashmore, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board