

REPORTS ANALYSIS REFERRAL

TO

OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

DATE: February 3, 2006

ANALYST: Ryan Lanz

I. COMMITTEE: Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party
(C00025254)
Kerry Gautier, Treasurer (6/08/05 – present)
Sue Ponsford, Treasurer (6/30/04 – 6/07/05)
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II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(A)
11 C.F.R. §104:3(a)(2)(i)(A))

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Disclose All Financial Activity)

The Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party (“the Committee”) filed an Amended 2005 March Monthly Report to disclose additional receipts totaling \$59,277.41 on May 16, 2005 (Attachment 2).

On March 18, 2005, the Committee filed the 2005 March Monthly Report covering the period from February 1, 2005 through February 28, 2005. This report disclosed no receipts on Line 18(a) (Transfers from Non-Federal Account for Allocated Activity) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image 25980451060).

On April 18, 2005, the Committee filed an Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, which disclosed no change in the amount of receipts obtained by the Committee (Image 25990513860).

On May 16, 2005, the Committee filed an Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, which disclosed \$59,277.41 on Line 18(a) (Transfers from Non-Federal Account for Allocated Activity) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image 25990834304).

On August 31, 2005, a Request for Additional Information (“RFAI”) was sent to the Committee referencing the Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, received 5/16/05. The RFAI asked for clarification regarding the \$59,277.41 in additional receipts on Line 18(a) (Transfers from Non-Federal Account for Allocated Activity) that were not

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disclosed on the Committee's original 2005 March Monthly Report (Image 25038891628).

On September 27, 2005, the Committee filed a miscellaneous electronic submission in response to the RFAI referencing the Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, received 5/16/05, which stated, "The transfers reported on line 18(a) of the amended report were discovered during the reconciliation of our bank accounts. This task had not been completed when the original report was filed. Please let me know if you have additional questions" (Image 25971092494).

On October 6, 2005, the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") analyst called the Committee regarding the Committee's possible referral to the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR"). The Analyst advised Mary Bonk, Committee Comptroller, that the increased receipts disclosed on the Committee's Amended 2005 March Monthly Report was a matter referable to ADR. Ms. Bonk explained that the Committee discovered the additional activity after using Quick Books to balance their check books. The Analyst asked Ms. Bonk to provide any further clarification regarding the matter within one week (Attachment 3).

On October 11, 2005, the Committee filed an additional miscellaneous electronic submission referencing the Amended 2005 March Monthly Report, received 5/16/05, which stated, "You asked for more information as to why I omitted non-federal transfers on our report filed March 20th and why it took until May 16 to file the amendment correcting this error. When I filed the March Monthly I did not notice any discrepancies. After I discovered the discrepancy I decided to identify, reconcile, and correct all possible errors before filing an amendment. After this process was completed I discovered the discrepancy was due in part to data entry errors that caused some of the non-federal transfers to not appear on the original report and also to a non-federal transfer that was not entered in our bookkeeping system. Please let me know if you need additional information." (Image 25971139266)

To date, no further communication has been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

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