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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

2010

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

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization Conservation Minnesota Voter Center Doing Business As 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 G Gross receipts \$ 440,290 H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number
I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	F Name and address of principal officer Paul Austin, same as C above
J Website: Website:	
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other	L Year of formation 1999 M State of legal domicile MN

Part I Summary	
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: We help Minnesotans evaluate the performance of elected representatives and hold those officials accountable. The most important conservation decisions are made by elected officials, so one of the most important things we can do to protect our lakes, land and way of life is to affect the outcome of those decisions.	
2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 11
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 11
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5 10
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	244,555 440,290
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0 0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0 0
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	10 0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	244,555 440,290
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	50,000 56,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0 0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	42,975 106,343
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0 0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 5,568	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	66,976 283,750
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	159,951 446,093
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	84,614 (5,803)
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	221,612 167,733
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	66,062 17,986
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	155,550 149,747

Part II Signature Block	
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	Signature of officer Paul Austin Date 11-14-11 Type or print name and title Paul Austin, Executive Director
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN Firm's name Firm's EIN Firm's address Phone no

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Form 990 (2010)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
We help Minnesotans evaluate the performance of elected representatives and hold those officials accountable. The most important conservation decisions are made by elected officials, so one of the most important things we can do to protect our lakes, land and way of life is to affect the outcome of those decisions.
- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 255,257 including grants of \$ 6,000) (Revenue \$ 0)
Recycling Refund: statewide education campaign on the benefits of a bottle recycling program
Statewide media campaign reaching a potential audience of 3.1 million Minnesotans
6 bottle drives in targeted communities raised public awareness and collected over 60,000 containers in total

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 54,222 including grants of \$ 50,000) (Revenue \$ 0)
Accountability: track state level legislation and acknowledge conservation leaders
annual event recognizing conservation leaders
partnership with affiliate organization in developing an online tracking system for state legislators

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ 93,705 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses **\$403,184**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	✓
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	2	✓
3 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	3	✓
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	✓
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	✓
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	✓
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	✓
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	✓
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	✓
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12a	✓
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12b	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	✓
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	✓
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	☒	☐
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	☐	☒
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	☐	☒
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	☐	☒
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	☐	☒
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	☐	☒
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	☐	☒
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	☐	☒
25b Is the organization 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	☐	☒
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	☐	☒
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	☐	☒
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):	☐	☐
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	☐	☒
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	☐	☒
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	☐	☒
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	☐	☒
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	☐	☒
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	☐	☒
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	☒	☐
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	☐	☒
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No	☐	☐
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	☐	☐
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	☐	☒
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	☒	☐

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	10
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	☒
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	10
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	☒
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	☒
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	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)?	4a	☒
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	☒
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	☒
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	☒
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	☒
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	☒
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	☒
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	☒
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	☒
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a 11		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 11		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	☒
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	☒
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	☒
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	☒
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	☒
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	☒
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	☒
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a ☒	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	☒
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	☒

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	☒
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a ☒	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a ☒	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b ☒	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c ☒	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	☒
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	☒
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a ☒	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	☒
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MN**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **Paul Austin, 1101 W River Parkway, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN 55415**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☒**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) David Hartwell Board President	.5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(2) Alida Messinger Board Vice-President	.5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(3) Doug Kelley Co-chair	.5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(4) Darby Nelson Co-chair	.5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(5) Gene Merriam Treasurer	.5	✓		✓				0	0	0
(6) Cheryl Appeldorn Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(7) Kristin Eggerling Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(8) Nancy Gibson Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(9) Frank Moe Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(10) Michael Noble Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(11) Lucy Rogers Board Member	.5	✓						0	0	0
(12) Paul Austin Executive Director	14			✓				24,340	5,036	14,254
(13)										
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
(26)										
(27)										
(28)										
1b Sub-total								24,340	5,036	14,254
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								24,340	5,036	14,254

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | | ☒ |
| 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | | ☒ |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> | | ☒ |

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 0					
	b	Membership dues	1b 0					
	c	Fundraising events	1c 0					
	d	Related organizations	1d 0					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 0					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 440,290					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$	0					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	440,290					
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a							
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue .						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	0					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		0				
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶		0				
	5	Royalties ▶		0				
	6a	(i) Real						
		(ii) Personal						
	b	Less: rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a	(i) Securities						
		(ii) Other						
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a						
		b	Less: direct expenses b					
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ▶					
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a							
	b	Less: direct expenses b						
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a							
	b	Less: cost of goods sold b						
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12	Total revenue. See instructions. ▶		440,290	0	0	0		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	56,000	56,000		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	28,168	25,633	845	1,690
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages	51,643	30,986	18,591	2,066
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	3,613	2,168	1,301	145
9	Other employee benefits	16,727	10,036	6,023	669
10	Payroll taxes	6,192	3,715	2,229	248
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management	0	0	0	0
b	Legal	0	0	0	0
c	Accounting	794	476	286	32
d	Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f	Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g	Other	164,268	164,268	0	0
12	Advertising and promotion	77,941	77,914	0	0
13	Office expenses	6,993	5,426	1,411	157
14	Information technology	13,103	10,983	1,908	212
15	Royalties	0	0	0	0
16	Occupancy	8,012	4,807	2,884	320
17	Travel	3,184	3,174	10	0
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,806	4,753	48	5
20	Interest	0	0	0	0
21	Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,268	1,961	1,176	131
23	Insurance	681	409	245	27
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	Dues and Subscriptions	700	449	226	25
b	-----				
c	-----				
d	-----				
e	-----				
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	446,093	403,184	37,183	5,726
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	168,904	1	95,893
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	25,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net	38,414	4	37,463
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	10,767	9	9,376
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	3,526	10c	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	221,612	16	167,733	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	66,062	17	17,986
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	66,062	26	17,986
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	155,550	27	149,747
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	155,550	33	149,747
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	221,612	34	167,733

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	440,290
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	446,093
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(5,803)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	155,550
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	149,747

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		✓
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		✓
2c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis .		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		✓
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

Conservation Minnesota Voter Center

Employer identification number

41-1949625

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed ☐

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Conservation Minnesota 1101 W River Pkwy, St 250, Mpls, Mn	41-2017329		50,000				general operation
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ☐
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations ☐

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2010)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Part III, Line 3: Change in Program Services

The organization's focus is more on promoting public policies that protect Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

Part III, Line 4d: Description of Other Program Services

Strategic Planning and professional development in program areas. Most of this expense reflects the share of overhead expenses (rent, information technology, etc) which we do not break out by specific program.

Part VI, Line 12c: Conflict of Interest

During the discussion of a proposed project or campaign, the Board discusses any possible conflicts of interest.

Part VI, Line 15: Determining Compensation for the Executive Director

The Board discussed the Executive Director's salary and did a salary comparison of other Executive Directors in our field and set his salary.

Documentation was sent to the Executive Director.

Part VI, Line 19: Copies of governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements are available to the public upon request

Part VII, Section A, Line 12: The 2010 w-2 Includes compensation from a related organization, Conservation Minnesota Voter Fund,

and second unrelated but affiliated organization, Conservation Minnesota, which share the payroll service with Conservation Minnesota

Voter Center. Column F includes the Conservation MN Voter Center and related organization portions of the health insurance premiums,

pension and other benefits paid by all 3 organizations.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Conservation Minnesota Voter Center

Employer identification number

41-1942695

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Conservation Minnesota Voter Fund, 74-2969265 1101 W River Pkwy, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN 55415	voter education	Minnesota	527		N/A		
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) - Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	☐	☒
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	☐	☒
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	☐	☒
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	☐	☒
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	☐	☒
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)	☐	☐
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	☐	☐
h Exchange of assets	☐	☐
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	☐	☐
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	☐	☐
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	☐	☐
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	☐	☐
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	☐	☐
n Sharing of paid employees	☐	☐
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	☐	☐
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	☐	☐
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	☐	☐
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	☐	☐

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-f)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				