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Carole Tillotson
Jonathan Roos
Mary Rueter
Elaine Olson

Minutes for September 20, 2018 meeting

Ola Babcock Miller building, room 300
1112 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50319

I. CALL TO ORDER

Albert calls meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Albert, Walsh and Olson present in-person. Roos present by telephone.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Walsh, second by Olson, to approve minutes for meeting held on July 13, 2018. All ayes. Motion carries.

III. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF CONSENT TO SELL

Jan McClurg appeals the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's partial denial of her request for a consent to sell. Board holds contested case hearing as provided by Iowa Administrative Code rule 351—6.11(6). McClurg appears by phone. Facts are not in dispute. Tooker says it is a conflict for McClurg to calculate payroll for Scott County SWCD employee as an outside vendor and then review those figures and prepare checks based on those figures in her official capacity. Walsh tells McClurg that she handled this matter professionally and unfortunately got some bad advice along the way. Motion by Walsh, second by Olson, to confirm IDALS' decision. All ayes. Motion carries.

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Walsh, second by Olson, to adjourn to closed session in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code 21.5(1) "c" & "g" to discuss pending complaints with counsel. All ayes. Motion carries by roll call vote. Board adjourns to close session at 12:33 p.m.

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board returns to open session at 1:15 pm.

1. Complaint against Governor Reynolds re: income tax checkoff funds .
Motion by Olson, second by Walsh, to dismiss complaint because it is not legally sufficient. All ayes. Motion carries.
2. Complaint against Rebel Snodgrass re: alleged corporate contributions and sign violations.
Motion by Roos, second by Walsh, to dismiss complaint. All ayes. Motion carries.
3. Two complaints against Kim Reynolds for Iowa re: in-kind contributions of flights.
Motion by Walsh, second by Olson, to dismiss complaints because they are not legally sufficient. All ayes. Motion carries.
4. Complaint against Jeffrey Feingold re: alleged corporate contribution.
Motion by Olson, second by Roos, to dismiss complaint because it is not legally sufficient. All ayes. Motion carries.

5. Complaint against Republican Governors Association and Kim Reynolds for Iowa re: alleged indirect corporate contribution and alleged incomplete consultant schedule. Motion by Walsh, second by Olson, to accept Kim Reynolds for Iowa's amendments to consultant schedule as sufficient remedial action. Complaint otherwise dismissed because it is not legally sufficient. Roos says he is disappointed to hear that statewide candidates are not providing sufficient information on their consultant schedules without prompting by the Board's staff.
6. Complaint against Todd Nuccio re: alleged failure to discipline a judicial officer. Complaint tabled to next meeting to allow complainant to appear by telephone.

VI. REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF CIVIL PENALTIES (RULE 351 IAC 4.60)

Motion by Walsh, second by Roos, to accept Tooker's recommendations. All ayes. Motion carries 4-0.

- STATE COMMITTEES (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(3))
 1. Maxwell for State House – recommend denial
- STATE PACS (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(3))
 1. Iowa People's PAC – recommending reducing by half
- COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(2))
 1. Lyon County Democrats – recommend waiver
 2. Carroll County Republicans – recommend denial

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roos, second by Olson, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carries 4-0. Meeting adjourns at 2:20 pm.