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Money goes to GOP Assembly Speaker Robin Vos shortly after the legislature approved a \$500 million stadium renovation.

MILWAUKEE - Five Milwaukee Brewers executives contributed \$5,000 to a GOP legislative leader shortly after the legislature approved a \$500 million stadium renovation and long-term lease deal last November.



Recent campaign finance reports showed five Brewers executives each made \$1,000 contributions to GOP Assembly Speaker Robin Vos on Nov. 28, which was shortly after the legislature approved the bills. The bills were signed into law Dec. 5 by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers.

The bills – [here](#) and [here](#) – provided \$500 million in public funding by the state, and the city and county of Milwaukee for long-term renovations and projects at American Family Field. The bills also reconstituted the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District, which will negotiate an extended lease to keep the team in Wisconsin until at least 2050. The park

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district is the team's landlord and the stadium's primary owner.

The \$1,000 contributions to Vos were made by Brewers vice presidents Tyler Barnes, of Wauwatosa, and Stephen Ethier, of Mequon, Chief Financial Officer Daniel Fumai, of Milwaukee, Chief Operating Officer Marti Schreier-Wronski, of Bayside, and President of Business Operations Richard Schlesinger, of Hartland.

The contributions appear to be first-ever contributions by all but Schlesinger. Schlesinger and his wife previously contributed \$100 in 2004 to an Assembly Republican lawmaker.