BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS STATE OF NEVADA

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

VS.

CASA ROSA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, SHEILA MATHERLY,

Respondents.

Case No. 2023-204



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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

This matter came on for hearing before THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS, STATE OF NEVADA ("Commission") during a regular agenda, set for three (3) days, beginning on September 26, 2023. (the "Hearing"). RESPONDENTS CASA ROSA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION and SHEILA MATHERLY (hereinafter, "RESPONDENTS") did not appear in person, through counsel, or otherwise, nor did they answer the complaint. Samuel J. Taylor, Esq., Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, appeared on behalf of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division").

Commission Coordinator, Maria Gallo, testified regarding notices sent to the RESPONDENTS and steps taken to effect proper service and Compliance Audit Investigator II, Vanessa Ward, testified as to other matters. The Commission found appropriate service of the notice of the hearing, the complaint and notice thereof, the notice of documents, and all other efforts taken to inform the RESPONDENTS of the matter before the Commission. The Commission thereafter took notice of the documents filed by the Division to substantiate the allegations within the Complaint. After hearing testimony and examining the evidence presented in this matter, and for good cause appearing, the Commission now enters its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order by default against RESPONDENTS as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. At all times relevant in the Complaint, RESPONDENT Matherly served as a board member and/or officer of the Association, a common-interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2. RESPONDENTS are subject to the provisions of NRS Chapter 116 and NAC Chapter 116 and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission for Common-Interest Communities pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.750 through 116.795.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on a preponderance of the evidence in the record, and based upon the evidence presented during the Hearing, the Commission unanimously voted to find that the following factual allegations were proven:

- 1. The Association is an 84-unit single family home community located in Las Vegas, Nevada ("The Community").
- 2. According to Division records, at all times relevant to this Complaint, RESPONDENT Matherly was the Treasurer of the Association.
- 3. On March 30, 2023, the Division notified the Association and RESPONDENT Matherly that an investigation has begun to determine whether there have been violations of Chapters 116 of the NRS and NAC.
- 4. In that March 30, 2023, Notice of Investigation, the Division requested that the Association provide the following documents to the Division on or before April 20, 2023:
 - a) Governing Documents (CCRS, Amendments), Bylaws, Collection Policy,
 Violations Policy, Rules & Regulations, Resolutions.
 - b) Current Certificate of Insurance for all policies issued to the association.
 - c) Meeting Minutes and Agendas from 1/1/21 3/31/23 (i.e., Annual, Budget, Executive including Financial Review packages, Special Meetings, Executive Session, and Budget Ratification packages).
 - d) CPA Audits for years 2020, 2021, and 2022.
 - e) Budgets for years 2021, 2022, and 2023.
 - f) The most recent Reserve Study with Site Visit.

- 7. The Association failed to provide any of the requested documents to the Division by the May 5, 2023, deadline, aside from a partial response for Item k (i.e., general ledger statements for calendar year 2022 only and not CY2021 and CY2023).
- 8. As of the date of the filing of this Complaint, the 2022 general ledger statements are the only documents that have been provided to the Division.
- 9. The Association is currently not in good standing with the Nevada Secretary of State despite receiving notice from the Division that the annual registration Form 562 for the March 31, 2022, through March 31, 2023, cycle was due on March 31, 2023.
- 10. According to the last Annual Association Registration Form received by the Division, the last reserve study was conducted in March of 2017 and adopted by the Board in May of 2017, and is more than one year overdue.1
- According to the last Annual Association Registration Form received by the Division on 11. July 1, 2022, the last meeting of the Association was held on August 3, 2021.²
- According to the last Annual Association Registration Form received by the Division on 12. July 1, 2022, and the resignation letter of the President dated March 23, 2023, there are not enough officers/directors of the Association to adequately conduct the business of the Association.
- 13. On or about July 7, 2023, the Division properly notified RESPONDENTS it intended to file a complaint against them for disciplinary action before the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing factual findings, and via a preponderance of evidence, the Commission concludes by unanimous vote that RESPONDENTS have committed the following violations of law by default:

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¹ There is conflict in the dates between the May 2017 Reserve Study Summary Form and the 2022 Annual Association Registration Form, as to when the reserve study was conducted and adopted by the Board.

² There is some indication, via an e-mail from the Association President, that a meeting may have been held on March 22, 2023, but that information has not been reported to the Division via an Annual Association Registration Form.

- 1. RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103, as applied via NAC 116.405(3), by failing to act in good faith and in the best interests of the Association when they committed acts or omissions amounting to incompetence, negligence or gross negligence by failing to comply with Nevada law.
- 2. RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103, as applied via NAC 116.405(5)(a), by impeding or otherwise interfering with an investigation of the Division by failing to comply with multiple requests by the Division to provide information or documents.
- 3. RESPONDENT Association violated NRS 116.3103, as applied via NRS 116.31034, by failing to elect an executive board of at least three members, all of whom must be unit owners.
- 4. RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3013, as applied via NAC 116.405(8)(c), by failing to hold meetings of the executive board with such frequency to properly and efficiently address the affairs of the Association when they failed to hold executive board meetings in 2022.
- 5. RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3013, as applied via NRS 116.31152, by failing to undertake a reserve study every five (5) years or submit a summary of that reserve study to the Division as required under NRS 116.31152(4).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing findings of facts and violations of law, the Commission hereby Orders:

- 1. RESPONDENTS shall be jointly and severally liable for paying to the Division a total of \$12,719.32 ("Amount Due"), consisting of \$5,000.00 in administrative fines (\$1,000 per violation as set forth above), plus the Division's fees and costs in the amount of \$7,719.32. The Amount Due shall be paid to the Division within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.
 - 2. An Audit and Reserve Study shall be conducted within the next six (6) months.
- 3. If the Amount Due is not actually received by the Division on or before its due date, it shall be a default by RESPONDENTS. In the event of default, the unpaid balance of the administrative fine and costs, together with any attorney's fees and costs that may have been assessed, shall be due in full to the Division within ten (10) calendar days of the date of default, and the Division may obtain a judgment for the amount owed, including collection fees and costs.
- 4. The Commission retains jurisdiction for correcting any errors that may have occurred in the drafting and issuance of this document.

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1	5. This order shall become effective on the 18 day of OCTOBOL, 202.
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3	DATED this 17 day of OCTOBER, 2023.
4	COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST
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