



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 8, 2021

Sharon Boysen, Treasurer
South Dakota First
PO Box 155
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

**Response Due Date
April 30, 2021**

Re: ADR 1001 (RAD 21L-09)
South Dakota First and Sharon Boysen, Treasurer (C00430371)

Dear Sharon Boysen:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division was based on a review of reports filed by South Dakota First which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with South Dakota First and Sharon Boysen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) is referring South Dakota First and Sharon Boysen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failure to identify the source of a cash-on-hand discrepancy totaling \$34,400.00 disclosed on its 2020 Termination Report, received July 17, 2020.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE
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On September 9, 2020, the Respondent filed an FEC Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) stating that the amount is a discrepancy between the filings and actual bank balance. In addition, the Committee states that they closed their bank account with a balance of zero when they filed their July 17, 2020 Termination Report.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days from the date of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR.** In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1001**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosa Marshall".

Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office