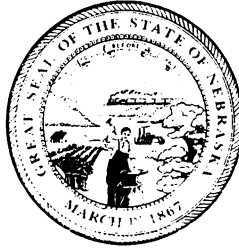


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September 18, 2024

Eric Hansen
3723 West Foothill Road
North Platte, NE 69101

Re: Potential Conflict of Interest Statement received on September 16, 2024

Dear Mr. Hansen,

This will acknowledge receipt of a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement ("Statement") in our office on September 16, 2024.

The facts in this matter are, as we understand them, that you are a Board Member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust (hereinafter "Trust"). You have stated that you are a member of the Grants Committee of the Trust. In that capacity, you will be, "determining recommendations of eligibility and ...awarding of grants."

You also state that you are a Board Member of the Sandhills Task Force and a Board Member of the Nebraska Cattlemen. You note that both of these non-profit entities have applied for grants from the Trust.

The applicable Statute within the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("NPADA") is Section 49-1499.02. This Section governs the actions of officials within the Executive Branch of Nebraska government. As a Board member of the Trust, you would be considered such an official. Specifically, the Section in question provides that an official of the executive branch of government, "who would be required to take any action or make any decision in the discharge of his... official duties that may cause financial benefit...to him...or a business with which he... is associated...shall take the following actions.." The actions include preparation of the subject written Statement, which you have delivered to our Commission. You should also deliver a copy of this Statement to your immediate superior at the Trust. This

Commission will then respond to your Statement and advise you with respect to it.

In view of your position as a Board Member for the two entities (the Sandhills Task Force and the Nebraska Cattlemen) which have applied for grants from the Trust, you would have a business association with those entities. Those entities have a financial interest in the grants for which they have applied. As a consequence, you would have a conflict of interest in determining recommendations of eligibility for grants from the Trust in view of your business association with both entities. Your Statement reflects the fact that you have concluded that you would have such a conflict, and that you will abstain from any recommendation or decision when the applications are acted upon. We agree with your conclusion.

If you have specific other questions with respect to this matter, please call us. If the facts which we have related above are incorrect or incomplete in any particular, please advise us immediately.

The Commission thanks you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil B. Danberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "N" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Neil B. Danberg
General Counsel

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 1225 L St., Suite 400 P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT NADC FORM C-2	POSTMARK DATE <u>9/11/24</u>
		MICROFILM NUMBER
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 3		OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIVED SEP 16 2024 <i>S</i> NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY and DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

- An official or employee of the executive branch of state government or any other official or employee required to file Statements of Financial Interests must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.
- Elected officials of school districts and elected officials of villages and cities (except Omaha and Lincoln) should not use this form. Use Potential Conflict of Interest Statement Form C-2A.
- File this Potential Conflict of Interest Statement with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission and with your immediate superior (if any) whenever a potential conflict of interest situation arises.
- Persons who fail to disclose a potential conflict of interest or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Name	<u>HANSEN</u>	<u>Eric</u>	<u>Steven</u>
	Last	First	Middle
Telephone No.	<u>308-530-3899</u>		
Address	<u>3723</u>	<u>West Foothill Rd</u>	<u>North Platte</u>
	<u>Ne</u>	<u>69101</u>	
	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE		City STATE ZIP CODE

ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY, ADDRESS, PHONE AND SUPERIOR		
Your Title	<u>Board Member</u>		Agency <u>Nebraska Environmental Trust</u>
Agency Address	<u>2077 N Street Suite 310</u>	<u>Lincoln Ne</u>	Agency Phone <u>402-471-5409</u>
Name of Immediate Superior			Title

ITEM 3	DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN DETAIL (Use Item 7 Continuation, if necessary)
Date action is to be taken or decision is to be made:	<u>Fall 2024 - Winter 2025</u>
Description of Potential Conflict:	As a board member of the NET and a member of the grants Committee, I will be determining recommendations of eligibility and for awarding of Grants. As a board member of the Sandhills Task Force and the Nebraska Cattlemen, both of which have applied for grants, there would be a conflict of interest. Therefore, I will abstain from any recommendations or decisions when those applications

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are acted on.

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT☐ You☐ Member of your Immediate Family: _____

NAME

Business With Which You

☒ Are Associated (See Definitions)Sandhills Task Force and Nebraska Cattlemen

NAME OF BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

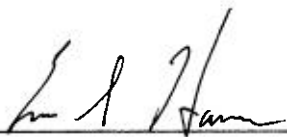
Both non-profit organizations have applied to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for grant funding to complete projects.

ITEM 6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ONLY

If you will not abstain from acting on a matter state why, despite the potential conflict, you intend to vote or otherwise participate.

ITEM 7 CONTINUATION

(SIGNATURE)



(DATE)

9-11-24