



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 13, 2021

Sharon Boysen
PO Box 155
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

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

Dear Sharon Boysen:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the Negotiated Settlement resolving the above-shown matter. The Negotiated Settlement was approved by the Commission on August 31, 2021 – the effective date of the agreement.

Under the terms of the agreement, a civil penalty in the amount of \$790 is due on October 1, 2021. Kindly review the attached payment instructions for details on payment methods and the collection of unpaid debts.

As you are aware, the Negotiated Settlement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our negotiations, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Records Office.

This agreement resolves this matter. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Payment Instructions and Negotiated Settlement

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ADRO Civil Penalty Payment Instructions

You may remit payment by credit card, debit card, or ACH withdrawal from your bank account through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/adrrpayment to be directed to Pay.gov's FEC ADR Payment form.

Unpaid Civil Penalties

Unpaid civil money penalties will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within 30 days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within 5 days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. If the age of the debt is greater than or equal to two years old, Treasury will charge a fee of 32% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.



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Case Number: ADR 1001
Source: RAD 21L-09
Case Name: South Dakota First

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (FECA) and resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Sharon Boysen representing South Dakota First and herself, in the official capacity of Treasurer (the Committee or Respondents). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 52 U.S.C. § 30109.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents for failing to identify the source of a cash-on-hand discrepancy totaling \$34,400.00 disclosed on a Termination Report, filed July 17, 2020.
4. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts, disbursements, and debts, pursuant to the FECA. 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(2), (4), and (8), 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a), (b), and (d). The content of reports filed by political committees must include, among other things, the total amount of receipts and disbursements, including the appropriate itemizations, where required, and its cash-on-hand. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).
5. Respondents contend that an internal audit was conducted and the Committee's records were reviewed dating back to 2009 in an attempt to reconcile the Committee's cash-on-hand, however, the source of the discrepancy could not be identified. Additionally, the discrepancy pre-dates the current treasurer's tenure with the Committee.

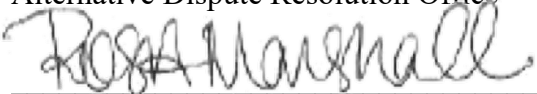
On May 28, 2021, the Respondent filed another Termination Report that updated the Committee's cash on hand to a zero balance by disclosing a cash adjustment entry totaling

\$34,400. The Committee notes that it wishes to terminate its political committee status and has closed its bank account.

6. Respondents, in an effort to resolve this matter, agree to: pay a civil penalty of \$790 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement. In addition, Respondents will terminate their political committee status and reporting obligations with the Commission.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance. Unpaid civil money penalties are subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The Commission will transfer debt to the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) for collection.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 6 above, and shall certify compliance with the above settlement terms in writing to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office on or before the date each term becomes due.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 1001 (RAD 21L-09), and resolves those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

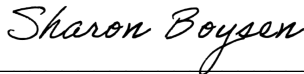
Rosa Marshall, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



8/31/2021

Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



Sharon Boysen
Representing South Dakota First and herself
as Treasurer

July 6, 2021

Date Signed