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Complaint Form (10/17)

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

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

Complete Name Mary Moser

Complete Mailing Address 18 Ridgeway Rd
Bridger MT 59014

Phone Numbers: Work 406 861 3715 Home _____

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

Complete Name Lisa Bennett

Complete Mailing Address 110 Barlow Cr. Rd
Red Lodge MT 59068

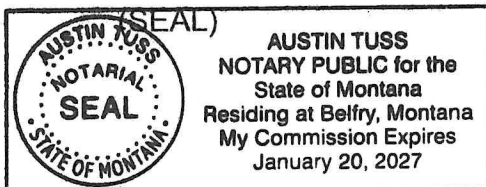
Phone Numbers: Work 970-926-0216 Home 406 446 9823

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 Carbon

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



[Signature]
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of
March, 2024.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: January 20th 2027

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Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s), including pertinent dates, 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 letter

- Complaints must be:
- signed
 - notarized
 - delivered to the Commissioner in person or by mail.

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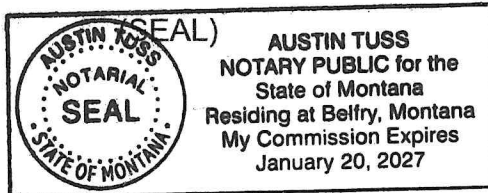
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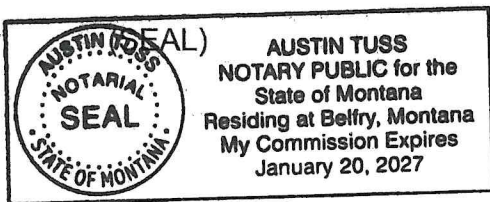
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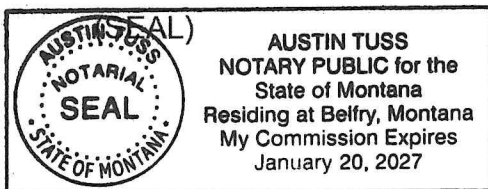
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Rick and Mary Moser
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greatplainsfence@gmail.com
406-861-3715

March 4, 2024

To Whom it may concern,

Rick and I have lived in Carbon County for 20 years and have operated a successful Fencing Company here for 17 years. We joined the Central Committee in March of 2022. I was elected as vice chair on September 21, 2023 and Rick as State committeeman on January 18, 2024.

On September 21, 2023, when we had the elections supervised by GOP Debbie Churchill and Ron Tibbets, Dan Horman was elected as Chair. The very next day he resigned and the GOP said that I was now acting chair. At this same meeting John Franish was elected as treasurer. On September 24, 2023 Pat Plowman, Secretary, gave me the treasurer books that she received from Cherie Mondragon, the previous treasurer on September 23, 2023. I soon afterwards called John Franish to get together with him to give him the books. He said he would be at the next meeting. He was not present at that meeting which was October 19, 2023. I attempted to call him several times and left messages. He never answered or returned calls. I attempted to call him using Rick's phone and John immediately answered. He said "I can't talk to you, I have to talk to Lisa (Lisa Bennett) first!" and hung up on me. That was the last time I talked to him. Other officers tried to get a hold of him as well with no results. We had no idea what was going on so I kept the books. He was not present at any meeting from his initial election on September 12, 2023 till February 15, 2024. He missed a meeting in October 2023 and in January 2024, no meetings in November or December 2023.

On January 18, 2024 scheduled committee meeting the new chair Cody Mitchell was elected. John Franish was not present at that meeting. Cody immediately after his election said he was and would continue to work with John on the books. He also said he had someone from another county to help him and John with the books to get back in compliance. Cody also told Rick and I the same thing on the phone.

On February 15, 2024 we had our scheduled committee meeting. Earlier before the meeting I contacted Cheyl Wilson and she told me the reports had been filed on February 14, 2024. The C2 report had Lisa Bennett listed as Deputy Treasurer. Lisa was never officially appointed or elected as deputy treasurer. The meeting started and John Franish was present. When Cody asked John for a treasurer report, John said everything is up to date. I stood up and handed John the C2 report. I said "John who filed this report?" John seemed confused and stood up and handed it to Lisa Bennett. Then John said "what is wrong with asking for some help, I have been


in the emergency room 3 times". I then said "why is Lisa Bennett listed as Deputy Treasurer?" No one answered me.

I then motioned that we have an investigation into the matter and Rick second it and it passed. The committee wants an investigation into what happened. Cody said he will follow through with this. After the meeting several of the committee people asked Cody if he knew or authorized Lisa Bennett to be Deputy Treasurer. He said no.

On February 17, 2024 I gave Lonna (Peach) Weiss, the new secretary, the treasurer books. She gave them to Cody Mitchell shortly after.

I spoke to Cody after the meeting on February 22, 2024 and he said that everything is up to date and that Lisa Bennett's name was taken off the C2 report. He never explained what happened and who authorized Lisa Bennett's name to be on the C2 report as Deputy Treasurer. Nothing more has been said to anyone on the matter. It appears no investigation will be conducted.

Rick Moser and I were witness to everything in this letter.



Mary Moser



Rick Moser