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Form **990-EZ**

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

OMB No. 1545-1150

2015

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning Oct 1, 2015, and ending Sep 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 <u>Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association</u>		D Employer identification number <u>43-1211889</u>
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>1101 West High Street</u>		E Telephone number <u>(573) 634-3001</u>
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <u>Jefferson City MO 65109</u>		F Group Exemption Number ▶
	G Accounting Method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____		
I Website: ▶ <u>www.mlica.org</u>			
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(6) ◀(insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ <u>171,718.</u>			

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

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	1,080.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	83,008.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	73,511.
	4	Investment income	4	52.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	14,067.
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	2,949.	
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	11,118.	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	168,769.	
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	3,000.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	38,845.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,695.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	6,621.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	16	112,588.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	162,749.	
ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	6,020.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	28,210.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	34,230.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate Instructions.

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

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	78,451.	91,802.
23 Land and buildings	0.	0.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See L-24 Stmt.	0.	300.
25 Total assets	78,451.	92,102.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See L-26 Stmt.	50,241.	57,872.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	28,210.	34,230.

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

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

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Land/Soil Conservation Member Organization

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 The Association hosts seminars, meetings, and conventions at which soil conservation practices are presented and an awareness is created. 685 attendees participated in these events. An additional 1,600 people attended a Damage Prevention Summit. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28 a
29 Four issues of a newsletter were published and distributed to approximately 300 people per issue including members, honorary members, etc. Newsletters are also distributed through membership prospect kits. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29 a
30 A membership directory was published and distributed to 300 individuals. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30 a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31 a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32

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

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Chris Brauer Chairman	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Mont Gilbert President	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Tom Lawlor III Vice President	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Rob Liles Secretary/Treasurer	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Jeff Lance Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Jim Bledsoe Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Jake Gingerich Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Buddy Hostetter Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Gerald Bauer Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Bob Parks Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Ron Morrow Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Greg Muenks Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Mona Bledsoe Board Member	0.50	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities
35b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

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

42b 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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

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

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

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with columns Yes, No and row 46 with 'X' in the No column.

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

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

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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

Table with columns Yes, No and row 47.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 48.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 49a.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 49b.

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

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

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Table with Yes/No columns and row 52.

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 (Robert Liles) and Date (1-26-2017)

Type or print name and title (Robert Liles Secretary/Treasurer)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (Veralyn K Long CPA), Preparer's signature, Date (01/15/17), Check self-employed (checked), PTIN (P00014960), Firm's name, Firm's address, Firm's EIN, Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Table with Yes/No columns and row for IRS discussion.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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

2015

▶ **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.

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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 instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see instructions), then

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

Name of organization <u>Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association</u>	Employer identification number <u>43-1211889</u>
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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
- 4 a 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. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

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												
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d).														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
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g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2 a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2 a	
b Carryover from last year	2 b	
c Total	2 c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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