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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-1150

**2013**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning Oct 1, 2013, and ending Sep 30, 2014

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1101 West High Street City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Jefferson City MO 65109	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 43-1211889  <b>E</b> Telephone number (573) 634-3001  <b>F</b> Group Exemption Number . . . . . ▶
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**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ **H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I** Website: ▶ [www.mlica.org](http://www.mlica.org)

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) —  501(c)(3)  501(c)( 6 ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. . . . . ▶ \$ 99,021.

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .		<b>1</b>
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .		<b>2</b> 29,536.
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .		<b>3</b> 58,311.
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .		<b>4</b> 45.
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . . <b>5a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . . <b>5b</b>		
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . . <b>5c</b>		
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . . <b>6a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . . <b>6b</b> 9,719.		
	<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . . <b>6c</b> 2,667.		
	<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . . <b>6d</b> 7,052.		
	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>7a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>7b</b>		
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . . <b>7c</b>		
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . See Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue <b>8</b> 1,410.		
	<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . <b>9</b> 96,354.		
	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>10</b>		
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . . <b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . . <b>12</b>		
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . . <b>13</b> 26,830.		
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . . <b>14</b> 1,893.		
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . . <b>15</b> 7,157.		
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . See Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses <b>16</b> 47,728.		
	<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . <b>17</b> 83,608.		
	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . . <b>18</b> 12,746.		
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . . <b>19</b> 5,779.		
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . . <b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . <b>21</b> 18,525.		

**BAA** For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form 990-EZ (2013)

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	46,530.	63,979.
23 Land and buildings	0.	0.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See L-24 Stmt	0.	1,559.
25 Total assets	46,530.	65,538.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See L-26 Stmt	40,751.	47,013.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	5,779.	18,525.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Land/Soil Conservation Member Organization  
 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 <u>The Association hosts seminars, meetings, and conventions at which soil conservation practices are presented and an awareness is created. 620 attendees participated in these events. An additional 1,100 people attended a Damage Prevention Summit.</u> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28 a
29 <u>Four issues of a newsletter were published and distributed to approximately 250 people per issue including members, honorary members, etc. Newsletters are also distributed through membership prospect kits.</u> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29 a
30 <u>A membership directory was published and distributed to 285 individuals.</u> ----- (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30 a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O). (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31 a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and Title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Larry LaFollette</u> Chairman	2.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>Chris Brauer</u> President	2.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>Mont Gilbert</u> Vice President	2.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>Tom Lawlor III</u> Secretary/Treasurer	2.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>Jeff Lance</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Rob Liles</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Phil Wilson</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Jake Gingerich</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Gerald Bauer</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Bob Parks</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Ken Balkenbusch</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Greg Muenks</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
<u>Sally Bauer</u> Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities?
35b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

42a The organization's books are in care of Deb Dickens Telephone no (573) 634-3001
Located at 1101 West High Street Jefferson City MO ZIP+4 65109

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
42b If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country:
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?
42c If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I. Yes No  
46

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 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. Yes No  
47

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E. 48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000. ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. Yes No

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: Deborah L Dickens Date: 1-31-15  
 Type or print name and title: Deborah L Dickens, Exec. DIR.

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Print/Type preparer's name: Veralyn K Long CPA Preparer's signature: Veralyn K. Long, CPA Date: 12/28/14  
 Firm's name: Veralyn K Long CPA Check  if self-employed PTIN: P00014960  
 Firm's address: 1319 Friendship Rd Firm's EIN: MO 65101 Phone no.: (573) 893-8033  
Wardsville

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



**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** 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.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1 a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d). . . . .														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns . . . . .														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	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 \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e													
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 \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>j</b> 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? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) Total
<b>2 a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e)) . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures . . . . .					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each 'Yes' response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> 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:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? . . . . .			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? . . . . .			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? . . . . .			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? . . . . .			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? . . . . .			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? . . . . .			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? . . . . .			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? . . . . .			
<b>i</b> Other activities? . . . . .			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i. . . . .			
<b>2 a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? . . . . .			
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912. . . . .			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? . . . . .			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? . . . . .	<b>1</b>	X
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	X
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? . . . . .	<b>3</b>	X

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered 'No' OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered 'Yes.'**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year . . . . .	<b>2 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year . . . . .	<b>2 b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total . . . . .	<b>2 c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8 Other Revenue**

Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)

AD&D Insurance Policies	1,410.
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,410.</u></b>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses**

Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

National dues	17,875.
Website Expense	300.
Bank Service Charges	150.
Travel	5,099.
Conferences, conventions and meetings	18,072.
Insurance	606.
AD&D Insurance Policies	3,025.
Office Supplies	1,505.
Membership Development Expenses	1,033.
Awards Expense	45.
Miscellaneous	18.
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>47,728.</u></b>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 24**

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Prepaid Expenses	0.	1,559.
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>0.</u></b>	<b><u>1,559.</u></b>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 26**

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Auxiliary Funds	7,804.	7,954.
District Funds	5,997.	6,374.
Prepaid Dues, AD&D and Golf	26,950.	32,685.
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>40,751.</u></b>	<b><u>47,013.</u></b>