

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of John Neisen Enterprises LLC;

1. The Sibley County DFL's 2020 pre-general report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a \$4,040 contribution dated September 15, 2020, from John Neisen Enterprises LLC. John Neisen Enterprises LLC is a Minnesota limited liability company. A staff review was initiated as the contribution appeared to have been made in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15.
2. Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2, prohibits a corporation, including an LLC that does business in Minnesota, from making a contribution to a political party unit.
3. John Neisen stated that when making the contribution, he used the wrong check and inadvertently issued a check drawn on the account of the LLC rather than his personal bank account. Terry Klages, the Sibley County DFL's treasurer, stated that he was not aware of the prohibition on accepting a contribution from an LLC. Mr. Neisen issued a new check for the same amount drawn on his personal bank account in April 2021 to replace the check drawn on the account of the LLC.
4. The parties agree that John Neisen Enterprises LLC made a corporate contribution in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2. This is John Neisen Enterprises LLC's first violation of the prohibition on corporate contributions.
5. To avoid a similar violation in the future, John Neisen Enterprises LLC agrees that it will refrain from giving contributions prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15 and that its officers will be careful to ensure that any individual political contribution is drawn from a personal bank account.
6. John Neisen Enterprises LLC agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,020, half of the amount of the contribution, for making a contribution prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2. Of this amount, \$250 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$1,770 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2023. If John Neisen Enterprises LLC violates Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If John Neisen Enterprises LLC does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.
7. The parties agree that this agreement resolves any possible violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, related to the contribution to the Sibley County DFL.

8. If John Neisen Enterprises LLC does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ John Neisen  
John Neisen, Manager  
John Neisen Enterprises LLC

Dated: August 6, 2021

/s/ Stephen Swanson  
Stephen Swanson, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 29, 2021