

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-47
APPROVED APRIL 27, 2000

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

PRESENT: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, presiding
 Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman
 Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner
 David M. Mason, Commissioner
 Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
 Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
 James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
 Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Darryl R. Wold called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2000, with a quorum present.

I. FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE (MRSC)

Agenda Document No. 00-44

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of objections by Commissioners Mason and Sandstrom following circulation on a 72 hour vote basis.)

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason, who outlined six items of concern in the final audit report of the Michigan Republican State Committee. Commissioner Sandstrom concurred with some of the issues raised. During the discussion Mr. Joseph Stoltz of the Audit Division responded to questions and comments.

It was agreed without objection to delete the last sentence on Page 13, which reads:

"Had there been evidence that there was express advocacy of a clearly identified candidate at any of the events, the Interim Audit Report would have concluded that a contribution to that candidate had occurred."

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Following the discussion of lobbying expenses, Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason, who

MOVED to determine that the lobbying expenses, described on Pages 16 and 17 of the audit report, were not for the purpose of influencing a federal election, and, therefore, were properly paid from the non-federal account.

The motion failed by a vote of 2-4 with Commissioners Elliott and Mason voting affirmatively. Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold dissented.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Elliott, who

MOVED to approve the final audit report, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 00-44, subject to the following amendments:

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1. Amend the last line on Page 4 in the first paragraph under the heading Disbursements for a Salaried Get-Out-the-Vote Program to read:

"....this project reflects a \$5,794 (\$23,174 x 25%) contribution to, or independent expenditure on behalf of, Dole/Kemp '96."

2. Delete the last sentence on Page 13, as stated on Page 2 of these minutes.
3. Amend the last sentence on Page 23 by deleting the remainder of the sentence after the word "misstatements," and insert a period. Include a final sentence to read as follows:

"On March 21, 2000, the Committee filed an amended summary page for the 1999 Year End Report to correct the ending cash on hand."

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting unanimously.

Chairman Wold recognized outgoing Commissioner Lee Ann Elliott for her eighteen years of dedication to the Federal Election Commission, having been nominated to the position by President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

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The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 12:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

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II. FINANCIAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MANUAL FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CANDIDATES RECEIVING PUBLIC FINANCING - PROPOSED 2000 EDITION

Agenda Documents No. 00-45 and
No. 00-45-A

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of objections by Commissioners Mason and Sandstrom following circulation on a 72 hour vote basis.)

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald,
who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 00-45-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

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The revisions submitted by Commissioner Thomas, in Agenda Document No. 00-45-A, were addressed.

There was a discussion of repayments for exceeding expenditure limitations.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason, who

MOVED to revise the manual at Page 63, and other places, if necessary, to delete references to repayments for exceeding expenditure limitations in the primary.

The motion failed in a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, and Wold voting affirmatively. Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas dissented.

The following amendments were submitted by Ms. Delanie Painter of the General Counsel's Office:

1. Delete the two footnotes marked "***" on Pages iii and iv.

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2. Add language on Page iii to the paragraph concerning rulemaking projects, stating that rule-making projects which go into effect next year will:
 - a) require presidential committees to file on an election-cycle-to-date basis rather than a calendar-year-to-date basis; and
 - b) require all committees above a certain dollar threshold to file electronically.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald,
who

MOVED to approve the 2000 Edition of the Financial Control and Compliance Manual for Presidential Primary Candidates Receiving Public Financing, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 00-45, as amended by Agenda Document No. 00-45-A, and further amended by the General Counsel's Office.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signed:



Darryl R. Wold
Chairman

Attest:



Mary W. Dove
Acting Secretary