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Form **990-EZ****Short Form
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.

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization Conservation Minnesota Voter Center Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1101 West River Parkway 250 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Minneapolis, MN 55415
D Employer identification number 41-1949625	E Telephone number 612-767-2444
F Group Exemption Number ►	

• 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.mnvotercenter.org**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**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	189,847
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	40,924
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4	Investment income	4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	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 ☐		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than administrative expenses	6b	
	6c	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	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	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	230,771
	Net Assets	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10
11		Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	102,015
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	15,042
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	2,972
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	11,792
16		Other expenses (describe ► supplies, equipment, meetings, website, database, and travel)	16	30,505
17		Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	207,326
18		Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	23,445
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	46,112
20		Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	1,414
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	70,971	

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	24,782	61,130
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe ► accounts receivable, prepaids, equipment)	32,403	78,705
25 Total assets	57,185	139,205
26 Total liabilities (describe ► accounts payable, accrued salaries)	11,073	68,234
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	46,112	70,971

Expenses

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

28	Accountability work—publish annual scorecard, track state level legislation, host annual awards event to recognize conservation leaders		
	(Grants \$ 45,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	127,523
29	Recycling Refund—statewide education campaign on the benefits of a bottle recycling program		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	21,015
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	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	
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	148,768

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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		☒
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		☒
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?		☒
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
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		☒
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a <u>0</u>		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
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?		☒
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
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		☒
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 ▶ _____		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
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.		☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Minnesota		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Paul Austin Telephone no. ▶ 612-767-2444 Located at ▶ 1101 W River Parkway, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55415		
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)?		
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.?		
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 ☒		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		☒
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		☒

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.

- 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** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II **47** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 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."

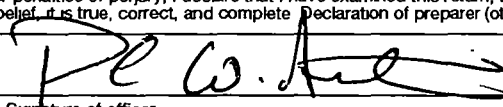
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **f** _____

- 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

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **d** _____

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.			
	 Signature of officer		8/12/10 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Paul Austin, Executive Director Type or print name and title		Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) _____	
	Preparer's signature _____ Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 _____	Date _____	Check if self-employed ☐	EIN _____ Phone no. _____

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

C4 Schedule

Grants

Conservation Minnesota	\$45,000
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