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OPEN RECORDS AND MEETINGS SUMMARY OPINION
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ISSUED TO: Red River Regional Dispatch Center

SUMMARY OPINION[1]

Rick Rabassi requested an opinion from this office under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.1 asking whether the Red River Regional Dispatch Center ("RRRDC") violated N.D.C.C. § 44-04-20 by failing to properly notice the regular meeting of its operations committee held on January 15, 2026. Mr. Rabassi alleges that RRRDC changed the location of its meeting without properly noticing the change. RRRDC changed the location the day before its meeting due to a sewer backup at the planned meeting location.[2] It is clearly established law that public notice of a meeting's date, time, and location must be given "at the same time as such governing body's members are notified."[3] In addition, notice of a meeting must be filed with the appropriate city or county auditor for local entities, posted on the entity's website, and posted at the governing body's principal office on the day of the meeting.[4]

RRRDC provided an amended notice with the new meeting location to its governing body on January 14, 2026, but it did not post the amended notice to its website until the following day. RRRDC also did not post the amended notice at its principal office on the day of the meeting, nor did it file the amended notice with the county auditor.[5] RRRDC admits they failed to properly post the revised notice, but it was their first instance of having to change a meeting location on short notice. Following this occurrence, RRRDC implemented additional procedures to ensure compliance for future meetings, and that proactive approach to ensuring future compliance is

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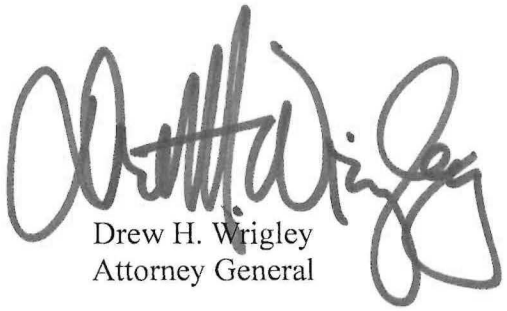
[1] This Summary Opinion is issued pursuant to the authority granted to this office in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.1(1).
[2] Letter from Amanda Glasoe, Dir., Red River Reg'l Dispatch Ctr., to Stephen R. Hanson II, Assistant Att'y Gen., Off. of Att'y Gen. (May 12, 2026).
[3] N.D.C.C. § 44-04-20(5).
[4] N.D.C.C. § 44-04-20(4).
[5] *See* Letter from Amanda Glasoe, Dir., Red River Reg'l Dispatch Ctr., to Stephen R. Hanson II, Assistant Att'y Gen., Off. of Att'y Gen. (May 12, 2026) (describing how amended notice provided).

noteworthy and laudable. However, because RRRDC did not substantially comply with the statutory notice requirements after it changed the meeting location, it is my opinion that RRRDC violated N.D.C.C. § 44-04-20.

STEPS NEEDED TO REMEDY VIOLATION

RRRDC must provide its minutes for its January 15, 2026, meeting to Rick Rabassi, and anyone else who requests it, free of charge. RRRDC should also file a copy of the revised notice with the Cass County Auditor.

While I have every reason to expect that the RRRDC will remedy this situation, failure to take the corrective measures described in this opinion within seven days of the date this opinion is issued will result in mandatory costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney fees if the person requesting the opinion prevails in a civil action under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.2.[6] Failure to take these corrective measures may also result in personal liability for the person or persons responsible for the noncompliance.[7]



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[6] N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.1(2).
[7] *Id.*