



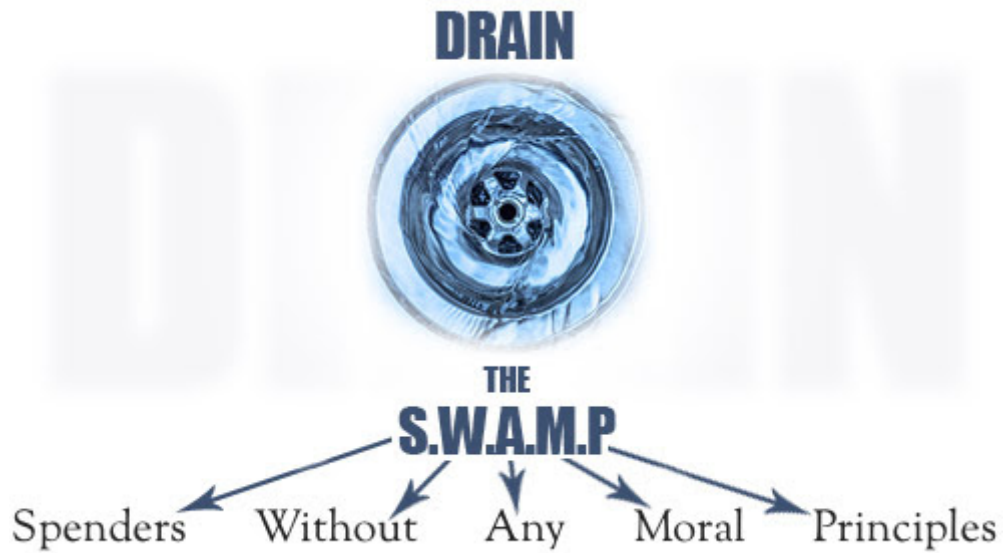
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Here's How the Drain Has Already Started ...

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One of the great battle cries of our new Republican President Donald Trump and Mike Pence is to “drain the swamp!”

Some of you reading this may be wondering if you're experiencing deja vu. You're not. Keep reading and you'll see.

In this [video clip](#), President Trump outlined some of his ideas for how to drain the swamp in Washington, D.C. His ideas zeroed in on one of the most common mechanisms of abuse in politics: **lobbyists**. His concerns centered around the practices of these kinds of people, what some call “the political class” or “the Political Industrial Complex” – those who have built careers moving themselves up the ladder while they worked to move funds from one place to another, as long as they get a cut, and at the expense of the middle class, the grassroots, the regular salt of the earth people trying to live their lives and raise their families. In many cases they have made it clear that gaining power, influence, or money is more important to them than what happens to the rest of the country, to the everyday person.

In **Georgia** we have a swamp of our own to drain, a swamp that also involves a good number of lobbyists. Many of these and other players in the Political Industrial Complex have demonstrated the same qualities we see from the “swamp” in Washington. They are not merely the statist bureaucrats in agencies who can't be fired. They're also players in large companies and coalitions of corporations trying to get a market advantage at everyone else's expense. They're not just wanting a level playing field. They are wanting special treatment. Special favors. Special gifts. All at the expense of the Georgia taxpayer.

A common characteristic of these people is that they believe the rules which apply to everyone else, don't apply to them.

The S.W.A.M.P. Drain in GA Has Started ...



Tim Lee

• **Former Cobb County Commissioner Tim Lee** thought he could get away with secretly going behind the taxpayer's back and arranging for a subsidy of a billionaire's privately-owned stadium to the tune of \$400 million. That's right. He gave \$400 million of the taxpayer's money away to help a billionaire. Justification? To stimulate the economy. Yeah, why not give \$400 million to you or me? We could probably stimulate the economy, too, right? Except that would also be stealing with the government's gun, which is immoral and one would think illegal. Not exactly good for free-market enterprise and competition either. Sounds like one of those wealth-redistribution schemes Republicans have classically opposed. . . . Well, long story

short, there's a reason why we call him the "former" Cobb County Commissioner Tim Lee.

• **Former Cobb County Republican Chair Rose Wing** made a habit of bending and breaking the Republican Party rules when it suited her to get her way, and she got called out for it more than once. But it was the last straw when she did precious little to help the Trump campaign in Cobb County in 2016. Thus, for the first time since 1976, the largest Republican county in the state, went for the Democrat candidate for President. Hillary Clinton won Cobb County. On March 11, 2017, challenger Jason Shepherd defeated Rose Wing in her effort for re-election for Cobb County Republican

Chair by a vote of 172 to 114.



Rose Wing

- **11th District GOP Chair Brad Carver** (who also works as a lobbyist) was discovered publicly giving money to Democrat candidates across the state, even in his congressional district, while he was serving as a Republican officer! Didn't matter to him that the rules of the 11th District GOP said officers could not give public support to opposing party candidates, nor that common sense says you don't help your opponents beat the team you're leading. It also did not matter to a lot of the members of his D11 Committee at the time, because two-thirds of that 40-member committee voted to skirt the incident under the rug without an apology or reprimand of any kind. This past Saturday, on April 23rd, they came to regret that decision. Although Brad Carver narrowly squeaked



Brad Carver

through re-election with only six more votes than his opponent from the 206 delegates, all but a handful of the old members who had supported Brad's rule violation were "drained" out of the committee.

- Four years ago **GA GOP Chairman John Padgett** was promised to be the wonder-boy of the Georgia Republican Establishment. According to his supporters, Padgett was going to raise all kinds of money for the party. Instead, he has racked up the debts. Recent public financial disclosures show that the GA GOP is \$317,000 in debt. Meanwhile, the state Democratic Party reported having \$267,000 in the bank. That has put the Republican Party of Georgia at a disadvantage as Democrats are funneling millions into the Democrat John Ossoff's 6th District Congressional race to replace Tom Price. A reported \$8.3 million has already been sunk into Ossoff's campaign while the state party has been unable to provide any similarly significant financial support to parry. And the GA GOP Treasurer has said that the GA GOP is months away from insolvency.



John Padgett

- Now there's a new alleged wonder-boy in town: **lobbyist John Watson**. According to his supporters, he's going to raise all kinds of money for the party. No, no, *this* time for real! At least, that's what they tell us. But while John Watson's not been busy lobbying for casino gambling in Georgia, like his fellow lobbyist Brad Carver, he's also been giving donations to Democrats such as Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. Where actually do his loyalties lie? He claims he's the only candidate running who can ask for the \$250,000 check get the GA GOP solvent again. But at what cost would these alleged fundraisings come? Buying legislative influence or state government subsidy for billionaires and the like, just like the owner of that new \$400 million taxpayer-funded baseball stadium?



John Watson

If you're serving as a delegate or an alternate to the Georgia Republican Convention in Augusta in June, you have the opportunity to help your fellow Republicans drain the GA GOP of any S.W.A.M.P corruption before we go into another election year.

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