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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.*

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning Change of Accounting Period , 2009, and ending June 30 , 20 10

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
Conservation Minnesota Voter Center

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1101 W 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) (4) ◀ (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 ▶ $

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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	244,555
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	0
	4	Investment income		4	0
	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		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
	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		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶ bank interest)		8	10
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	244,565
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)		10	50,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	42,975
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	49,533
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	2,834
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	1,040
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ dues, website, supplies, equipment, meetings, database)		16	13,569
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	159,951
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	84,614
	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	70,971
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20	(35)
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	155,550

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	61,130	22	168,904
23	Land and buildings	0	23	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ accounts receivable, prepaids, equipment)	78,705	24	52,707
25	**Total assets**	139,205	25	221,612
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ accounts payable, accrued salaries)	68,234	26	66,062
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	70,971	27	155,550

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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? public education and advocacy for the environment

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	Accountability work--track state level legislation (Grants $ 50,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	50,300
29	Recycling Refund--statewide education campaign on the benefits of a bottling recycling program (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	51,907
30	General Program work--website updates, membership support, advocacy on Washington County landfill (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	5,263
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	107,470

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
Paul Austin 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Executive Director-	10,720	2,635	0
Cheryl Appeldorn 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Vice-President-.5	0		
Tom Berg 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Kristin Eggerling 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Nancy Gibson 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
David Hartwell 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Eric Gustafson 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Doug Kelley 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Co-Chair-.5	0		
Peg Larson 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Gene Merriam 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Treasurer-.5	0		
Frank Moe 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Darby Nelson 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Co-chair&Board Pes.-.5	0		
Michael Noble 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Dennis Ozment 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	0		
Evan Rice 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5	o		
Lucy Rogers 1101 W River Parkwy, Ste, 250, Mpls, MN 55415	Board Member-.5			

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		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		✓
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		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
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		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0	37b		
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?	38a		✓
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 ▶ ; 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	40b		
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.	40e		

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 Pkwy, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55415

			Yes	No
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		✓
	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		✓
	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		✓
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		✓

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		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

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 . . . . ▶ _____

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 . . ▶ _____

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.

Sign Here

Paul W. Austin — Signature of officer — Date

Paul Austin, Executive Director
Type or print name and title

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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 O (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Name of the organization
Conservation Minnesota Voter Center

Employer identification number
41 : 1949625

Schedule 1: Part 1, Line 10: A $50,000 grant was made to Conservation Minnesota, an affiliated organization located at 1101 W River Parkway, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN 55415. This money was programmatic in that it went to support our accountability efforts.