EXECUTIVE ORDER N . 52

Providing for the establ shment of the State Rural Development Council

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is vital for state government to provide the best possible services to the people of the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal requires a concerted effort to improve the existing delivery systems of state, federal and local levels and to provide new services and new directions, and

WHEREAS, because there exists a multitude and complex array of agencies and institutions involved in the delivery of services to rural Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, no single state agency by itself presently has a function of coordinating the delivery of services to rural Minnesota for which the state is responsible, and

WHEREAS, an interdepartmental council can improve the coordination, quantity and quality of services delivered,

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The formation of a State Rural Development Council composed of the Director of the State Planning Agency, the Director of the Office of Local and Urban Affairs, the Commissioner of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Highways, the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Director of the State Housing Finance Agency, the Director of the Pollution Control Agency, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, a representative of the University of Minnesota, a representative of a private institution of higher education, and a representative of a Minnesota state college to be named by the Governor.

Representatives of appropriate federal agencies will be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Council and to provide assistance to all of the activities of the Council. The Commissioner of Agriculture will serve as Chairman of the Rural Development Council.

The Council will meet at the call of the chairman and operate pursuant to procedures and policy statements adopted by the Council and distributed to all member agencies.

- The adoption of a statement of purpose by the Council at its initial meeting, to be adopted by the consent of the Council.
- 3. The cooperation of all state departments and agencies with the operation of the Rural Development Council.
- 4. The designation by Council members of needed staff to work with the Council, and the participation in the administrative costs of the Council by member agencies.

This Order shall be effective on the date of signature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this second day of January, 1973.

WENDELL R. ANDERSON

Filed according to Law:

Arlen I. Erdahl

Secretary of State

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