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Department of the Treasury

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)

2011

OMB No 1545-0047

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

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		applicable	lendar year, or tax year beginning 07 C Name of organization		and ending 06-30-20	12	D Employe	er iden	tification number
		change	Conservation Minnesota Voter Center Inc				41-194	9625	
┌ Na	me cha	ange	Doing Business As				E Telephoi	ne nun	nber
┌ Ind	ial retu	um	Number and street (or P O box if mail is	not delivered	to street address) Room/	suite	(612)7	67-24	444
Г Теі	mınate	ed	1101 West River Parkway Suite 250	not delivered	to street dudiess) Room,	Suite	G Gross rec	eıpts \$	220,858
┌ Am	ended	return	City or town, state or country, and ZIP +	4					
Г _{Арі}	olicatio	n pending	Minneapolis, MN 55145						
			F Name and address of principa	ıl officer		H(a) Is th	l Is a droup r	eturn '	for
			Paul Austin 1101 West River Parkway			affilia			⊤Yes ▼ No
			Suite 250			H(b) Are al	l affiliates in	clude	d?
			Minneapolis, MN 55145						see instructions)
I Ta	x-exer	mpt status	501(c)(3) ✓ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert	t no)	47(a)(1) or	H(c) Grou	ip exemptio	n num	nber ►
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			escribe the organization's mission or ation Minnesota Voter Center resear			ent actions on	conservatio	n issi	ues, providina
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Governance									
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5 0	2	Check th	is box ► if the organization discon	itinued its o	perations or disposed	of more than 2	5% of its n	etass	ets
	I		of voting members of the governing b					з	9
Š	I		of independent voting members of the				.	4	9
Ě	5	Total nur	mber of individuals employed in caler	ndar year 2	011 (Part V, line 2a)			5	8
Activities &	6	Total nur	mber of volunteers (estimate if neces	ssary) .				6	0
•	7a	Total unr	elated business revenue from Part V	/III, columi	n (C), line 12			7a	0
	ь	Net unrel	lated business taxable income from F	Form 990-1	, line 34			7b	0
						———	r Year	_	Current Year
Q)	8		butions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h	•			440,29	0	220,858
Revenue	9	_	m service revenue (Part VIII, line 2					0	0
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	13		and similar amounts paid (Part IX, c				56,00	0	21,944
	14	Benefit	ts paid to or for members (Part IX, co	olumn (A), l	ıne 4)			0	0
Ø	15		es, other compensation, employee be	enefits (Part	: IX, column (A), lines		106,34	. 3	76,995
Expenses	16a	5-10)	sional fundraising fees (Part IX, colu	ımn (A.) lıne	110)		100,54	0	0
Φ ⊕	b		ndraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line		: 116/				
Ď	17		expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines		11f-24e)		283,75	50	59,990
	18		expenses Add lines 13–17 (must eq				446,09	+	158,929
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9 en en						Y	ear	_	
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

┌Yes ┌No

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Par	Statement of Program Son Check if Schedule O contains a	ervice Accomplishments response to any question in this Part I	II	.
1	Briefly describe the organization's mis	sion		
	ervation Minnesota Voter Center resea nation to help Minnesotans make decisi			
2	Did the organization undertake any sig the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," describe these new services of		ar which were not listed on	┌ Yes ┌ No
3	Did the organization cease conducting services?	or make significant changes in how it o	conducts, any program	√ Yes No
4	If "Yes," describe these changes on Sc Describe the organization's program se expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(grants and allocations to others, the to	rvice accomplishments for each of its t c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a	a)(1) trusts are required to re	port the amount of
4a	(Code) (Expenses \$	116,424 including grants of \$	21,944) (Revenue \$	0)
		c legislation and acknowledge conservation lead	ers In partnership with an affiliate	•
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4d	Other program services (Describe in (Expenses \$ 0	Schedule O) including grants of\$	0)(Revenue\$	0)
4e	Total program service expenses▶\$	116,424		

			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		No
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? $^{f z}$	2	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^{\bullet}	3	Yes	
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		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	6		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8		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	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If</i> "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10		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			
а	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	11a		No
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		No
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		No
	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		No
е	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11e		No
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		No
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		No
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		No
	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		No
	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		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	14b		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.	15		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	16		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? <i>If</i> "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17		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	18		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	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a		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	20b		

Par	t IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)			
	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		No
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 ? If "Yes," answer questions $24b-24d$ and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
	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)			
а	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		N o
	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</i> "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		N o
	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If</i> " <i>Yes</i> ," <i>complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		N o
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	
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Part V	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V \cdot	•	•	
			Yes	No
.a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable			
ь	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable			
	1b 0			
С	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			
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	Yes	
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the			
	year?	3a		Νo
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
а	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		Νo
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			
a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		Νo
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			
		5c		
a	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	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts			
	were not tax deductible?	6b	Yes	
а	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and	7a		
u	services provided to the payor?			
	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
С	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			
_	Did the average transfer and the state of th			
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	/ y		
••	Form 1098-C?	7h		
	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		
	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
а	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club 10b			
D	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
1	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
а	Gross income from members or shareholders			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
	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			
3	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
а	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			
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand			
	13c			_
	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		Νo
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.

Se	ction 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			
b	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?	2		No
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		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
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?	7a		No_
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		N o
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
а	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		Νo
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		No
Se	ction B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal	•		
Re	venue Code.)	-		
			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		N o
b	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?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	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	12a	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13		 No
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		No
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?			
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		No
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
	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		No
b	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?	16b		
Se	ction 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 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 Own website. Another's website. 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 🕨

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Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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, and current key employees 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, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

◆ 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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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
	for related organizations in Schedule O)	Former Highest compensated employee Key employee Officer Institutional Trustee Individual trustee or director		Former		MISC)	organizations			
(1) David Hartwell Board President	5	х		Х				0	0	0
(2) Alıda Messinger Board Vice President	5	х		Х				0	0	0
(3) Gene Merriam Treasurer	5	х		Х				0	0	0
(4) Cheryl Appledorn Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(5) Kristin Eggerling Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(6) Nancy Gibson Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(7) Frank Moe Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(8) Michael Noble Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(9) Lucy Rogers Board Member	5	х						0	0	0
(10) Paul Austin Executive Director	8			Х				18,928	0	4,568

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	unles an	on (d e thai	n on son er ai	e bo ıs bo nd a	x, oth		(E Repor comper from organiza 2/1099	table isation the tion (W-	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-	amou com fr organ	pens om tl uzatio	other ation ne on and
		for related organizations in Schedule O)	Individual trustae or director	Institutional Trustee	Officei	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			MISC)		elate anızat	
1b	Sub-Total					•		*						
c d	Total from continuation sheets to Total (add lines 1b and 1c).					•		<u>-</u>		18,928		0		4,568
2	Total number of individuals (inclusive \$100,000 of reportable compens	udıng but not lın	nited to	thos		ted	above) who	received	more tha	n			
3	Did the organization list any form on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Sch</i>				e, k	ey e	mploy •	ee, c	or highest	compens	ated employee	3 Y	es	No No
4	For any individual listed on line 1 organization and related organization.											4		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a services rendered to the organization.									nization o	or individual for •	5		No
	Complete this table for your five \$100,000 of compensation from or within the organization's tax you	highest comper the organizatio												
	-	(A) ne and business add	dress							Desci	(B) ription of services	Со	(C) mpens	
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Form 99						Page 9
Part	/1111	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
# \$ #	1a	Federated campaigns 1a 0				
g ja	b	Membership dues 1b				
چ ∰	С	Fundraising events 1c				
<u> </u>	d	Related organizations 1d 0				
Ã. Ω.Ω	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e 0				
Ę, ja	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above				
를 판 등 판	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	220,858			
		Business Code				
ne.	2a					
æ	Ь					
Program Serwce Revenue	С					
Š	d					
ia E	e f	All other program service revenue				
Ş.	'					
	g 3	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	0			
		Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)				
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5	Royalties				
		(I) Real (II) Personal				
	6a b	Gross rents Less rental				
	c	expenses Rental income 0 0				
		or (loss) Net rental income or (loss)				
	d	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other				
	ь	than inventory Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	С	Gain or (loss) 0 0				
	d 8a	Net gain or (loss)				
Other Revenue	Ju	events (not including \$0 of contributions reported on line 1c)				
æ		See Part IV, line 18				
her	b	Less direct expenses b				
ŏ	С	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events 🕨				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19				
	b c	Less direct expenses b Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .				
	b c	Less cost of goods sold b Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory b				
		Miscellaneous Revenue Business Code				
	11a					
	b					
	c d	All other revenue				
	a e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d				
	12	Total revenue. See Instructions	0			
	1		220,858	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) Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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	ot include amounts reported on lines 6b, o, 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	21,944	21,944		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States 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	24,175	22,152	1,447	576
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	41,205	17,773	23,357	75
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	1,900	491	1,404	5
9	Other employee benefits	5,360	1,386	3,961	13
10	Payroll taxes	4,355	1,843	2,474	38
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
а	Management				
ь	Legal				-
c	Accounting	227		227	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				_
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	26,513	26,513		
12	Advertising and promotion	20,313	20,313		
13	Office expenses	2 722	1.672	2.042	19
		3,733	1,672	2,042	
14	Information technology	16,986	15,639	1,347	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	10,020	6,739	3,232	49
17	Travel	833	57	776	0
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	768	215	520	33
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	910		910	
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					
b					
c					
d					
е					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	158,929	116,424	41,697	808
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	,	,		
				Г.	rm 990 (2011)

Pa	irt X	Balance Sheet				
				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		95,893	1	31,009
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2	<u>·</u>
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		25,000	3	55,000
	4	Accounts receivable, net		37,463	4	148,241
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, k highest compensated employees Complete Part II of	ey employees, and			
		Schedule L			5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under sect persons described in section $4958(c)(3)(B)$ Complete Part II of	ion 4958(f)(1)) and			
76		Schedule L			6	
Assets	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
SS	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
•	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9,377	9	5,141
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10a			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			15	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		167,733	16	239,391
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses .		17,986	17	25,338
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
o.	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
Liabilities	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified				
Эę		persons Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
Ξ	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 and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X D			25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		17,986	26	25,338
		Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ┌ and complet	e lines 27	,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Š	27	through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets		149,747	27	164,053
<u>ප</u>	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		0	28	50,000
Fund Balance	29	Permanently restricted net assets		0	29	0
ŭ	29	,	omploto	U	29	
or Fi		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► and colines 30 through 34.	ompiete			
sets	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
SSE	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
t As	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other fund	5		32	
Š	33	Total net assets or fund balances		149,747	33	214,053
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		167 733	34	239 391

Ра	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI			. [고	
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1		2	220,85
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2			158,92
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3			61,92
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4		1	L49,74
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5			2,37
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		2	214,05
Par	t XII Financial Statements and Reporting				
	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII	•	•	୮	
		-		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990				
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	[2b		No
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		2 c		
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were is on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	sued			
_	Separate basis Consolidated basis 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?		За		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the re audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	quired	3b		

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities),

- ◆ Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- ◆ Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- ◆ Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- ◆ Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

	ne organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Fection 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. Complete Part III	Prox	y Tax)	, then	
Na				ition numbe	er
Par	t I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section			janizatio	n.
1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office in Part IV				
2	Political expenditures	-	\$		74
3	V olunteer hours		_		(
Par	t I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).				
1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	•	\$		
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	•	\$		
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			☐ Yes	┌ No
4a	Was a correction made?			☐ Yes	┌ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV				
Par	rt I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section	า 50	1(c)	(3).	
1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	F	\$		74
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	►	\$		(

Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) A mount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) A mount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter - 0 -

f Grassroots lobbying expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) Lia Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) d Other exempt purpose expenditures e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: The lobbying nontaxable amount is: Not over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0- i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0- j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? 4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h) (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)	ווטפ	edule C (F	01111 9 9 0 01 9 9 0 - EZ) 2 0 1 1					Page ∠
A Check If the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures) Check If the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) Organization Total Incurred (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) Organization Total Incurred (The term "expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	Pa	rt II-A		n is exempt under	section 501(c)(3) and fi	iled Form 5768	(election
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e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))	e							

Part II-B	Complete if the o	organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 57	768
	(election under s	section 501(h)).	

	(election under section 501(h)).	(a)	(b)		
		Yes	No	/	Amoun	t
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of					
а	Volunteers?			╛		
Ь	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			_		
С	Media advertisements?					
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?					
е	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?					
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?					
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?					
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?					
i	O ther activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV					
j	Total lines 1c through 1i					
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			╛		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912					
С	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912		_			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?					
Par	t III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 5501(c)(6).	01 (c)(5),	or s	ectio	n
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1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?			1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?			2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?			3		
Par	t III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 5501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part I answered "Yes".				ectio	n
1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1				
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).					
а	Current year	2a				
b	Carryover from last year	2b				
С	Total	2c				
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3				
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4				

Part IV Supplemental Information

5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1, Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation		
SchC_P1A_S00_L01		Our political program includes endorsing candidates in state		
		races based on their commitment to conservation issues		

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Schedule I

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

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 OMB No 1545-0047

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Name of the organization	C					Employer identifi	cation number
Conservation Minnesota Voter						41-1949625	
 Does the organization mathe selection criteria used Describe in Part IV the organization Part II Grants and Other Form 990, Part I 	d to award the grants or ganization's procedure ner Assistance to V, line 21 for any re	antiate the amount of the rassistance?es for monitoring the use Governments and ecipient that received	e of grant funds in the l Organizations in I more than \$5,000.	Jnited States the United States Check this box if n	Complete if the o		000. Use
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) A mount of cash grant	(e) A mount 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 Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55415	41-2017329	501c3	0	21,944	Market value	Database software, IT equipment, supplies, employee benefits, printing & copying, travel, & postage	Development of a web-tool to provide accountability information on state legislators

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . .

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)A mount of cash grant	(d)A mount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SchI_P01_S00_L02	· · · · ·	The organization makes grants to an unrelated, affiliated 501c3 organization, Conservation Minnesota, to help carry out important conservation work. The organization monitors Conservation Minnesota's efficacy through periodic reporting

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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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Name of the organization
Conservation Minnesota Voter Center Inc

Employer identification number

41-1949625

ldentifier	Return Reference	Explanation
F990_P03_S00_L03	Form 990, Part III, Line 3	We significantly reduced our Recycling Refund program and no longer report it as a separate program. Any remaining recycling related expenses are included in our Accountability. Program
F990_P06_S0A_L08b	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 8b	Formal minutes are not kept for committee meetings
F990_P06_S0B_L11b	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	The 990 is distributed at a board meeting for Board members to accept before filing
F990_P06_S0B_L12c	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	During the discussion of a proposed project or campaign, the board discusses any potential conflicts of interest
F990_P06_S0B_L15	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	The Personnel and Management Committee of the Board of Directors looks at comparative salary information from similar organizations to aid in setting the salary of the Executive Director
F990_P06_S0C_L19	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	Available by written request
F990_P11_S00_L05	Form 990, Part XI, Line 5	Some June expenses, including depreciation, were recorded after 990 was filed last year. All items have been corrected in this fiscal year.