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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

GROWTH ORGANIZATION OF TOPEKASHAWNEE CO

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

120 SE 6TH STREET NO 110

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

TOPEKA, KS 66603

F Name and address of principal officer

DOUGLAS S KINSINGER

120 SE 6TH STREET

TOPEKA, KS 666033513

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) (6) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

WWW TOPEKACHAMBER ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation

2000

M State of legal domicile

KS

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	<div>1</div> <div>Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities</div> <div>TO FOSTER A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND POPULATION GROWTH OF TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY</div>
	<div>2</div> <div>Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets</div>
	<div>3</div> <div>Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)</div> <div>3</div> <div>32</div>
	<div>4</div> <div>Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)</div> <div>4</div> <div>31</div>
	<div>5</div> <div>Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)</div> <div>5</div> <div>0</div>
	<div>6</div> <div>Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)</div> <div>6</div> <div>150</div>
	<div>7a</div> <div>Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12</div> <div>7a</div> <div>0</div>
Revenue	<div>b</div> <div>Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34</div> <div>7b</div> <div>0</div>
	<div>8</div> <div>Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)</div> <div>Prior Year</div> <div>7,267,051</div> <div>Current Year</div> <div>10,668,088</div>
	<div>9</div> <div>Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)</div> <div>86,871</div> <div>29,372</div>
	<div>10</div> <div>Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)</div> <div>27,647</div> <div>-3,067</div>
	<div>11</div> <div>Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
	<div>12</div> <div>Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)</div> <div>7,381,569</div> <div>10,694,393</div>
	<div>13</div> <div>Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
Expenses	<div>14</div> <div>Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
	<div>15</div> <div>Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)</div> <div>915,258</div> <div>900,241</div>
	<div>16a</div> <div>Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
	<div>b</div> <div>Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <input type="checkbox"/> 0</div>
	<div>17</div> <div>Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)</div> <div>2,758,131</div> <div>11,032,843</div>
	<div>18</div> <div>Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)</div> <div>3,673,389</div> <div>11,933,084</div>
	<div>19</div> <div>Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12</div> <div>3,708,180</div> <div>-1,238,691</div>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<div>20</div> <div>Total assets (Part X, line 16)</div> <div>Beginning of Current Year</div> <div>18,318,341</div> <div>End of Year</div> <div>14,943,348</div>
	<div>21</div> <div>Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)</div> <div>8,942,492</div> <div>6,803,356</div>
	<div>22</div> <div>Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20</div> <div>9,375,849</div> <div>8,139,992</div>

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

2012-05-14

Date

DOUGLAS S KINSINGER PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

DOUGLAS W GLENN

Date

Check if self-employed

☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00451425

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

CBIZ MHM LLC

990 SW FAIRLAWN ROAD

TOPEKA, KS 66606

EIN

34-1857238

Phone no

(785) 272-3176

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2011)

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

TO FOSTER A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND POPULATION GROWTH OF TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY

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 organization’s program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

GO TOPEKA PROMOTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS VITAL TO THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF TOPEKA/SHAWNEE COUNTY GO TOPEKA CREATES EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND VIBRANCY THAT POSITIVELY IMPACTS CURRENT AND FUTURE CITIZENS OF TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY ATTRACTING WORLD-CLASS COMPANIES, PROVIDING EXISTING COMPANIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL, AND CULTIVATING ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

NEW EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES UNIQUE TO 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE NEEDS INCLUDE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN ROBOTICS AND ADVANCED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY GO TOPEKA PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING COMPANIES TO CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS FROM ALL INDUSTRIES AND SERVES AS THE LIAISON WITH CITY, COUNTY AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO KEEP AREA BUSINESSES APPRISED OF UPCOMING PROJECTS THAT IMPACTS THEIR BUSINESS

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

ASSISTING START-UPS OR GROWING SMALL BUSINESSES WITH A PRIORITY TOWARD THE MINORITY-OWNED, WOMEN-OWNED AND/OR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME ENTREPRENEUR THIS ALSO INCLUDES CULTIVATING AND GROWING POTENTIAL PRIMARY EMPLOYERS RESEARCH FOCUSING ON DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT THE OVERALL STRATEGY OF GO TOPEKAS MISSION AND HELP PROVIDE CLIENTS WITH THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION

4d















Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses \$

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		No
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors(see instructions)? 	Yes	
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		No
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		
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		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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 		No
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 		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 		No
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 	Yes	
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 		No
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. 	Yes	
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. 	Yes	
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. 	Yes	
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. 		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	Yes	
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. 	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	Yes	
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 		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		No
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 U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV		No
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 U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV		No
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		No
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		No
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		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements		

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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>	21		No
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>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 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>	23	Yes	
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 questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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>	25a		
b	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>	25b		
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>	26		No
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>	27		No
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>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
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 owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
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>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
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>	32		No
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>	33		No
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>	34	Yes	
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	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>	35b		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>	36		
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>	37		No
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	38	Yes	

Part V		Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance		
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V <input type="checkbox"/>				
			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	44	
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	Yes	
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	0	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
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 or securities account)?	4a		No
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		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
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		No
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? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a		
b	Enter the aggregate 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 aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
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 lines 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		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?	Yes	
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
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		No

Section B. Policies

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	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?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. DELORES HEALEY 120 SE 6TH STREET TOPEKA, KS 666033513 (785) 234-2644

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

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 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 organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

[illegible]

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total	▼			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▼			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▼	296,141	129,544	51,457

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed in Item 1) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization. 2

		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>	3	No
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>	4	Yes
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>	5	No

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(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 of 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					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	10,326,934				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	341,154				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			10,668,088			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	OTHER	900099	16,039	16,039			
	b	SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS	900099	13,333	13,333			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			29,372			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)			-3,067		-3,067	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
	5	Royalties						
	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			10,694,393	29,372	0	-3,067	

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)
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	212,468			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	548,670			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	25,254			
9	Other employee benefits	61,580			
10	Payroll taxes	52,269			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	27,976			
c	Accounting	55,725			
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	73,814			
12	Advertising and promotion	540,557			
13	Office expenses	93,518			
14	Information technology	-830			
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	102,543			
17	Travel	29,005			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	172,435			
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	26,501			
23	Insurance	12,006			
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	INCENTIVES	9,074,403			
b	NEW INITIATIVES	378,211			
c	PROSPECT EXPENSE	253,840			
d	VISIONING EXPENSE	110,000			
e					
f	All other expenses	83,139			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	11,933,084			
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			229,674	1	243,323
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,841,897	2	882,064
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net				4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			98,099	9	86,661
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	164,098			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	117,789	56,827	10c	46,309
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			7,642,763	12	6,443,158
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			8,444,081	13	7,241,833
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			5,000	15	0
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			18,318,341	16	14,943,348
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				17	
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			8,732,818	19	2,984,117
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			209,674	21	223,323
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			0	25	3,595,916
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			8,942,492	26	6,803,356
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			9,375,849	27	8,139,992
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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			9,375,849	33	8,139,992
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			18,318,341	34	14,943,348

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	10,694,393
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,933,084
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,238,691
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	9,375,849
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	2,834
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	8,139,992

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 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	Yes	
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated 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?		No
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		

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
KATHLEEN URBOM DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
RYAN DYER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
TIM DAVIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BILL MOORE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
VIC MILLER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
GARY YAGER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DARRELL SIX DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARK RUELLE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT ERICKSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ELIZABETH BARRANCO DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAN BEAL DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICK URBAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAN WOODARD DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
CONNIE GOODNOW DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JIM RINNER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MATT SABATINI DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICK WIENCKOWSKI DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALLAN TOWLE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
KRIS KITCHEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN FAGER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
WENDY WELLS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
NEIL FISHER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
SCOTT GALES DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALONZO HARRISON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MAYOR BILL BUNTEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
COUNCIL MBR DENISE EVERHART EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAN STANLEY EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
COMMISSIONER TED ENSLEY EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DR JERRY FARLEY EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JAMES DAVIS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ERIC JOHNSON EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DOUG KINSINGER PRESIDENT	40 00	X		X				189,874	129,544	40,346
STEVE BRIMAN CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
MAYNARD OLIVERIUS CHAIR ELECT	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
LUCKY DEFRIES PAST CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
SCOTT GRIFFITH TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
LINDA RAMIREZ GONZALEZ SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
STEVE JENKINS SR VP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	40 00					X		106,267	0	11,111

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
GROWTH ORGANIZATION OF TOPEKASHAWNEE CO

Employer identification number
48-1227900

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div>YesNo</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit <div>YesNo</div>	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

Preservation of an historically importantly land area

Protection of natural habitat

Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

YesNo

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

YesNo

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization’s accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** ☐ Public exhibition
- d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research
- e** ☐ Other
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization’s collections and explain how they further the organization’s exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization’s collection? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	




2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as


- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 
- b** Permanent endowment 
- c** Term endowment 

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		6,320	6,320	0
d Equipment		157,778	111,469	46,309
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e <i>(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)</i> 				46,309

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements			
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,694,393
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,933,084
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,238,691
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	2,834
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	2,834
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,235,857

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return			
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	10,697,227
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	2,834
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,834
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,694,393
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	10,694,393

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	11,933,084
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,933,084
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	11,933,084

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART IV, LINE 2B	THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS A CHECKING ACCOUNT AND ACTS AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR'S MILITARY COUNCIL
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESENT ACCOUNTING POLICY FOR THE EVALUATION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IS TO REVIEW THOSE POSITIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. A LIABILITY WOULD BE RECORDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD WHICH, BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, MANAGEMENT BELIEVES IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES AND THE LIABILITY WOULD BE INCURRED BY THE ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION FILES INCOME TAX RETURNS IN THE U.S. FEDERAL AND KANSAS JURISDICTIONS. THE ORGANIZATION IS GENERALLY NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS BEFORE 2008. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EXAMINATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S INCOME TAX RETURNS IN PROGRESS.

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization GROWTH ORGANIZATION OF TOPEKASHAWNEE CO	Employer identification number 48-1227900
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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?		
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?		
b Any related organization?		
If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?		
b Any related organization?		
If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?		

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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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 to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	BOARD MEMBER DR JERRY FARLEY AND BOARD MEMBER BILL MOORE HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP DR JERRY FARLEY AND BILL MOORE ARE MEMBERS OF THE GO TOPEKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BILL MOORE IS THE CEO OF WESTAR ENERGY, DR JERRY FARLEY SERVES ON THE BOARD OF WESTAR ENERGY BOARD MEMBER DR JERRY FARLEY AND BOARD MEMBER BILL BUNTEN HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP DR JERRY FARLEY AND BILL BUNTEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE GO TOPEKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BILL BUNTEN SERVES ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT WASHBURN UNIVERSITY, DR JERRY FARLEY IS THE PRESIDENT OF WASHBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD MEMBER DR JERRY FARLEY AND BOARD MEMBER JOHN FAGER HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP DR JERRY FARLEY AND JOHN FAGER ARE MEMBERS OF THE GO TOPEKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DR JERRY FARLEY IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT COREFIRST BANK & TRUST WHERE JOHN FAGER WORKS AS THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER BOARD MEMBER RICK WIENCKOWSKI AND BOARD MEMBER MAYNARD OLIVERIUS HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP RICK WIENCKOWSKI AND MAYNARD OLIVERIUS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GO TOPEKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAYNARD OLIVERIUS IS THE CEO OF STORMONT-VAIL HEALTHCARE, RICK WIENCKOWSKI SERVES ON THE BOARD OF STORMONT-VAIL HEALTHCARE
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE DIRECTORS OF THE GROUP CONSTITUTE ITS MEMBERS THE MEMBERS APPROVE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE GO TOPEKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS A NOMINATING COMMITTEE WHICH DEVELOPS BOARD NOMINATIONS FROM ITS MEMBER INVESTORS AND SUBMITS THEM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE GREATER TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MUST RATIFY ALL ELECTED OFFICERS BEFORE SUCH OFFICERS SHALL BE QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO SERVE
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND E-MAILED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING THE 990 WAS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA FIRM
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	DURING ORIENTATION THE OFFICER/DIRECTOR/KEY EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO REVIEW & SIGN AN AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED ANNUALLY BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO NOTIFY OF ANY CONFLICTS AS THEY OCCUR IF AFTER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS SIGNED
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY COMPARISON OF INDUSTRY DATA FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS AND THROUGH PERFORMANCE REVIEWS THE COMPENSATION IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND IS DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MINUTES THE HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES ARE PAID THROUGH THE GREATER TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROWTH ORGANIZATION OF TOPEKA REIMBURSES THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THESE SALARIES THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SERVES AS THE COMMON PAY MASTER
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE 990 IS AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST ONLY
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	NET UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS 2,834
INCENTIVE PAYMENTS	FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24A	THE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ARE PERFORMANCE BASED PAYMENTS MADE TO VARIOUS BUSINESSES IN EXCHANGE FOR PROVIDING JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE TOPEKA/SHAWNEE COUNTY AREA

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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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 organization	
						Yes	No
(1) GREATER TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 120 SE 6TH STREET SUITE 110 TOPEKA, KS 66603 48-0451270	CHAMBER ORG	KS	501(C)(6)		N/A		No
(2) GREATER TOPEKA CHAMB OF COMM FOUNDATIO 120 SE 6TH STREET TOPEKA, KS 66603 80-0077427	PROVIDE FUNDS	KS	501(C)(3)	11A	N/A		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

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?

a

Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f

Sale of assets to related organization(s)

g

Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

h

Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

i

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

j

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

k

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

l

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

m

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

n

Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

o

Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

p

Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

q

Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

r

Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

1e

1f

1g

1h

1i

1j

1k

1l

1m

1n

1o

1p

1q

1r

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

No

No

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-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2011

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation	
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