

June 9, 2022

To Commissioner Gallus:

Following the primary election held 06/07/2022, along with 19 other Missoula County Republicans, began representing my voting district as a member of the Missoula County Republican Central Committee (MCRCC). I attended MCRCC meetings called by the Chair in 2022 (June, September, November) and in 2023 (January and February).

At no time were meeting minutes or treasurer's reports submitted to the members for approval. That seemed odd. I began examining reports the Treasurer had filed with your office.

Statement of Organization (C-2) reports showed:

- On 03/03/2021: new Treasurer (Grace Siloti); new Deputy Treasurer (Carol Minjares); new Additional Officer (Vondene Kopetski); Primary Bank (US Bank in Missoula).
- On 02/10/2022: Treasurer (Grace Siloti); no Deputy Treasurer; Additional Officer (Vondene Kopetski); new Primary Bank (Stockman's Bank in Missoula).

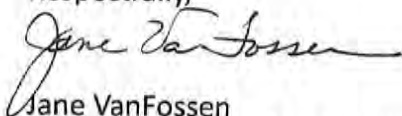
The transfer of funds between banks as reported 02/10/2022 has turned out to be a pivotal event in a pattern of financial mismanagement of political party funds here in Missoula.

Upon further investigation I have found:

- 12/15/2021: funds moved from US Bank to Stockman's Bank were transferred from an account belonging to MCRCC to another entity, a non-profit corporation named Missoula County Republicans (MCR Inc.).
- Committee Finance Reports (C-6) filed since 12/15/2021 have attributed revenues and expenditures to MCRCC when, in fact, those transactions have been processed using a bank account controlled by the corporation, MCR Inc.
- A significant number of corporate campaign contributions were made by MCR Inc. to 2022 candidates, actions clearly prohibited by MT law.

In good conscience, I can't stay silent about this misconduct. My attempts to call attention to these issues locally have been met with hostility and attempts to intimidate. Reluctantly, and as a last resort, I am submitting two separate Campaign Finance and Practices Complaints for your consideration and impartial adjudication. The first addresses false reports and names Grace Siloti, MCRCC Treasurer. The second concerns prohibited corporate campaign contributions and names Missoula County Republicans, Inc.

Respectfully,



Jane VanFossen

Missoula Precinct 91E Republican Committeewoman

Email: jvfmslamt@aol.com

THE STATE OF MONTANA

Commissioner of Political Practices 1209 Eighth Avenue Post Office Box 202401 Helena, MT 59620-2401 Phone: 406-444-2942 Fax : 406-444-1643 www.politicalpractices.mt.gov

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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17) 1 OF 2

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Jane M. VanFossen
Complete Mailing Address 1322 Khanabad Drive
Missoula, MT 590802
Phone Numbers: Work na Home 406-549-8232

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Grace Siloti
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 1222
Condon, MT 59826-1222
Phone Numbers: Work 406-210-1774 Home 406-210-1774

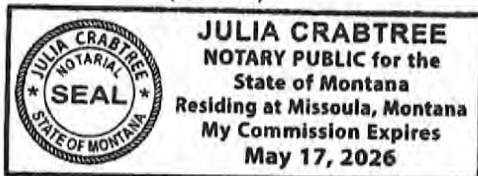
Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Missoula

I, JANE M. VAN FOSSEN, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)



Signature of Complainant (Handwritten signature of Jane M. Van Fossen)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of June, 2023.

Notary Public (Handwritten signature of Julia Crabtree)

My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT WITH 10 ATTACHMENTS

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Statement of Facts for Complaint 1 of 2

In her capacity as Treasurer of the **Missoula County Republican Central Committee (MCRCC)**, a political party committee formed in accordance with MCA 13-38-202, Grace Siloti has reported revenue and expenditures for MCRCC to the office Commissioner of Political Practices.

For the past year and a half, that revenue and those expenditures have actually been controlled by the **Missoula County Republicans (MCR Inc.)**, a non-profit corporation established in accordance with MCA 35-2-213. All transactions falsely attributed to MCRCC have been processed through a MCR Inc. bank account. Grace Siloti is simultaneously serving as Treasurer for MCR Inc. and the MCRCC.

Evidence suggests Ms. Siloti has substantially mishandled and misreported MCRCC finances.

False Committee Finance Reports (C-6)

Since 12/15/2021, Grace Siloti has filed seven (7) Committee Finance (C-6) Reports with the Commissioner in the name of the Missoula County Republican Central Committee (MCRCC), a political party committee. These are believed to be false reports because all revenue and expenditures were controlled by another organization.

[Please see **attachment #1**, a spreadsheet summarizing the reports in question]

These reports are believed to violate, in whole or in part, the following sections of Montana Code Annotated (MCA):

13-37-207 *Deposit of contributions – statements of campaign treasurer.*

13-37-208 *Treasurer to keep records.*

13-27-225 *Reports of contributions and expenditures required – electronic filing and publication.*

13-37-226 *Time for filing reports.*

13-37-228 *Time periods covered by reports.*

13-27-229 *Disclosure requirements for candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees.*

13-37-231 *Reports to be certified as true, complete, and correct.*

Transfer of funds to another organization.

On or about 12/15/2021, Ms. Siloti removed, or caused to be removed, the balance of a **Missoula County Republican Central Committee** bank account long established at **US Bank** in Missoula. The amount was approximately **\$19,000**.

[Please see **attachment #2**, a C-6 report dated 1/4/2022 for reporting period 11/26/2021 – 12/31/2021 showing an expenditure creating the new bank account.]

In private, recorded conversation with the Complainant, Ms. Siloti asserted the transfer of funds was made by the former Treasurer, Carol Minjares. Perhaps a COPP investigator can substantiate this claim.

Ms. Siloti subsequently established, or caused to be established, a new account at **Stockman's Bank** in Missoula. This new account bears the name of a second organization, the **Missoula County Republicans**, a non-profit corporation. Ms. Siloti has filed annual corporate reports with the Montana Secretary of State identifying herself as Treasurer of the MCR corporation since 4/2/2021.

[Please see **attachment #3**, a corporate annual report for MCR Inc. dated 4/7/2023]

False Statement of Organization (C-2)

On 2/10/2022, Ms. Siloti filed a new Statement of Organization (C-2). This C-2 report does not name a Deputy Treasurer. It does certify that the new account is the Missoula County Republican Central Committee primary account.

[Please see **attachment #4**, a C-2 report dated 2/10/2022.]

This is believed to be a false report. Checks drawn on the Stockman's Bank account are clearly imprinted "Missoula County Republicans." Checks drawn on the MCR Inc. account have been signed by individual(s) who have not been appointed and certified as a MCRCC Deputy Campaign Treasurer(s), a likely violation of MCA 13-37-202.

[Please see **attachments #5 and #6**, photocopies of checks dated 7/10/2022 and 9/9/2022.]

No C-2 or C-6 reports for Missoula County Republicans (MCR Inc.), a non-profit corporation, are found on the Commissioner's website. This fact is offered as proof that the organization has not declared itself to be a political committee as defined by MCA 13-37-201(3), *Certification of a Political Committee* and that the organization is failing to comply with MCA 13-37-207 thru 231, *Campaign Finance*, disclosure requirements.

In recent months, questions have been posed by several Missoula County Precinct Committeemen/women to Chairwoman Vondene Kopetski. A motion requiring a financial audit was moved, seconded, and approved at a MCRCC business meeting held 11/29/2022.

[In spite of repeated requests, Chairwoman Kopetski has refused to provide minutes of meetings to MCRCC Precinct Committeemen/women. Otherwise, those minutes would be attached.]

On 1/24/2023, Treasurer Grace Siloti attended an MCRCC business meeting -- for the first time and evidently in response to the audit issue. She lives 80 miles from the City of Missoula. She carried a large binder and emotionally defended the quality of her bookkeeping. Chairwoman Kopetski informed the Precinct Committeemen/women that an audit by a CPA would cost several thousand dollars and the expense could not be justified. Most volunteer organizations create audit committees from the membership at no cost, so this excuse was generally considered to be disingenuous. In spite of protests, a financial audit has not been conducted.

On 5/3/2023, the Complainant learned, that a second organization existed, i.e., a non-profit corporation named Missoula County Republicans. Upon investigation it was learned that three corporate officers were simultaneously serving in key MCRCC offices. The fourth, Cameo Flood, appears to have signing authority for the MCR Inc. bank account.

The MCR Inc. officers are:

Chair	Vonden Kopetski
Vice-chair	Cameo Flood
Secretary	Kathy Whitman
Treasurer	Grace Siloti

The Complainant informed the sixty (60) MCRCC members of suspicious activities in an email dated 5/9/2023. A summary of my findings as of that date was attached.

[Please see **attachment #7**, "Research Findings Concerning the Missoula County Republican Central Committee, Missoula County Republicans Inc., and Missoula Republican Party".]

Vondene Kopetski, who serves as Chair of both MCRCC and MCR Inc., has responded with personal attacks against the Complainant. This could be interpreted as an attempt to distract and conceal her own actions in financial matters.

[Please see **attachments #8, #9, and #10.**]

All allegations in this complaint are supported by public information available on the websites of the Commissioner of Political Practices and of the Montana Secretary of State. Or the allegations have been inferred from that public information. Chairwoman Vondene Kopetski and Treasurer Grace Siloti have resisted an audit which would bring to light actual documentation such as bank statements, cancelled checks, or deposit slips. Such an audit could have been completed months ago. It is hoped a thorough investigation by the Commissioner will produce findings of fact that substantiate or disprove the allegations in this complaint.

Postscript

It is not known if the Missoula County Republican Central Committee employer identification number (EIN) was used to establish the MCR Inc. account at Stockman's Bank. If so, this could constitute corporate identity theft. It is also not known if the MCR corporation filed for tax-exempt status with the IRS using procedures described in IRS Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization. These issues are outside the purview of the Commissioner but may, upon investigation, offer further proof of a general attitude of indifference to the law by the Respondent.

C-6 Committee Financial Reports filed with COPP since MCRCC funds were transferred to MCR incorporated

6/9/2023

election year	report ID	rpt period	original filing date	amended dates	balance from previous report	total receipts	total expenditures	cash in bank - ending balance	Tally of transactions made after 12/15/21 using bank account controlled by Missoula County Republicans incorporated.
2021	21-05	11/26/2021-12/31/2021	01/04/22		\$16,319.65	\$3,070.00	\$361.77	\$19,027.88	
2022	22-01	01/01/2022-04/30/2022	04/06/22	12/26/22	\$19,168.40	\$3,210.52	\$361.77	\$19,168.40	3 expenditures
	22-02	04/01/2022-06/25/2022	10/27/22	12/22/22	\$37,065.12	\$25,040.14	\$7,143.42	\$36,853.78	48 contributions, 6 expenditures
	22-03	06/26/2022-08/31/2022	10/27/22	12/22/22	\$41,780.58	\$23,356.45	\$18,640.99	\$41,780.58	65 contributions, 17 expenditures
	22-04	09/01/2022-10/26/2022	10/27/22	12/22/22		\$8,154.35	\$38,076.76	\$4,682.66	
				01/29/23		\$8,154.35	\$37,246.09	\$12,688.84	
								\$12,688.84	3 contributions, 25 expenditures
				10/27/22	\$12,688.84	\$500.00	\$5,375.86	\$5,426.80	
				12/22/22		\$500.00	\$5,375.86	(\$193.20)	
				12/22/22		\$500.00	\$5,543.86	\$7,644.98	2 contributions, 8 expenditures
				12/26/22	\$7,644.98	\$1,311.94	\$537.70	\$6,919.63	
				01/29/23		\$929.64	\$1,062.34	\$7,512.28	
				01/29/23		\$929.64	\$1,062.34	\$7,512.28	3 contributions, 5 expenditures
2023	23-01	01/01/2023-04/30/2023	05/06/23		\$7,512.28	\$4,780.00	\$4,218.99	\$8,073.29	1 fund raiser, 1 contribution, 8 expenditures

Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 12/26/2017

Original Filing for: 11/26/2021 - 12/31/2021

Report Type: Periodic

Receive and File Date: 01/04/2022

Report Status: Filed

Missoula County Republican Central Committee
PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806

Committee Type: Political Party

Treasurer:

Siloti, Grace

PO Box 1222 Condon, MT 59826

Bank Information:

Stockman's Bank

321 W Broadway Missoula, MT 59802

Summary Report

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report

	+	\$16,319.65
	+	<u>\$3,070.00</u>
Subtotal		\$19,389.65
	-	<u>\$361.77</u>
		\$19,027.88

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Loans

No entries found.

Fundraisers

No entries found.

Refunds, Etc ...

No entries found.

Committee Contributions

No entries found.

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$50: \$0.00)

Entity	Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Biggs, Will 7374 Peregrin Ct, Missoula, MT 59808	RETIRE Retired	Primary	Contribution	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00(P) \$60.00(G)
Burks, Michael PO Box 1990, Missoula, MT 59806	Business Owner self	General	Contribution	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00(P) \$500.00(G)
Jones, Dania 4100 Mullan Rd, # 809, Missoula, MT 59808	Student Student	Primary	Contribution	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00(P) \$0.00(G)

Entity	Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Salomon, Daniel 42470 Salomon RD, Ronana, MT 59864	owner self	Primary	Contribution	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00(P) \$0.00(G)
Wanberg, Gary PO Box 16402, Missoula, MT 59808	Retired Retired	Primary	Contribution	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00(P) \$120.00(G)

Expenditures

Entity	Election	Purpose	Platform	Quantity	Specific Services	Attachment	Date	Amount
American Legion Hellgate Post 27 825 Ronan St, Missoula, MT 59801	Primary	Facility rental				No	12/19/2021	\$150.00
Flood, Cameo 11460 Casman Ct, Missoula, MT 59802	Primary	Reimbursement for food				No	12/19/2021	\$152.93
FreedomVoice 5600 Avenida Encinas #170, Carlsbad, CA 92008	Primary	Cloud phone service - Dec				No	12/12/2021	\$9.51
PayPal 2211 N 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95131	Primary	TRANSACTION FEE-WEBSITE CONTRIBUTION				No	12/05/2021	\$29.39
Stockman 321 W Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802	Primary	Checks & Bank Fees				No	12/15/2021	\$19.94

Expenditures: Independent

No entries found.

Debts

No entries found.

Payments Only

No entries found.

Attachments

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Filing Fees & Processing Options Fees and Processing Options	Standard Processing - \$20.00 (\$35.00 if past due date) - Annual Reports are auto-filed
Filing Effective Date The annual report will be effective when filed.	
Business Type Business Type Business Sub-Type	Domestic Non-Profit Corporation Public Benefit Corporation with members
Business Name Name of Business Entity The file number of this entity on the records of the Montana Secretary of State is Country of Organization State of Organization Annual Report Year Business Purpose	Missoula County Republicans D1166972 United States Montana 2023 To support Republican candidates for local, state and national office, via fundraising, instruction and informational events.
Business Mailing Address of Principal Office Address	PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806
Business Physical Address of Principal Office Address	None
The registered agent on record is: Registered Agent	Carol J Minjares Non-Commercial Registered Agent Agent Number RA00276410 Email Address caroljm36@msn.com Website Physical Address 6460 MULLAN RD MISSOULA, MT 59808 Mailing Address 6460 MULLAN RD MISSOULA, MT 59808
Select the Type of Change Select one if a registered agent change is needed:	Change agent address and/or legal name
The new name of the agent in Montana is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The legal name of the current registered agent has changed.	

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This agent is an organization. If the name of the entity this agent is linked to has changed, this box will be checked and the updated name will populate below to amend the agent record.

Full Name

Grace L SILOTI

The new physical address of the agent in Montana is:

Mailing Address

165 JETTE RD
CONDON, MT 59826

Email

treasurer@missoularepublicans.org

Website

www.missoularepublicans.org

Phone Number

(406) 210-1774

The new mailing address of the agent in Montana is:

Mailing Address

PO BOX 2082
MISSOULA, MT 59806-2082

Directors

Full Name	Business Mailing Address	Position	Email Address
Kopetski Vondene	7373 STONEHAVEN MISSOULA, MT 59803-5980	Director	VONDENE@GMAIL.COM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cameo Flood	11460 CASMAN CT MISSOULA, MT 59802	Director	cflood@bresnan.net
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THELMA BAKER	1009 E BROADWAY MISSOULA, MT 59802-4911	Director	GOPHELMA@YAHOO.COM

Officers

Full Name	Business Mailing Address	Position	Email Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Sadler	1220 Clements Rd Missoula, MT 59804	Vice-president	jimsadler@bresnan.net
Vondene Kopetski	7373 Stonehaven Missoula, MT 59803	Presiding Officer	vondene@gmail.com
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Chapman	4526 S Reserve Missoula, MT 59802	Secretary	
Siloti Grace	PO BOX 1222 CONDON, MT 59826-1222	Treasurer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cameo Flood	11460 CASMAN CT MISSOULA, MT 59802	Vice-president	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Whitman	11475 CHUMRAU LOOP MISSOULA, MT 59802	Secretary	

Declarations

- I understand that the information I enter into the online system is public information and will appear online and on copy requests exactly as I key it into the system.
- I have been authorized by the business entity to file this document online.
- I, HEREBY SWEAR AND/OR AFFIRM, under penalty of law, including criminal prosecution, that the facts contained in this document are true. I certify that I am signing this document as the person(s) whose signature is required, or as an agent of the person(s) whose signature is required, who has authorized me to place his/her signature on this document.

Signature

Self

GRACE SILOTI

Signer's Capacity

Sign Here

04/07/2023

Date

Statement of Organization (C2)

Committee Information

Committee Name: Missoula County Republican Central Committee
Mailing Address: PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806
Physical Address: Missoula, MT 59808
Committee Type: Political Party
Incorporated: N
Received Date: 12/26/2017
Current Status: Amended
Amended Date: 02/10/2022

Committee Treasurer Information

Treasurer Full Name: Siloti, Grace
Mailing Address: PO Box 1222 Condon, MT 59826
Physical Address: 165 Jette Road Condon, MT 59826
Home Phone: (406) 210-1774
Alternate Phone: (406) 546-4980
Home or Personal Email Address: treasurer@missoularepublicans.org

Deputy Treasurer Information

Committee Account Information

Primary Bank: Stockman's Bank
Primary Address: 321 W Broadway Missoula, MT 59802
Secondary Bank:
Secondary Address:

Additional Officer Information

Officer Full Name: Kopetski, Vondene
Mailing Address: 7373 Stonehaven Missoula, MT 59803
Physical Address: 7373 Stonehaven Missoula, MT 59803
Home Phone:
Alternate Phone:
Home or Personal Email Address: vondene@gmail.com

Purpose of Committee and/or Name(s) of Candidate(s) or Ballot Issue(s) Supported or Opposed

<u>Candidate/Issues</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Issue Status</u>
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Lyn Hellegaard

DATE 6/27/22

One hundred and ^{no}/₁₀₀ \$ 100.00



TRAILWEST BANK
406-523-3999

DOLLARS Security Features. Details on Mark.

MEMO Campaign contribution

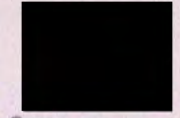
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MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS

PO BOX 2082
MISSOULA, MT 59806-2082

July 10, 2022



Pay to the Order of

Lyn Hellegaard for House District #97 \$1000.00

One thousand and ^{no}/₁₀₀ Dollars

Stockman Bank

P.O. Box 7789 - Missoula, MT 59807
406-258-1400 - 1-888-869-0724 (Telebank)
www.stockmanbank.com



For

[Redacted name]

Conrad Reed

First Interstate Bank

Business Date: July 20, 2022
Time: 3:34 PM
Br# 1700
Account XXXXXX
DDA Deposit \$1,600.00

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ATTACHMOST # 5



[Redacted]
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 Date: 10-2-22
 Pay to the Order of: Lynn Hellegaard \$ 250.⁰⁰
 Two hundred fifty & 00/100 Dollars
 American BANK CENTER
 For: [Redacted]

MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS
 PO BOX 2082
 MISSOULA, MT 59806-2082
 Date: Sept 9, 2022
 CHECK AMOUNT
 Pay to the Order of: Lynn Hellegaard \$ 500.⁰⁰
 Five hundred and 00/100 Dollars
 Stockman Bank
 P.O. Box 7799 - Missoula, MT 59807
 409-250-1400 - 1-888-829-0724 (Telebank)
 stockmanbank.com
 For: Campaign donation
 [Redacted]

First Interstate Bank
 Business Date: October 13, 2022
 Time: 3:22 PM
 Br# 1700 Tlr 3
 Account XXXXXX [Redacted]
 DDA Deposit \$850.00
 Thank you for your continued business! First Interstate Bank - built for YOU
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ATTACHMENT # 6

**RESEARCH FINDINGS CONCERNING THE MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS INC. and MISSOULA
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

First, let's review some key elements of Federal and Montana law as it relates to political parties:

I. ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK

A political party is a very specific type of organization and there are specific laws that govern its operations, campaign practices and financial reporting. Montana Code, Title 13-Chapter 38-Part2 *Committee Structure of Political Parties*, sets the legal framework. The Rules of the Montana Republican Party as amended July 16, 2022, elaborate on MCA Title 13.

Within this context, a County Central Committee has well-defined characteristics. MCA 13-38-202 (2) states "The committee representatives in each (voting) precinct constitute the county central committee of the respective political parties."

MCA 13-38-201 (1) states "Each political party shall appoint or elect at each primary election one person of each sex to serve as committee representatives for each election precinct."

Missoula County was divided into 52 election precincts at the last primary election in June 2022. That means there were 104 positions to fill, but only 60 Republicans filed to do the job.

**CONCLUSION: THE MISSOULA CENTRAL COMMITTEE = 60 MISSOULA PRECINCT
COMMITTEEMEN/WOMEN AND NO OTHERS.**

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II. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Rules of the Montana Republican Party (Section C.III.C) require that officers be elected at a convention held each odd-numbered year. Terms are for two years. It appears no convention was held in 2021 (Covid); therefore, the terms have expired for individuals currently serving as MCRCC officers.

CONCLUSION: THE MISSOULA COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS NO DULY ELECTED OFFICERS AT PRESENT.

III. GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT(S)

Rules of the Missoula Republican Party (MRP) were filed with the Secretary of State on 07/24/2020 and with the Missoula County Election Office on 06/29/2022. They do not meet the legal requirements of MCA 13-38-203(1) or the Rules of the Montana Republican Party (Section C.III.J) because...

There is no "Missoula" Republican Party. There is only the Montana Republican Party. Further, such rules were not considered by MCRCC members at a properly noticed meeting and were not adopted by a two thirds majority vote of all duly elected and appointed committeemen/ women present and voting.

CONCLUSION: THE RULES OF THE MRP ARE NOT THE RULES OF THE MCRCC. THE MRP DOES NOT EXIST AS A LEGAL ENTITY.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTING

The legal requirements for tax-exempt organizations come from Federal Internal Revenue Code (IRC). (Consult IRS Pub 557 for further information). If an organization is a state or local committee of a political party, as the Missoula County Republican Central Committee is, it is not required to file for tax-exempt status. Tax-exempt status is conferred by IRC section 527.

Although a political party committee is not required to report to the IRS, it must be

(1) “subject to a state law that requires it to report about contributions and expenditures” and

(2) the “state agency and the organization (must) make the reports publicly available.”

In Montana, the state agency is the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP). The relevant state law is MCA 13-37-229 – Disclosure Requirements for ... Political Party Committees...

CONCLUSION: COPP MANDATES THE FORMAT AND THE SCHEDULE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS MCRCC.

HERE’S THE PROBLEM FOR OUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

On 07/23/2020, for unexplained reasons, the MCRCC Treasurer Carol Minjares filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State for an organization named “Missoula County Republicans.” The entity was classified as a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation, sub-type Public Benefit Corporation with Members.

In 2020 the four named corporate Directors were Vondene Kopetski, Jim Sadler, Carol Minjares, and Jill Chapman. The 2023 corporate annual report, submitted to the Secretary of State on 04/07/2023, updates the names of Directors/Officers as follows: Vondene Kopetski, Cameo Flood, Thelma Baker, Kathy Whitman and Grace Siloti. The report is signed by Grace Siloti, who serves as Treasurer for both MRC Inc and our MCRCC.

It appears this incorporation occurred without the knowledge of the Precinct Committeemen/ women who constitute the County Central Committee.

Non-Profit Corporations come under an entirely separate set of laws from political parties, e.g. MCA 35-2-213 – Articles of Incorporation. Let me emphasize: political party committees are governed by **MCA Title 13**; non-profit corporations are governed by **MCA Title 35**. The stated purpose of MCR Inc is “To support

Republican candidates for local, state and national office, via fundraising, instruction and informational events.” The critical parts of this statement are “national office” and “fundraising”.

If the four individuals who created the MRC corporation in 2020 had a good understanding of Internal Revenue Code 501, they ensured that Form 8871 was filed within 24 hours of incorporation. That act was critical if they wanted to be a tax-exempt organization. If they failed to do that, then MRC Inc could be liable for corporate income tax for the past four years. The incorporators compounded the problem by saying their purpose was to support candidates for national office. Doing so means their corporation is not a “qualified state or local political organization” as defined by the IRS.

Unfortunately, the MRC Inc website has a “Donate” link. This suggests that MRC Inc may have unreported revenue. The IRS may be interested in MRC Inc’s finances and so might COPP. It is possible that revenue of MRC Inc has been improperly included in MCRCC financial reports to COPP.

To further complicate the picture, when “Rules of the Missoula Republican Party (MRP)” were filed with the Secretary of State (07/24/2020), it seems likely a linkage between MRC Inc and MRP and MCRCC was implied. The upshot is that the unidentified “members” of the non-profit MRC Inc could be construed to be the elected Precinct Committeemen/women.

Prepared by: Jane VanFossen
Republican Precinct Committeewoman
Rattlesnake 91E
Phone: 406-549-8232 (office)

RE: Republican Organizations in Missoula County

Wed, May 10, 2023 12:41 pm

From: mslugop@gmail.comHide

To: jvfmslamt@aol.com

Cc:

acpete221@gmail.com, aknutson@sagepointadvisor.com, amy@ultramaxsports.com, atully4@msn.com, bbmurray@live.com, bcwanberg@gmail.com, beccadawson1@gmail.com, betschida54@gmail.com, bluemountain2@montana.com, bluemountain@montana.com, brendalmt@live.com, chargerplus@gmail.com, cspete221@gmail.com, ctj1.4horses@gmail.com, dakenck@hotmail.com, damonleishman@gmail.com, dave@elk-hunting-tips.net, daveandnancy@blackfoot.net, dougstewartmt@aol.com, erindarling42@gmail.com, garywanberg@usa.com, gjchapman1526@gmail.com, gracesplace@blackfoot.net, hamiltonlana@ymail.net, hflower1331@yahoo.com, holtranch@gmail.com, hopkinsips@gmail.com, hrk@cybernet1.com, ian.4c.cro@gmail.com, jessejames8101985@yahoo.com, jill.taber@protonmail.com, jillwchap@yahoo.com, jimsadler1220@gmail.com, joegabble@yahoo.com, johnhend2000@yahoo.com, jrectenwald@me.com, justin78otto@gmail.com, jvfmslamt@aol.com, keithb@montana.com, kvelva@yahoo.com, lhellegaard@msn.com, live@redquillranch.com, lktschida58@gmail.com, lyndaleemt@gmail.com, melinapyron@yahoo.com, mike59802@gmail.com, mtmudbaby@charter.net, nburgoyne@gmail.com, notto32879@gmail.com, prettygirlwm@yahoo.com, rsh9058@gmail.com, soniamaxfield@hotmail.com, steve@signpromissoula.com, thelmaxkerkop@yahoo.com, torioline@yahoo.com, vickirae2200@gmail.com, vondene@gmail.com
Fellow Republicans:

Jane's email is full of misrepresentations, unsupported claims, and false information. The claim that we didn't have an election in 2021 is false. Our election was held by conference call because of covid; many of you were precinct captains and voted in that election, the results of which can be verified by simply contacting the State Republican Party. Over the past year, we've had multiple meetings where we talked about organizing a young Republicans forum, the gun raffle fundraiser, opening and managing the campaign office, candidate recruitment and training, volunteers for project work groups, Lincoln Reagan Dinner planning, redistricting, legislative priorities, and revenue and expenses. We have also been very publicly supportive of an audit. Our county central committee is part of the Missoula County Republican Party just as the state central committee is part of the Montana Republican Party; the idea that there's something nefarious going on with multiple names is ridiculous. Jane's email is part of an orchestrated disruption that is happening in central committees throughout the state just as it's happening in Missoula which will ultimately damage our chances of getting Republican candidates elected in 2024. If you are concerned about any of this, I encourage you to respond directly to Jane as you see fit.

Precinct captains need to know that per our bylaws, the business of our central committee can only be conducted in a meeting run by the duly elected Chairman. Per Robert's Rules, bylaws cannot be suspended. Nothing this group does or says will change that or make their meetings legitimate.

Thank you for your patience while we work through this distraction,

Vondene Kopetski
Chairman, Missoula County Republican Party
vondene@gmail.com
406-531-1777

Cameo Flood
Vice Chair, Missoula County Republicans
Cflood@bresnan.net
406-546-5980

From: jvfmslamt@aol.com,

To: gracesplace@blackfoot.net,

Bcc: melinapyron@gmail.com, av8torguy@protonmail.com, betschida54@gmail.com, lhellegaard@msn.com,

Subject: Financial Issues concerning Central Committee and Missoula County Republicans

Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2023 5:06 pm

Grace:

I've been waiting to hear from you since we last spoke by phone on Friday.

You are on record as the Treasurer for the Missoula County Republican Central Committee, legally defined as a political party committee in MT law.

You are also on record as the Treasurer of a second organization, Missoula County Republicans, a non-profit corporation established under MT law.

Some serious problems have been uncovered concerning how the 2 organizations have used funds.

As I've repeatedly said, I would like to sit down and discuss these subjects with you. I understand you have been vacationing out of state since mid-May. I understand you didn't feel well when you got home. I understand you are very busy running the Condon store, so I'm willing to drive ^{80 JVF}40 or so miles to Condon to get together with you.

This needs to be dealt with in person in the next day or so. In good conscience, I can't delay any longer. I'm still hoping to hear from you.

Regards,

Jane VanFossen

406-549-8232 (home office - no texting)

ATTACHMENT # 9

From: mslagop@gmail.com,
To: jvfmslamt@aol.com,
Subject: CEASE and DESIST Harassing Grace Siloti, treasurer
Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2023 12:10 pm
Attachments: winmail.dat (6K)

June 7, 2023

To: Jane Van Fossen
From: Missoula County Republican Central Committee Executive Board
RE: CEASE and DESIST Harassing Grace Siloti, treasurer

Jane:

It has been reported to us from Grace Siloti, the duly elected treasurer of the Missoula Republican Central Committee, that you continue to call her requesting a meeting for some unspecified purpose and have now threatened her by saying that she has broken the law.

There is nothing in our rules nor the rules of the MTGOP that gives you or any other member of our organization the right to constantly and personally harass any officer or other member.

Your most recent calls and email to Grace were both accusatory and threatening; it's for this reason that we are asking you not contact Grace again. If you have a question or concern, please put it in writing and direct it to mslagop@gmail.com to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Missoula County Republican Central Committee so we can investigate. Absent proof in writing that something is truly amiss, you are doing nothing more than continuing to harass Grace.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Missoula County Republican Party

Vondene Kopetski

Chair, Missoula County Republicans
406-531-1777
vondene@gmail.com

Sonny Capece

Vice Chair, Missoula County Republicans
406-475-0439
sonnycapece@gmail.com

Cameo Flood

Vice Chair, Missoula County Republicans
cflood@bresnan.net
406-546-4980

A RECORDED PHONE CALL
CAN DISPROVE THIS
ACCUSATION. JVF

Commissioner of Political Practices 1209 Eighth Avenue Post Office Box 202401 Helena, MT 59620-2401 Phone: 406-444-2942 Fax : 406-444-1643 www.politicalpractices.mt.gov

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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17) 2 OF 2

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Jane M. VanFossen Complete Mailing Address 1322 Khanabad Drive Missoula, MT 59802 Phone Numbers: Work na Home 406-549-8232

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Missoula County Republicans, incorporated Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806 Phone Numbers: Work Home 406-531-1777

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Missoula

I, JANE M. VAN FOSSEN, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant Jane M. Van Fossen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of June, 2023.

Notary Public Julia Crabtree



My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT WITH 7 ATTACHMENTS

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Statement of Facts for Complaint 2 of 2

For decades the **Missoula County Republican Central Committee (MCRCC)**, a political party committee formed in accordance with MCA 13-38-202, has operated in Missoula County. Successive MCRCC Treasurers have filed Statements of Organization (C-2) and Committee Finance Reports (C-6) with the Commissioner.

Three years ago, a small number of individuals established a non-profit corporation, known as the **Missoula County Republicans (MCR Inc.)**, as allowed by MCA 35-2-213. The 2023 corporate annual report names four (4) individuals as the officers of MCR Inc. Three of these individuals are serving in the same positions for both organizations. As far as is known, the existence of MCR Inc. was never disclosed to the sixty (60) Voting Precinct Committeemen/women who make up the membership of MCRCC.

Late in 2021, some person, reportedly Carol Minjares, who was serving as Deputy Treasurer of MCRCC, closed the MCRCC bank account and transferred some or all of the assets (about \$19,000) to a new account set up in the name of the MCR corporation.

The MCRCC Treasurer, Ms. Siloti, knowingly or not, continued to use the MCRCC name, and to file C-2 and C-6 reports, for financial activity that in reality was controlled by MCR Inc. A separate Campaign Practices complaint has been filed with the Commissioner regarding these allegedly inaccurate reports.

In 2022, nineteen (19) checks, totaling \$28,700, were drawn on the MCR Inc. bank account. These checks were identified as political contributions and were given to eighteen (18) political candidates. It is unlikely any of the recipients were informed that these contributions were coming from a corporation. By accepting the contributions, and using the funds to further their campaigns, these candidates likely violated MCA 13-35-227, *Prohibited contributions from corporations and unions* and possibly 13-37-128 (2), *Cause of action created*. **The alleged violations appear to have been inadvertent.**

The Complainant asserts that these corporate political contributions likely violated MCA 13-35-227, *Prohibited contributions from corporations and unions*, and may have created a cause for action as allowed by MCA 13-37-128, *Cause of action created*. **These alleged violations appear to have been either intentional or negligent.**

Documentary Evidence to support the facts alleged.

- Attachment #1, spreadsheet itemizing "Campaign Contributions of Missoula County Republicans, Inc."
- Attachment #2, Committee Finance Report (C-6) for period 06/26/2022 – 08/31/2022
- Attachment #3, Committee Finance Report (C-6) for period 09/01/2022 – 10/26/2022
- Attachment #4, Articles of Incorporation Missoula County Republicans dtd 07/23/2020
- Attachment #5, 2023 Annual Report Missoula County Republicans dtd 04/07/2023
- Attachment #6, photocopy of MCR Inc. check #1054 dtd 07/10/2022
- Attachment #7, photocopy of MCR Inc. check #1033 dtd 09/09/2022

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS INCORPORATED
 prohibited by MCA 13-35-227

INDIVIDUALS	CAMPAIGN		CONTRIBUTION	
	YEAR	OFFICE	DATE	AMOUNT
1 Ault, Alan C.	2022	MT House District 90	7/10/2022	\$1,000.00
2 Chambers, Kim	2022	Missoula County Commissioner District 2	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
3 Hellegaard, Lyn	2022	MT House District 97	7/10/2022	\$1,000.00
4 " "	2022	MT House District 97	9/13/2022	\$500.00
5 Hopkins, Mike	2022	MT House District 92	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
6 Knowles, Nick	2022	MT Senate District 50	8/2/2022	\$500.00
7 Loge, Denley M.	2022	MT House District 14	8/17/2022	\$2,000.00
8 Mapston, Rebecca R.	2022	MT House District 94	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
9 Rosendale, Matt	2022	US Representative 2nd District	7/10/2022	\$3,000.00
10 Rusk, Matt	2022	MT House District 88	7/10/2022	\$1,200.00
11 Shearer-Hiett, Sonia	2022	MT House District 98	7/10/2022	\$500.00
12 Subith, Lauren	2022	MT House District 95	9/15/2022	\$500.00
13 Tschida, Brad	2022	MT Senate District 49	10/5/2022	\$500.00
14 Van Horn, Jacob	2022	MT Senate District 48	8/2/2022	\$500.00
15 Vasecka, Sandra	2022	Missoula County Auditor	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
16 Wanberg, Gary	2022	MT House District 89	8/17/2022	\$500.00
17 Whitman, Kathy	2022	MT House District 96	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
18 Zinke, Ryan	2022	US Representative 1st District	8/8/2022	\$5,000.00
				\$26,700.00
<u>POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)</u>				
More Jobs Less Government PAC	2022	[in support of Senator Steve Daines]	8/8/2022	\$2,000.00
				\$2,000.00
				GRAND TOTAL: \$28,700.00
<u>JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, INDIVIDUALS</u>				
1 Burt, Bill	2022	Justice of the Peace Department ??	7/10/2022	\$2,000.00
2 Reneau, Susan	2022	Justice of the Peace Department ??	8/17/2022	\$2,000.00
				\$4,000.00

NOTE: Prohibited contributions made to judicial candidate were returned at some date prior to 10/27/2022.

Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 12/26/2017

Amended Filing for: 06/26/2022 - 08/31/2022
 Report Type: Periodic
 Receive and File Date: 10/27/2022
 Report Status: Amended
 Amended Date: 05/06/2023

Missoula County Republican Central Committee
 PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806

CHECKS WERE DRAWN
 ON BANK ACCOUNT CONTROLLED
 BY MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS, INC.

Treasurer:
 Siloti, Grace
 PO Box 1222 Condon, MT 59826

Committee Type: Political Party
 Bank Information:
 Stockman's Bank
 321 W Broadway Missoula, MT 59802

Summary Report

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$41,780.58
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period		
	+	\$8,154.35
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period	Subtotal	\$49,934.93
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report	-	\$37,246.09
		\$12,688.84

Loans

No entries found.

Fundraisers

Fundraiser Name / Location	Election	Date	Attendees	Tickets Sold	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Missoula Gun Range Missoula	General	08/01/2022	102	102	NA	0.00	2,040.00	0.00(P) 2,040.00(G)

Refunds, Etc ...

No entries found.

Committee Contributions

No entries found.

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$50: \$0.00)

Entity	Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
<u>Burt, Bill</u> 7020 Jenaya CT, Missoula, MT 59803	for judge for judge	General	<u>refund/return</u>	0.00	2,000.00	0.00(P) 2,125.00(G)
<u>Campbell Reneau, Susan</u>	Justice of the Peace Justice of the Peace	General	<u>return/refund</u>	0.00	2,000.00	0.00(P) 0.00(P)

Entity	Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Entered
4 Matha's Court, Missoula, MT 59803	government	General	Refund of deposit envelope recount	0.00	2,114.35	0.00(P) 2,114.35(G)

Expenditures

Entity	Election	Purpose	Platform	Quantity	Specific Services	Attach ment	Date	Amount
Ault, Alan C. 307 Whitaker Dr., Missoula, MT 59803	General	Campaign Contribution						
Burt, Bill 7020 Jenaya CT, Missoula, MT 59803	General	Campaign Contributions				No	07/10/2022	1,000.00
Campbell Reneau, Susan	General	Refund of sponsorship of LRD				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
Campbell Reneau, Susan 4 Matha's Court, Missoula, MT 59803	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
Chambers, Kim 7130 Rattlesnake Dr, Missoula, MT 59808	General	Campaign Contribution				No	08/17/2022	2,000.00
Eagle Storage 4101 Hwy 93 S, Missoula, MT 59804	General	STORAGE FEES				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
Hellegaard, Lyn 3828 Belle Crest Dr., Missoula, MT 59801	General	Campaign Contribution				No	08/03/2022	1,000.00
Hopkins, Mike D. 105 Disney ct, Missoula, MT 59803	General	Campaign Contributions				No	07/10/2022	1,000.00
Jones Law Firm 115 N. Broadway Suite 410, Billings, MT 59101	General	Conference for precinct captain elections				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
Knowles, Nick 207 New Meadows Ct., Missoula, MT 59808	General	Campaign contribution				No	07/27/2022	135.00
Loge, Denley M. 1296 4 Mile Road, St. Regis, MT 59866	General	Campaign Contributions				No	08/02/2022	500.00
Mapston, Rebecca R. 3934 Chelsea Dr, Missoula, MT 59808	General	Campaign Contribution				No	08/17/2022	2,000.00
Missoula Gun Show PO Box 8423, Missoula, MT 59808	General	Table for gun show				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
More Jobs less Government PAC 123 STREET, Missoula, MT 59801	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/28/2022	70.00
MTGOP, Raffle Tickets 117 X 55, Helena, MT 59624	General	MTGOP				No	08/08/2022	2,000.00
Rosendale, Matt PO Box 4907, Helena, MT 59604	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/22/2022	2,750.00
Rusk, Wayne 627 Salmon Way, Corvallis, MT 59828	General	Campaign contribution				No	07/10/2022	3,000.00
Shearer Hait, Sonia 1575 Council Way, Missoula, MT 59808	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/10/2022	1,200.00
Stockman Bank 700 Main str, Missoula, MT 59801	General	ordered checks				No	07/10/2022	500.00
Van Horn, Jacob P.O. Box 493, Alberton, MT 59820	General	campaign contribution				No	06/30/2022	21.09
Vasecka, Sandra PO Box 3953, Missoula, MT 59806	General	Campaign Contributions				No	08/02/2022	500.00
Wanberg, Gary PO Box 16402, Missoula, MT 59808	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
						No	08/17/2022	500.00

Entity	Election	Purpose	Platform	Quantity	Specific Services	Attachment	Date	Amount
Whitman, Kathy J 11475 Chumrau Loop, Missoula, MT 59802	General	Campaign Contribution				No	07/10/2022	2,000.00
Whitman, Kathy J 11475 Chumrau Loop, Missoula, MT 59802	General	for GOP office				No	07/10/2022	70.00
Zinke, Ryan K 409 W. 2nd Street, Whitefish, MT 59937	General	CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION				No	08/08/2022	5,000.00

Expenditures: Independent

No entries found.

Debts

No entries found.

Payments Only

No entries found.

Attachments

No entries found.

Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 12/26/2017

Amended Filing for: 09/01/2022 - 10/26/2022

Report Type: Periodic

Receive and File Date: 10/27/2022

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Missoula County Republican Central Committee

PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806

CHECKS WERE
DRAWN ON BANK ACCOUNT
CONTROLLED BY MISSOULA
COUNTY REPUBLICANS INC.

Treasurer:

Siloti, Grace

PO Box 1222 Condon, MT 59826

Committee Type: Political Party

Bank Information:

Stockman's Bank

321 W Broadway Missoula, MT 59802

Summary Report

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$12,688.84
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period	+	\$500.00
	Subtotal	\$13,188.84
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period		\$5,543.86
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report	-	\$7,644.98

Loans

No entries found.

Fundraisers

No entries found.

Refunds, Etc ...

No entries found.

Committee Contributions

No entries found.

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$50: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$50: \$0.00)

Entity	Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Mapston, Rebecca R 3934 Chelsea Dr, Missoula, MT 59808	Candidate Candidate	General	Return Donation	0.00	400.00	0.00(P) 400.00(G)
Zader, Bill 20002 King Toad, Missoula, MT 59833	REAL ESTATE BRO KER self	General		0.00	100.00	0.00(P) 100.00(G)

Expenditures

Entity	Election	Purpose	Platform	Quantity	Specific Services	Attachment	Date	Amount
Flood, Cameo 11460 Casman Ct, Missoula, M T 59802	General	City Club Forum				No	09/06/2022	800.00
Fort, Tori 1505 W Central Ave, Missoula, MT 59801	General	Parade entry, food for working meeting MRP				No	09/15/2022	526.51
Hellegaard, Lyn 3828 Bellecrest Dr, Missoula, MT 59801	General	Campaign Donation				No	09/13/2022	500.00
Missoulian 123 STREET, Missoula, MT 59 801	General	Missoulian Ad				No	10/13/2022	2,283.00
Missoulian 2291 W Broadway Suite 5A, Mi ssoula, MT 59808	General	Press GOP banner for of fice				No	10/19/2022	168.00
Sabith, Lauren 3026 Roy CT, Missoula, MT 59 803	General	HD95				No	09/15/2022	500.00
Tschida, Brad 10825 Mullan Rd, Missoula, M T 59808	General	CANIDATE				No	10/05/2022	500.00
WinCo Foods 2510 S Reserve St, Missoula, M T 59801	General	Candy for parade				No	09/16/2022	266.35

Expenditures: Independent

No entries found.

Debts

No entries found.

Payments Only

No entries found.

Attachments

No entries found.



STATE OF MONTANA

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Montana Secretary of State

Filed July 23, 2020 10:24 AM

BID: D1166972

Articles of Incorporation

Missoula County Republicans (D1166972)

General Details

Handling Option

Standard Processing

Delayed Effective Date

Corporate Type

Public Benefit Corporation with members

Business Entity Name

Missoula County Republicans

Registered Agent in Montana

Name

Carol J Minjares

Street Address

6460 Mullan Rd, Missoula, Montana, 59808,
United States

Mailing Address

6460 Mullan Rd, Missoula, Montana, 59808,
United States

Registered Agent Type

Non-Commercial

The appointment of the registered agent listed above is an affirmation by the represented entity that the agent has consented to serve as a registered agent.

Yes

Business Mailing Address of Principal Office

Postal Address

PO Box 2082, Missoula, Montana, 59806, United States

Term

Perpetual

Purpose

To support Republican candidates for local, state and national office, via fundraising, instruction and informational events.

a) Is not applying through the IRS for 501(c)(3) status and upon dissolution, the assets shall be distributed in the following manner:

This Nonprofit Corporation

ATTACHMENT #4
PAGE 1 OF 4

Manner of asset distribution on
dissolution

To be given to State Republican Party
Montana

Incorporators

Individual
Name
Status
Business Mailing Address

Carol J Minjares
Active
6460 Mullan Rd, Missoula, Montana, 59808,
United States

Directors/Officers

Name
Status
Business Mailing Address

Position

Jill Chapman
Active
1526 S Reserve, Missoula, Montana, 59802,
United States
Secretary

Name
Status
Business Mailing Address

Position

Vondene Kopetski
Active
7373 Stonehaven, Missoula, Montana, 59803,
United States
Presiding Officer

Name
Status
Business Mailing Address

Position

Carol J Minjares
Active
6460 Mullan Rd, Missoula, Montana, 59808,
United States
Treasurer

Name	Jim Sadler
Status	Active
Business Mailing Address	1220 Clements Rd, Missoula, Montana, 59804, United States
Position	Vice-president

Signature

I have been authorized by the business entity to file this document online.
Yes

I, HEREBY SWEAR AND/OR AFFIRM, under penalty of law, including criminal prosecution, that the facts contained in this document are true. I certify that I am signing this document as the person(s) whose signature is required, or as an agent of the person(s) whose signature is required, who has authorized me to place his/her signature on this document.
Yes

Name	Carol Minjares
Position	Incorporator
Date	07/23/2020

Daytime Contact

Phone	406-728 7994
Email	caroljm36@msn.com



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

Return Method: Email

July 24, 2020

CAROL MINJARES
6460 MULLAN RD
MISSOULA MT 59808

CERTIFICATION LETTER

I, COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State for the State of Montana, do hereby certify that

Missoula County Republicans

filed its Articles of Incorporation with this office and has fulfilled the applicable requirements set forth in law. By virtue of the authority vested in this office, I hereby issue this certificate evidencing the filing is effective on the date shown below.

Certified File Number: D1166972 - 14167569

Effective Date: July 23, 2020

Your company's annual report is due by April 15th of next year and each consecutive year thereafter.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Montana business community. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey Stapleton".

Corey Stapleton
Montana Secretary of State



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STATE OF MONTANA
SECRETARY OF STATE
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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STATE OF MONTANA
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SECRETARY OF STATE
File Number: 15665613
Date Filed: 4/7/2023 11:20:42 AM

FILING FEE: \$20.00 prior to April 15
FILING FEE: \$35.00 after April 15

Filing Fees & Processing Options	
Fees and Processing Options	Standard Processing - \$20.00 (\$35.00 if past due date) - Annual Reports are auto-filed
Filing Effective Date	
The annual report will be effective when filed.	
Business Type	
Business Type	Domestic Non-Profit Corporation
Business Sub-Type	Public Benefit Corporation with members
Business Name	
Name of Business Entity	Missoula County Republicans
The file number of this entity on the records of the Montana Secretary of State is	D1166972
Country of Organization	United States
State of Organization	Montana
Annual Report Year	2023
Business Purpose	To support Republican candidates for local, state and national office, via fundraising, instruction and informational events.
Business Mailing Address of Principal Office	
Address	PO Box 2082 Missoula, MT 59806
Business Physical Address of Principal Office	
Address	None
The registered agent on record is:	
Registered Agent	Carol J Minjares Non-Commercial Registered Agent Agent Number RA00276410 Email Address caroljm36@msn.com Website Physical Address 6460 MULLAN RD MISSOULA, MT 59808 Mailing Address 6460 MULLAN RD MISSOULA, MT 59808
Select the Type of Change	
Select one if a registered agent change is needed:	Change agent address and/or legal name
The new name of the agent in Montana is:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The legal name of the current registered agent has changed.	

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Position	Other Officer
Daytime Contact	
Phone Number	(406) 210-1774
Email	TREASURER@MISSOULAREPUBLICANS.ORG

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Lyn Hellegaard

DATE 6/27/22

\$ 100.00

One Hundred and ^{no}/₁₀₀

DOLLARS



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TRAILWEST BANK

406-523-3999

MEMO

Campaign contribution

[Redacted]

MP

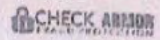
MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS

PO BOX 2082

MISSOULA, MT 59806-2082

July 10, 2022

Date



Pay to the Order of

Lyn Hellegaard for House District #97

\$1000.00

One Thousand and ^{no}/₁₀₀

Dollars



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Stockman Bank

P.O. Box 7789- Missoula, MT 59807
406-258-1400 - 1-888-859-0724 (Telebank)
www.stockmanbank.com

Conrad Reed

For

[Redacted]

First Interstate Bank

Business Date July 20, 2022

Time 3:34 PM

Br# 1700 Tlr 4

Account XXXXXX
DDA Deposit \$1,600.00

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[Redacted] 10-2-22
Date [Redacted]
 Pay to the Order of Lyn Hellegaard \$ 250.⁰⁰
Two hundred fifty & 00/100 Dollars Security Features
American
 BANK CENTER
 For [Redacted] MP
 [Redacted] 72

MISSOULA COUNTY REPUBLICANS
 PO BOX 2082
 MISSOULA, MT 59806-2082 Sept 9, 2022
Date CHECK ABOVE
 Pay to the Order of Lyn Hellegaard \$ 500.00
Five hundred and 00/100 Dollars Photo Safe Deposit
Stockman Bank
 P.O. Box 7789- Missoula, MT 59807
 401-256-1400 - 1-888-669-0724 (Telebank)
 stockmanbank.com
 For Campaign donation [Signature]
 [Redacted]

First Interstate Bank
 Business Date: October 13, 2022
 Time: 3:22 PM
 Br# 1700 Tlr 3
 Account XXXXXX [Redacted]
 DDA Deposit \$850.00

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