

EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-11

PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES

TO STATE AGENCIES UNDER THE

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965 (P.L. 94-422);

RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-11

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, proper administration of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, requires the assignment of specific duties to various state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statues 1990, Section 86.71 authorizes designation of a state agency or agencies to apply for, receive, and accept federal funds from this grant program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order:

- 1. The Department of Natural Resources be designated the state agency to administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program in Minnesota.
- 2. The Assistant Commissioner for Operations in the Department of Natural Resources shall serve as the state liaison officer and shall be ultimately responsible for overall administration and compliance of the Land and Water

Conservation Fund in Minnesota. In the absence of the Assistant Commissioner for Operations, the Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Natural Resources shall have authority to sign project agreements and amendments. Responsibility for administration of this program shall include:

- a. Implementing an ongoing statewide comprehensive <u>outdoor</u> recreation planning process that includes an assessment of outdoor recreation in Minnesota, a plan for addressing outdoor recreation issues, and a process for allocating federal grant funds to acquire and develop projects that provide public outdoor recreation;
- b. Ensuring compliance by all grant recipients with state laws and regulations and with federal requirements stated in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Manual:
- c. Managing projects sponsored by state agencies by:

  preparation and submission of applications, amendments
  and billings; inspection of projects to ensure proper
  completion, operation and maintenance; and other
  functions necessary for proper program administration
  and management; and
- d. Reporting on activities of the Grant Program as required by federal and state regulations.
- 3. The Deputy Commissioner of Community Development with the Department of Trade and Economic Development shall serve as the alternate state liaison officer. In the absence of the Deputy Commissioner, the Director of the Outdoor Recreation Grant Unit in the Department of Trade and Economic Development shall have authority to sign project agreements and amendments for grants to local units of government. The

alternate state liaison officer, pursuant to Minnesota Statues 1990, Section 116J.401(5), shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- a. Cooperating in the development of an ongoing statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation planning process by reviewing and commenting on outdoor recreation issues that affect local units of government;
- b. Ensuring compliance by all local government grant recipients with state laws and regulations, and with federal requirements stated in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Manual;
- c. Managing projects sponsored by local units of government by: preparation and submission of applications, amendments and billings; inspection of projects to ensure proper completion, operation and maintenance; and other functions necessary for proper program administration and management; and
- d. Reporting to the state liaison officer on the activities and accomplishments of the local government grant program as requested by the state liaison officer to ensure overall compliance of the grant program.

Executive Order 83-11 is rescinded.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, this Executive Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this ninth day of April, 1991.

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

Filed According to Law:

JOAN ANDERSON GROWE

Secretary of State

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