

September 13, 2019

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Federal Election Commission
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Washington, DC 20463

MUR # 7644

Complaint Against: Matt Prosch for Congress, Barry Gronke Jr., Matt Prosch

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FEC Committee ID # C00648733
FEC Candidate ID # H8MN07094

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

1. Matt Prosch for Congress Filed FEC Form 1 and FEC Form 2 Later Than Prescribed By FEC Regulation.

Matt Prosch held a campaign kick-off party on Saturday, June 10, 2017, as documented by the Marshall Independent newspaper on June 12, 2017 (enclosed), and on Prosch's Facebook page on June 12, 2017 (image enclosed). FEC Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees, June 2014, Chapter 2, page 5 (15 of 199), requires Prosch to file his FEC Form 1 within 10 days of beginning campaigning, and file his FEC Form 2 within 15 days of beginning campaigning. Prosch filed his FEC Form 1 on June 28, 2017, as indicated on the FEC website – 8 days later than required by FEC regulation. Prosch filed his FEC Form 2 on June 30, 2017, as indicated on the FEC website – 5 days later than required.

2. Matt Prosch for Congress Campaign Signs Lacked "Paid for by Matt Prosch for Congress" Disclaimer Required by FEC Regulations.

The June 12, 2017 Facebook post (image enclosed) showing Matt Prosch, his wife, and their three kids holding his campaign sign at their campaign kick-off party on June 10, 2017, shows the sign completely lacked the required disclaimer, as described in the FEC Campaign Guide, 2014, page 65 (75 of 199). Prosch's Facebook page is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/MattProsch4Congress>

3. Matt Prosch for Congress Disclaimer on Yard Signs and Car Magnet Signs Lacked Box Around Disclaimer Required by FEC Regulations.

Sometime later in the campaign, Matt Prosch for Congress managed to put the required disclaimer on his signs and car magnets. However, five images enclosed (June 23, 2018 car magnet at Pipestone Parade, Aug 11, 2018 car magnet at Karlstad Parade, and three yard sign images ["Prosch Yard Sign 1, Prosch Yard Sign 2, Prosch Yard Sign 3"]) all show a lack of the required box around the disclaimer as described in FEC Campaign Guide, 2014, page 66 (76 of 199). Said five images come from Matt Prosch for Congress Facebook page.

4. Matt Prosch for Congress Failed to File Multiple Financial Reports (FEC Form 3) Required by FEC Regulation. After filing his one and only FEC Form 3 on July 15, 2017, as indicated on the FEC website, Matt Prosch continued to campaign all the way to the August 14, 2018 Primary and beyond to today, but has never filed another FEC Form 3, as indicated at www.FEC.gov. FEC Campaign Guide, 2014, page 79 (89 of 199) and page 80 (90 of 199) requires his committee to file these FEC Forms 3 – “All authorized committees must file quarterly reports, even if the candidate decides to retire, withdraws from the race prior to the primary election, loses the primary or drops out of the race prior to the general election. See 52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(2).” By my count, Matt Prosch for Congress owes FEC Forms 3 for Q3 and Q4 2017, Q1-Q4 2018, Pre-Primary 2018, and Q1-Q2 2019. Multiple enclosed images from Matt Prosch for Congress’ Facebook page and the Minnesota Secretary of State website show Prosch continually campaigned in 2017 and 2018 and participated in the Aug 14, 2018 Primary. These images show he traveled to, and participated in multiple parades throughout Minnesota’s Seventh Congressional District, produced and distributed at least 2 sizes of campaign yard signs, and produced and mailed several thousand direct mailings of two different versions of printed materials. Matt Prosch for Congress’ campaign website (<https://www.mattproschforcongress.com>) is still active, and indicates it was “Created with NationBuilder”. NationBuilder usually charges a recurring fee for hosting and other services. Because Matt Prosch for Congress failed to file any of these required FEC Forms 3, the public knows nothing about what contributions his campaign received, how much he spent on all this campaign activity, etc., etc.. The public has a right to know these things!

5. FEC Should Void Administrative Termination of Matt Prosch for Congress, Reconstitute the Committee, and Inform Committee and Candidate They Must File Financial Reports. FEC website indicates that on Aug 15, 2018, one day after the Aug 14, 2018 Minnesota Primary, FEC administratively terminated Matt Prosch for Congress. FEC letter to Prosch, dated Aug 15, 2018 (from FEC.gov) indicates, “However, any receipt or disbursement of funds by the committee for the purpose of influencing a federal election or supporting a federal candidate will void the administrative termination. In such an event, the committee will be required to begin filing reports with the appropriate office. The first such report will include any activity since the date of the last report filed by the committee.”

Thank you for your time and consideration. If the Commission has any questions about anything I’ve submitted, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christopher Watson

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Morris, MN 56267

State of Minnesota, County of Stevens
Signed, Sworn to and Acknowledged before me

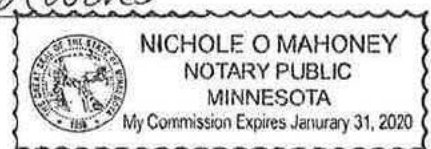
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by Christopher Watson

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires 1-31-2020

Country registered in Stevens



INDEPENDENT

Prosch announces campaign in 7th District



Photo by Deb Gau Matt Prosch, of Lake Benton, announced Saturday that he will be running for Congress in Minnesota's 7th District

LAKE BENTON — People are ready for change, Matt Prosch said — change in policies that affect agriculture and business in rural Minnesota, and a change in their U.S. representative. Prosch said he hopes to be that change.

On Saturday, surrounded by signs reading *“Real People, Real Results,”* Prosch formally announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress in Minnesota’s 7th District.

“I feel I can bring a real perspective to this country,” Prosch said, addressing a group of area residents gathered at the Lake Benton Community Center.

Prosch held a campaign kick-off Saturday afternoon in Lake Benton. He will be seeking the Republican nomination in the 7th Congressional District, where current Rep. Collin Peterson has served since 1991.

“I wanted to do this years ago,” Prosch said of his decision to run for office. But now the timing was better to campaign and try to give back to the community.

Prosch grew up on a family farm in western Minnesota and graduated from Lake Benton High School. He is the owner of a trucking company he started in 2007, and he also served eight years in the Army National Guard. Prosch and his wife Chandra live in Lake Benton with their three children.

Prosch spoke about some of the concerns he would like to address if elected. An important focus for him will be on easing some of the economic burdens Minnesotans face today, he said. Prosch’s trucking business has taken him to communities around the state, and he said it’s given him perspective on people’s concerns.

“People are really struggling,” Prosch said. Right now, taxes are high, businesses face heavy regulation, and jobs need to be brought back into Minnesota. He said one possible way to grow jobs, especially in western part of the state, would be to support renewable energy industries like wind and solar power and biofuels.

Prosch said he would also like to work on immigration reform and addressing issues like people overstaying their visas.

A Saturday news release also outlined some of Prosch’s positions. He believes in limited government, reducing the national debt, and promoting conservative values, the release said.

Prosch said he plans to campaign in communities throughout the 7th District this summer. The campaign will start today in the southernmost counties in the district and then work its way north, Prosch said. He’ll have plenty of ground to cover — the 7th District stretches across nearly the entire western half of the

state. But, Prosch said, it will be important to get out to rural communities that may have been neglected by past political campaigns.

Challengers have run against Peterson in recent years, including state Sen. Torrey Westrom in 2014 and Dave Hughes last year. Neither were able to defeat Peterson at the polls.

However, Prosch and supporters gathered in Lake Benton this weekend said they hoped his being a political newcomer, and connecting with rural Minnesotans, would give him an edge.

At the campaign kickoff, Eddie Lee Felder, vice president of human resources at the University of South Dakota, introduced Prosch as *"Someone who is going to make a difference, someone who is going to keep it real."*

"I am western Minnesota. I've lived here all my life," Prosch said. *"I think people want to see a change."*



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 15, 2018

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00648733

Dear Treasurer:

Pursuant to 52 U.S.C. §30103(d)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act, and Commission regulations at 11 CFR §102.4, the Commission intends to administratively terminate your committee. As such, your committee is no longer obligated to file reports. However, any receipt or disbursement of funds by the committee for the purpose of influencing a Federal election or supporting a federal candidate will void the administrative termination. In such an event, the committee will be required to begin filing reports with the appropriate office. The first such report will include any activity since the date of the last report filed by the committee. The treasurer of the committee has 30 days from the day of receipt of this notice to object to this administrative termination. If a written objection is not received by the Commission within 30 days, this action will take effect.

Please note that:

-The administrative termination of your reporting obligation does not relieve the committee of any legal responsibility for the payment of any outstanding debt or obligation, even if those debts are owed to the United States Department of Treasury.

-Excess or residual funds held by an authorized committee can only be used in accordance with Commission regulations 11 CFR Part 113.

-The committee must continue to maintain all records in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §30102(d) which should be available for Commission inspection should the need arise.

-Any funds used to defray the remaining debts and obligations of the committee must comport with the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and the Commission's regulations.

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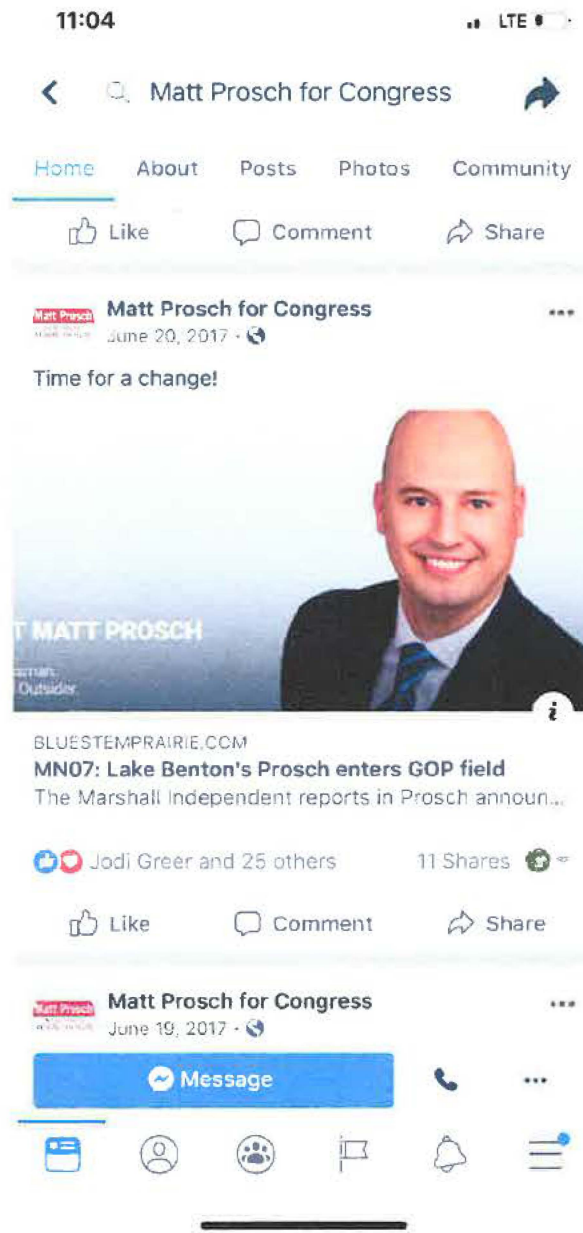
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Aimee Wechsler in the Reports Analysis Division on our toll-free number (800)424-9530. The Analyst's direct number is (202)694-1194.

Sincerely,

Debbie Chacona

Deborah Chacona
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

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Matt Prosch for Congress

June 23, 2018

Pipestone MN Parade with my sister helping me out for the day! Great day! Great Parade. I'm having a great time meeting with real Minnesotans all over the district.



Christopher Prosch and 23 others

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Matt Prosch **Matt Prosch for Congress** ...
 July 28, 2018 · 🌐

Just put yet another sign out! Sacred Heart Minnesota is a beautiful town! Great people live here! A lot of times politicians overlook small town America! Small towns are just as important as big cities!

Matt Prosch
 for Congress
 REAL PEOPLE. REAL RESULTS.
 (Small text below: MAKE AN IMPACT ON MINNESOTA)

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Matt Prosch for Congress August 11, 2018

Candidate Matt Prosch with his beautiful wife Chandra participating in the Karlstad Parade and talking with great Western Minnesotans. And they are also celebrating there 11th wedding Anniversary!



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Matt Prosch for Congress July 7, 2018

Just got done with the Balaton MN Parade! Great time! Great people. Having grown up not too far from Balaton, I know first hand the problems facing the people of this great town and of this great state. I love meeting people all over western Minnesota and there seems to be one consistent problem. An overwhelming amount of voters tell me that Western Minnesota needs JOBS!!! A vote for Matt Prosch is a vote for a real business leader! The only business owner in the race, who actually knows what it means to create jobs! We don't need more career politicians representing Western Minnesota in Washi... See More

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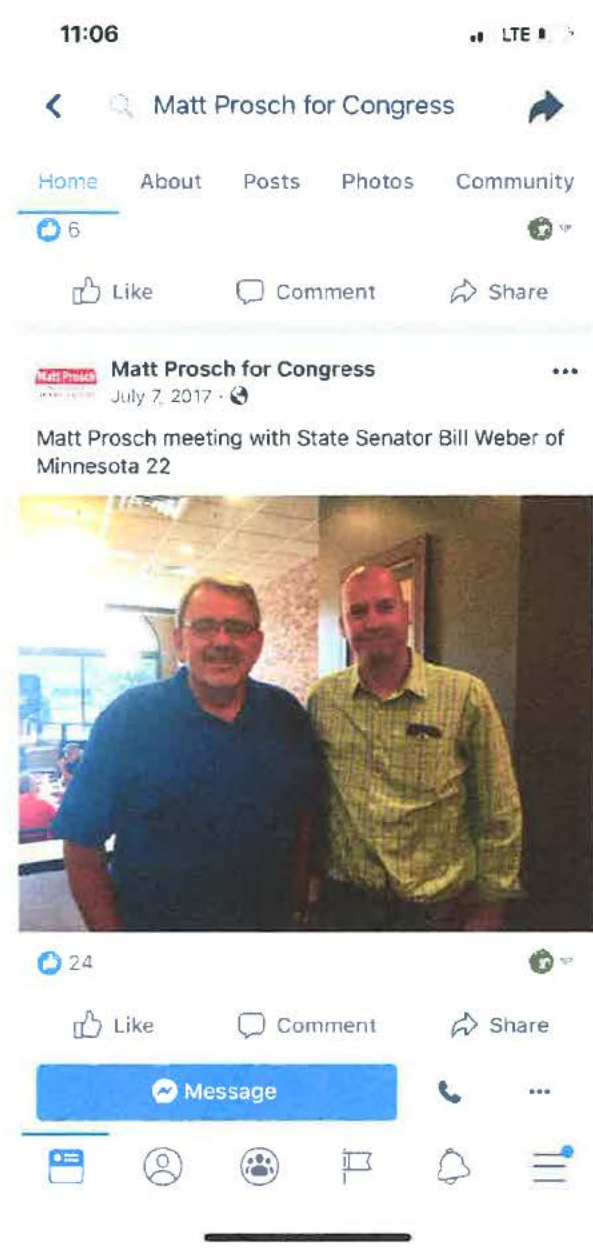
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Matt Prosch for Congress July 4, 2018

Happy 4th of July! Have a great day with your family and loved ones. Please don't forget to take a moment to remember all the brave men and women who have fought and died and who continue to defend our freedoms daily! God Bless the great state of Minnesota and God Bless the United States of

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MATT PROSCH
REAL PEOPLE, REAL RESULTS

President Trump has proven it takes a political outsider to get **real results** not a career politician.

VOTE FOR REAL RESULTS. VOTE FOR MATT PROSCH.

Put in Matt Prosch for Congress.
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Law Center, WA 98145

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August 28, 2017 ·

Candidate Matt Prosch at the MN state fair at the MN GOP forum. Talking the issues!



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August 19, 2018 ·

This entire election was a great experience for me and my family. And although it didn't end the way I wanted it to, I want to thank my wonderful family & friends and all the tens of thousands of great Minnesotans who supported & voted for me. Thank you all very much! And remember this isn't the end, it's just the beginning! Again thank you and God Bless!!

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Matt Prosch for Congress
August 14, 2018 ·

Don't forget to get out and vote today! Vote for a Political Outsider, vote for a Business Owner, vote for a real Minnesotan! Vote Matt Prosch for US Congress!



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Matt Prosch Matt Prosch for Congress August 11, 2018

Candidate Matt Prosch with his beautiful wife Chandra

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