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Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2015

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015, and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization CONSERVATION MINNESOTA		D Employer identification number 41-2017329
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (612) 767-2444
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1101 WEST RIVER PARKWAY 250	G Gross receipts \$ 1,384,057	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415		F Name and address of principal officer PAUL AUSTIN 1101 WEST RIVER PARKWAY 250 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number	
J Website: WWW CONSERVATIONMINNESOTA ORG		L Year of formation 2002	M State of legal domicile MN
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities CONSERVATION MINNESOTA'S MISSION IS TO TURN OUR SHARED CONSERVATION VALUES INTO STATE PRIORITIES AND PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOUR FAMIY, COMMUNITY AND FUTURE				
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets				
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	17		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	17		
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	0		
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	17		
Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0		
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34			
			Prior Year	Current Year	
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,552,686	1,366,728	
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	11,350	16,180	
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	616	700	
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	100	449	
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,564,752	1,384,057	
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	4,000	0
		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	755,145	933,137	
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 55,051			
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	644,563	637,267	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,403,708	1,570,404	
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	161,044	-186,347	
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	829,737	702,684	
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	177,863	237,157		
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	651,874	465,527		

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	2016-09-16 Date
	PAUL AUSTIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name SHERRY D HEFFERNAN LTD	Preparer's signature SHERRY D HEFFERNAN LTD	Date 2016-10-14	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00949190
	Firm's name SHERRY D HEFFERNAN LTD			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address 6650 HORSESHOE BEND DR CORCORAN, MN 553409549			Phone no (763) 229-7129	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
 CONSERVATION MINNESOTA'S MISSION IS TO TURN OUR SHARED CONSERVATION VALUES INTO STATE PRIORITIES AND PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOUR FAMIY, COMMUNITY AND FUTURE

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 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 \$ 633,106 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 RENEWABLE ENERGY THOUSANDS OF MINNESOTANS HAVE TOLD US THAT ONE OF THE GREAT CHALLENGES WE FACE IS TRANSITIONING FROM THE POLLUTION AND HEALTH RISKS OF OUR CURRENT ENERGY SYSTEM TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE CONSERVATION MINNESOTA IS WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THAT EACH PERSON IN OUR STATE HAS DEPENDABLE CLEAN ENERGY THAT ADDS TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT TODAY WIND ENERGY IS THE CHEAPEST FORM OF ENERGY TO PRODUCE IN MINNESOTA, AND YEAR AFTER YEAR, WIND AND SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES ARE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE OVER THE NEXT 25 YEARS, MINNESOTA HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND CONTAIN ELECTRICITY COSTS BECAUSE MOST OF OUR TRADITIONAL POWER FACILITIES WILL EITHER NEED TO BE REPLACED OR UPDATED DURING THAT PERIOD RENEWABLES FIRST WOULD REQUIRE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO CHOOSE LOW COST RENEWABLES FIRST WHEN MAKING NEW ENERGY INVESTMENTS INVESTMENTS IN FOSSIL FUELS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IN CASES WHERE RENEWABLES ARE EITHER NOT COST EFFECTIVE OR ARE NOT TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO MEET THE NEED FOR RELIABLE POWER XCEL ENERGY IS REQUIRED TO GENERATE 30% OF THEIR TOTAL ENERGY VIA RENEWABLE SOURCES THE GOAL FOR ALL OTHER UTILITIES IS 25%, BUT MANY COMMUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE THE "OPT-UP" WOULD ALLOW COMMUNITIES NOT SERVED BY XCEL TO CHOOSE THE HIGHER 30% STANDARD FOR THEIR RESIDENTS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 184,508 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 HEALTHY KIDS AND FAMILIES CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WORKS WITH OUR MEMBERS TO EDUCATE STATE CITIZENS AND POLICYMAKERS ON THE NEED FOR STRICT LAWS REGULATING THE USE OF CHEMICALS THAT COULD CAUSE HARM TO OUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION MINNESOTA IS CO-LEADING HEALTHY LEGACY, A STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH COALITION WORKING TO ELIMINATE TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM OUR CONSUMER PRODUCTS WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE IMPORTANT STEPS FORWARD WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE BAN ON TOXIC FLAME-RETARDANTS THAT THREATEN THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND FIREFIGHTERS THE TOXIC FREE KIDS ACT (TFKA) REQUIRES MANUFACTURERS THAT USE ANY OF THE NINE PRIORITY TOXIC CHEMICALS IN PRODUCTS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE TWELVE TO DISCLOSE THEIR PRESENCE TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WANTS ALL MINNESOTANS TO HAVE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DECIDE HOW TO LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY LIVES



















4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 162,962 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 4,680)
 WATER THE PROBLEMS FACING MINNESOTA'S WATERS ARE NUMEROUS AND COMPLEX WE MUST SET GOALS THAT THE PUBLIC CAN UNDERSTAND AND THAT CAN INSPIRE THE INGENUITY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, AND MINNESOTA'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR THIS GROWING PROBLEM CLEAN WATER 2050 SETS CONCRETE GOALS IN STATUE REQUIRING THE STATE TO WORK TOWARDS SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR ALL BY 2025, AND CLEANING UP EVERY LAKE AND RIVER BY 2050 CONSERVATION MINNESOTA SUPPORTS A STRONG AND ROBUST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUFFER LAW PASSED DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION THE LAW REQUIRES A 50-FOOT VEGETATIVE BUFFER SURROUNDING LAKES, RIVERS, AND STREAMS, AND A 16 5-FOOT VEGETATIVE BUFFER ALONG DITCHES CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WORKED TO ENSURE THAT BUFFER LAW WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF THE LAW, AND THAT SPECIAL INTERESTS CANNOT JEOPARDIZE THE WATER QUALITY OF MINNESOTA'S LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED 167 M IN HIS BONDING BILL TO PAY FOR WASTEWATER AND DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS MOST OF THE STATE'S DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN NEED OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND THIS IS THE START OF A MULTIYEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NEED THE PROJECTS IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL ARE TARGETED TO COMMUNITIES IN ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE WITHOUT STATE MONIES, MANY LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PAY FOR NEEDED REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS THE BONDING BILL WAS NOT PASSED THE GOVERNOR HAS INCORPORATED 12 7 M IN HIS BONDING BILL AS THE STATE CONTRIBUTION THAT WOULD TRIGGER 47 5 M IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO CLEAN UP THE DULUTH HARBOR DECADES AGO, THE ST LOUIS RIVER WAS A DUMPING POINT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND THIS PROPOSAL IS PART OF A MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-AGENCY PLAN TO REMEDIATE THE POLLUTION AND RESTORE AQUATIC HABITAT

See Additional Data

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ 374,127 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,500)

4e Total program service expenses 1,354,703

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 	Yes	
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 	Yes	
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 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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 		No
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 	Yes	
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 		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 		No
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 		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 	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	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 and XII 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, Parts I and IV		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts 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 (see instructions)		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 hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government 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 or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 direct or indirect 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, 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		
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		No
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 11b 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 or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	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.		
2b	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).		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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 as charitable contributions?		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	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?		No
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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 or note to any line 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 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
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?		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?		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?		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?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
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?		No
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 this 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	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. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
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 during the tax year	
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	THE ORGANIZATION 1011 WEST RIVER PARKWAY 250 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415 (612) 767-2444

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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 organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) LUCY ROGERS DIRECTOR/PRE	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) DAVID HARTWELL DIRECTOR/SEC	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ALIDA MESSINGER DIRECTOR/VIC	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) JIM SAUDER DIRECTOR/TRE	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) CHUCK DAYTON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) TOM DARDEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) MATTHEW LEWIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) DAVID LEGVOLD DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) DARBY NELSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) JOHN CURRY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) CLAIRE DEMPSEY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) ANNE HADDAD DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) FRANK WILKINSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(14) RICHARD BRAINERD DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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 organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) SARAH CLARK DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(16) MICHELLE HORAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(17) DICK OSGOOD THRU DECEMBER 2015 DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(18) TOM HORNER DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(19) PAUL AUSTIN EXECUTIVE DI	36 00			X			96,786	0	27,625	
(20) REBECCA LUXENBERG FINANCE DIRE	35 00			X			55,127	0	16,463	
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							151,913		44,088	

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

	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>		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>		No
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>		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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
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						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	1,366,728					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,366,728				
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a LIST PURCHASE	900099	7,500			7,500	
	b WEB HOSTING	518210	4,680	4,680			
	c FEE FOR SERVICE		4,000	4,000			
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		16,180					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		700			700	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(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 HONORARIA AND MISCELLANEOUS		449			449		
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		449					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		1,384,057	8,680		8,649		

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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	184,701	105,422	75,099	4,180
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	609,849	560,104	39,609	10,136
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	20,137	19,085	911	141
9	Other employee benefits	57,385	56,131	1,254	
10	Payroll taxes	61,065	51,910	8,306	849
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	12,063		12,063	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	186,269	182,439	2,437	1,393
12	Advertising and promotion	3,837	3,837		
13	Office expenses	247,052	207,817	2,054	37,181
14	Information technology	59,119	57,674	1,445	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	61,707	54,683	6,953	71
17	Travel	29,172	26,370	1,843	959
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	17,042	10,881	6,029	132
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	14,083	12,324	1,759	
23	Insurance	6,923	6,026	888	9
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a					
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,570,404	1,354,703	160,650	55,051
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	380,146	1	311,116
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	110,065	2	114,173
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	301,500	3	254,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	110
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) 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	16,384	9	15,726
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 29,390		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 21,831	21,642	10c 7,559
	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)		829,737	16	702,684
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	177,863	17	237,157
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other 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		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		177,863	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	161,409	27	182,585
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	490,465	28	282,942
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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		651,874	33	465,527
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		829,737	34	702,684

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,384,057
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,570,404
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-186,347
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	651,874
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	465,527

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		
3b		

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$ 374,127 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,500)

CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WORKS TO SOLVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT THE PUBLIC HELPS US IDENTIFY OVER THE LAST YEAR, THIS HAS INCLUDED PROTECTING OUR LAKES AND RIVERS, INCREASING RECYCLING, INCREASING RENEWABLE ENERGY, REMOVING TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS, AND MAKING IT SIMPLE FOR MINNESOTANS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR ELECTED LEADERS ARE DOING ABOUT CONSERVATION ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES ON CHECKMYLEGISLATOR.ORG

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
CONSERVATION MINNESOTA

Employer identification number
41-2017329

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	624,594	1,024,378	1,222,711	1,552,686	1,366,728	5,791,097
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	624,594	1,024,378	1,222,711	1,552,686	1,366,728	5,791,097
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,792,588
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,998,509

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	624,594	1,024,378	1,222,711	1,552,686	1,366,728	5,791,097
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	8,036	1,475	26,142	616	700	36,969
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)			25,742		7,500	33,242
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5,861,308
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	45,233
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	68 220 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	62 320 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)
- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*
- b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*

3 Parent of Supported Organizations **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

- | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Net short-term capital gain | 1 | |
| 2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 | |
| 3 Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 | |
| 4 Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Depreciation and depletion | 5 | |
| 6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 | |
| 7 Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 | |
| 8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 | |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

- | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year) | 1 | |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a | |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b | |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____ | | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 | |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 | |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions) | 4 | |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by .035 | 6 | |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | |

Section C - Distributable Amount

- | | | Current Year |
|---|----------|--------------|
| 1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |
| 7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$ _____			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II, LINE 10	OTHER INCOME 25,742

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

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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.
-Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

- 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" on 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

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (CONSERVATION MINNESOTA) and Employer identification number (41-2017329)

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
2 Political expenditures \$
3 Volunteer hours

Part 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

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization

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
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1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	22,663													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	36,643													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	59,306													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,511,098													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,570,404													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	228,520													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th align="left">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th 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
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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													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	57,130													
h 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?														

Yes 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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	152,266	185,876	215,371	228,520	782,033
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,173,050
c Total lobbying expenditures	115,999	94,180	61,507	59,306	330,992
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	38,067	46,469	53,843	57,130	195,509
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					293,264
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	13,778	13,228	16,085	22,663	65,754

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CONSERVATION MINNESOTA

Employer identification number 41-2017329

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 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?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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?

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
(ii) 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items
a Revenue included on 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 acquisition, 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
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations
d Loan or exchange programs
e Other
4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
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?

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount. Rows include Beginning balance, Additions during the year, Distributions during the year, and Ending balance.

- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include Beginning of year balance, Contributions, Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, Grants or scholarships, Other expenditures for facilities and programs, Administrative expenses, and End of year balance.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
a Board designated or quasi-endowment
b Permanent endowment
c Temporarily restricted endowment
3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
(i) unrelated organizations
(ii) related organizations
b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Small table for 3a(i), 3a(ii), and 3b with Yes/No columns.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows include Land, Buildings, Leasehold improvements, Equipment, Other, and Total.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,384,057
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,384,057
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	1,384,057

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,570,404
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 XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,570,404
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	1,570,404

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART V, LINE 4	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED A CASH RESERVE FUND TO PROVIDE AN INTERNAL SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR SITUATIONS SUCH AS ONE-TIME UNBUDGETED EXPENSES, UNANTICIPATED LOSS IN FUNDING OR UNINSURED LOSSES
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	THE ORGANIZATION HAS EVALUATED ITS POTENTIAL EXPOSURE FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND MANAGEMENT HAS EXPRESSED THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016 TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION BY TAX JURISDICTIONS
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII	THE ORGANIZATION SHARES RESOURCES, INCLUDING STAFF AND OFFICE SPACE, WITH AN UNRELATED AFFILIATE, THE CONSERVATION MINNESOTA VOTER CENTER THE VOTER CENTER IS A 501(C)(4) NONPROFIT CORPORATION WHICH IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A "RELATED ORGANIZATION" AS DEFINED BY IRS INSTRUCTIONS ALL SHARED EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED BY THE VOTER CENTER AND EACH ORGANIZATION REPORTS THEIR SHARE OF ALLOCATED COSTS AS THEIR OWN

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
CONSERVATION MINNESOTA

Employer identification number

41-2017329

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	FACILITIES WILL EITHER NEED TO BE REPLACED OR UPDATED DURING THAT PERIOD RENEWABLES FIRST WOULD REQUIRE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO CHOOSE LOW COST RENEWABLES FIRST WHEN MAKING NEW ENERGY INVESTMENTS INVESTMENTS IN FOSSIL FUELS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IN CASES WHERE RENEWABLES ARE EITHER NOT COST EFFECTIVE OR ARE NOT TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO MEET THE NEED FOR RELIABLE POWER XCEL ENERGY IS REQUIRED TO GENERATE 30% OF THEIR TOTAL ENERGY VIA RENEWABLE SOURCES THE GOAL FOR ALL OTHER UTILITIES IS 25%, BUT MANY COMMUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE THE "OPT-UP" WOULD ALLOW COMMUNITIES NOT SERVED BY XCEL TO CHOOSE THE HIGHER 30% STANDARD FOR THEIR RESIDENTS
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	THE TOXIC FREE KIDS ACT (TFKA) REQUIRES MANUFACTURERS THAT USE ANY OF THE NINE PRIORITY TOXIC CHEMICALS IN PRODUCTS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE TWELVE TO DISCLOSE THEIR PRESENCE TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WANTS ALL MINNESOTANS TO HAVE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DECIDE HOW TO LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY LIVES
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	LAW REQUIRES A 50-FOOT VEGETATIVE BUFFER SURROUNDING LAKES, RIVERS, AND STREAMS, AND A 165-FOOT VEGETATIVE BUFFER ALONG DITCHES CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WORKED TO ENSURE THAT BUFFER LAW WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF THE LAW, AND THAT SPECIAL INTERESTS CAN NOT JEOPARDIZE THE WATER QUALITY OF MINNESOTA'S LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED 167 M IN HIS BONDING BILL TO PAY FOR WASTEWATER AND DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS MOST OF THE STATE'S DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN NEED OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND THIS IS THE START OF A MULTIYEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NEED THE PROJECTS IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL ARE TARGETED TO COMMUNITIES IN ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE WITH OUT STATE MONIES, MANY LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PAY FOR NEEDED REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS THE BONDING BILL WAS NOT PASSED THE GOVERNOR HAS INCORPORATED 127 M IN HIS BONDING BILL AS THE STATE CONTRIBUTION THAT WOULD TRIGGER 475 M IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO CLEAN UP THE DULUTH HARBOR DECADES AGO, THE ST LOUIS RIVER WAS A DUMPING POINT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND THIS PROPOSAL IS PART OF A MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-AGENCY PLAN TO REMEDIATE THE POLLUTION AND RESTORE AQUATIC HABITAT
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	CONSERVATION MINNESOTA WORKS TO SOLVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT THE PUBLIC HELPS US IDENTIFY OVER THE LAST YEAR, THIS HAS INCLUDED PROTECTING OUR LAKES AND RIVERS, INCREASING RECYCLING, INCREASING RENEWABLE ENERGY, REMOVING TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS, AND MAKING IT SIMPLE FOR MINNESOTANS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR ELECTED LEADERS ARE DOING ABOUT CONSERVATION ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES ON CHECKMYLEGISLATOR.ORG
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 8B	THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FINANCE DIRECTOR AND AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEES REVIEW FORM 990 DRAFTS PRIOR TO FILING THE FORM IS THEN PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND IS APPROVED PRIOR TO FILING
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	ANNUALLY EACH DIRECTOR COMPLETES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM IF ANY CONFLICTS ARISE, THE MEMBER WITH THE CONFLICT IS EXCUSED FROM DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES REGARDING THE CONFLICT
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY WAS COMPARED TO A LOCAL NONPROFIT SALARY SURVEY AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S SALARY WAS COMPARED TO A LOCAL NONPROFIT SALARY SURVEY AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	TELESERVICES 24,490 0 0 MEDIA SERVICES 27,625 0 0 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS 105,650 0 0 MISCELLANEOUS 24,674 2,437 1,393