

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**PROBABLE CAUSE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF FRAN BRADLEY REGARDING THE RICH WRIGHT FOR MINNESOTA COMMITTEE:

The complaint alleges that the Rich Wright for Minnesota Committee failed to include the statutorily required disclaimer on one piece of campaign literature, as well as on its website.

On September 2, 2014, the Board Chair made a determination that the complaint stated a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction.

Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04 requires campaign material to include a disclaimer that prominently states the name and address of the person or committee causing the material to be prepared or disseminated. Section 211B.04 states that the form of disclaimer by a principal campaign committee is: "Prepared and paid for by the (name) committee, (address)."

The piece of literature provided to the Board and a web archive of the Committee's website on July 30, 2014, do not contain a disclaimer. The Committee's website now contains a disclaimer stating "Prepared and paid for by Rich Wright for Minnesota, PO Box 552, Rochester, MN 55903."

Findings:

1. The Rich Wright for Minnesota Committee distributed a campaign literature piece and maintained a website prior to the 2014 primary election.
2. The literature piece did not contain a disclaimer.
3. The website, as of July 30, 2014, did not contain a disclaimer.

Conclusions:

1. Probable cause exists to believe that the Rich Wright for Minnesota Committee violated section 211B.04 of the Minnesota Statutes because the campaign literature piece and the Committee's website did not contain a disclaimer in the statutorily required form.
2. No penalty is provided for by statute for a violation of the disclaimer provision.
3. Because the campaign literature piece has been distributed and the Committee's website has been amended to include the statutorily required disclaimer, the Board can no longer order compliance with the disclaimer provision. Because no further penalty is provided for by statute, the Board concludes that it should commit no further resources to investigating this matter.

Order:

1. The complaint in the above matter is dismissed.

/s/ Deanna Wiener

10/7/2014

Dated: _____

Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board