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Short Form

Form 990-EZ Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.*

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
MINNESOTA BROWNFIELDS

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
1415 Highland Pkwy.

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
St. Paul, MN 55116 - 2240

D Employer identification number
20-5007655

E Telephone number
(651)757-8181

F Group Exemption Number ▶ N/A

• *Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).*

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.mnbrownfields.org

H Check ▶ ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ▶ ☒ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than $25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	49,500
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	7,406
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	8,650
	4	Investment income		4	60
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a 0		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	0
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ ☐			
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a 0		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b 0		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a 0		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b 0		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)		8	0
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	65,616
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)		10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	200
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	42,948
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	4,632
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	1,194
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ food, fees, refunds, training, eqpt.)		16	3,099
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	52,073
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	13,543
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	35,809
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	49,352

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	35,809	22	49,352
23	Land and buildings	0	23	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶)	0	24	0
25	**Total assets**	35,809	25	49,352
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶)	0	26	0
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	35,809	27	49,352

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Promote reuse of polluted sites.

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 Hosted 3 forums covering 1) areawide assessment of contamination, 2) brownfields update, & 3) sustainable remediation. Attendance exceeded 200 people. (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	23,155
29 Sponsored a $7,500 consultant research project on areawide approaches to assessment of wide-spread contamination of soil, ground water or soil vapor. (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	11,045
30 Published a monthly E-newsletter with circulation exceeding 300 subscribers. Offer a website with other announcements, news items & resource information. (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	11,045
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	
32 **Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	45,245

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Ken Haberman 1415 Highland Pkwy. St. Paul, MN 55116	President,5 hrs.	0	0	155
Deborah DeLuca 424 Lakeview Ave. Duluth, MN 55812	Vice-chair,Sec. 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Kristina Smitten 1697 Hague Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104	Vice-chair 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Wayne Nelson 1995 Duluth St. Maplewood, MN 55109	Treasurer, 5hrs.	0	0	0
John Carlson, Braun Intertec, 11001 Hampshire Ave., Mpls,55438	Board member 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Steven Heurung, Stoel Rives LLP 33 S. 6th St.Ste.4200 Mpls,55402	Board member 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Meredith UdoibokMN DEED, 332 Minnesota St.Ste.E200 St. Paul	Board member 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Sara Peterson, Dorsey & Whitney 50 S. 6th St.S.1500 Mpls.55402	Board member 5 hrs.	0	0	0
Martha Faust, 1904 Saunders Ave. St. Paul, MN 55116	Program Administrator 20 hrs.	35,448	0	804

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Minnesota			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Wayne Nelson, Treasurer Telephone no. ▶ 651-330-1937 Located at ▶ 1885 Duluth St., Maplewood, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55109-3416			
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43			

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		X

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

			Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		X
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		X
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		X
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		X
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		X

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 . . . . ▶ None

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 . . ▶ None

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Wayne A. Nelson — Signature of officer

Feb. 25, 2010 — Date

Wayne A. Nelson, Treasurer — Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		EIN ▶	
		Phone no. ▶	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

© Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. © See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization: Minnesota Brownfields

Employer identification number: 20 : 5007655

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33⅓ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III–Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III–Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box . . . . . ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
11g(i) (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
11g(ii) (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
11g(iii) (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ⊙	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")			52,050	13,500	58,150	123,700
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose			465	5,200	7,406	13,071
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513			0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf			0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge			0	0	0	0
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5			52,515	18,700	65,556	136,771
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons			0	0	0	0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year			0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b			0	0	0	0
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						136,771

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ⊙	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6			52,515	18,700	65,556	136,771
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			0	817	60	877
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975			0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b			0	0	0	0
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on			0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)			0	0	0	0
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)			52,515	19,517	65,616	137,648

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ⊙ ☒

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33⅓ % support tests—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓ %, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ⊙ ☐

b **33⅓ % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓ %, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ⊙ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ⊙ ☐

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Question 35 Attachment

Our business income consisted entirely of Forum registration fees in the amount of $7,406 reported as Program Service Revenue on line 2. This type of program income falls outside the report requirements of form 990-T.