

Senators Rosen, Dille and Vickerman introduced—
S.F. No. 2396: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for an act
relating to appropriations; appropriating money for the Minnesota Agricultural
Interpretive Center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL
INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

\$633,500 is appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota Historical Society
for a grant to the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center in Waseca. Of this amount,
\$333,500 is to equip and restore current sites and exhibits and \$300,000 is for interactive
exhibits and materials. This appropriation is in addition to the appropriation in Laws 2005,
First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 10, subdivision 4.

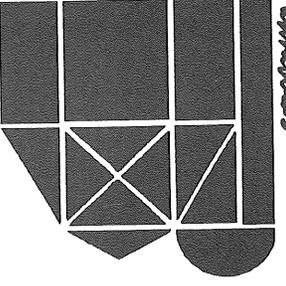
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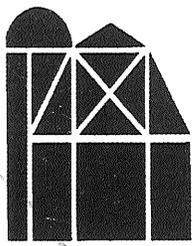
Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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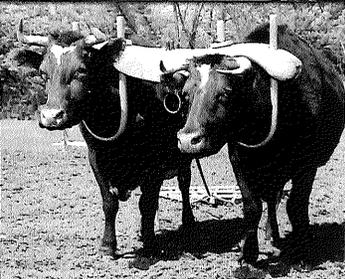
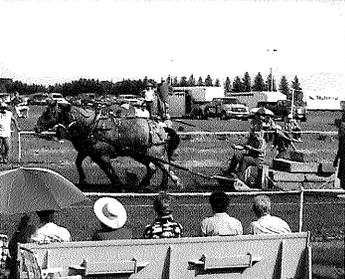




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The Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center

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TELLING MINNESOTA'S
AGRICULTURAL STORY

2005 Schedule

Self Guided Walking Tours June - August
Wednesday thru Saturday 10 am -3 pm

Log Cabin Picnic June 26

Come for lunch and enjoy an afternoon of country sunshine, food, and entertainment from 12-4:00pm. All proceeds will go towards restoration of the cabin in the 1850's settlement farm.

Tractor Jamboree August 13-14

If you like tractors you won't want to miss this exciting weekend at Farmamerica. Enjoy the tractor and covered wagon parade, tour the grounds and visit with our residents in period costume as they demonstrate farm activities from the pioneer days to present day.

Sunday only: Church Service, all-you-can-eat "Dad's Belgian Waffles" for breakfast followed by our famous antique tractor pull.

Fall Corn Maze opens.

Horse Expo September 10-11

This great event for the family features all kinds of horses actively participating in working demonstrations & farming activities. Be sure to visit the Peddlers grove to experience Pioneer life, crafts, entertainment, and mouthwatering treats. Don't miss the Draft Horse Pull, Saturday@1:00pm. (Weigh in of horses@11:00am)

Haunted Corn Maze September 30- October 15 (weekends)

This big Halloween event has become so popular we are hosting it weekends **Sept. 30** through **Oct. 15**. Enter the haunted corn maze at your own risk and you will be sure to encounter some mighty scary ghosts and goblins.

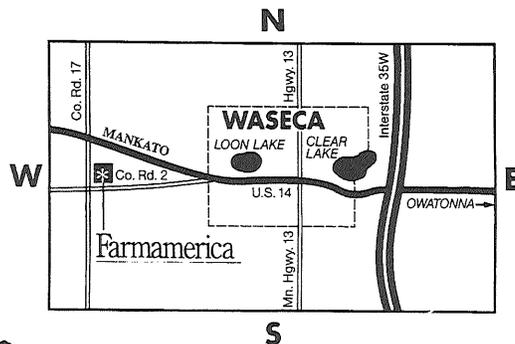
All Hallow's Eve October 29

Celebrate an old fashioned Halloween with pumpkin carving, magic shows, and safe tricks & treats. Noon to 4:00pm.

Dad's Belgian Waffles November 27

Bring the family out for breakfast. All-you-can-eat for \$5.00

8:30am -12:30pm



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Call or visit our website for ticket prices and information about events, tours and facility rental.

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER (FARMAMERICA)
CAPITAL REQUESTS FOR 2006 MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

SITE	PURPOSE/ LOCATION	PROJECT	APPROXIMATE COST	SUB- TOTAL
		MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF CURRENT SITES AND EXHIBITS		
1850's Farm	House	Reconstruction	\$ 40,000.00	
	Corn Crib	Replace	\$ 6,000.00	
	Barn	Repair roof and interior walls	\$ 2,500.00	
	Root cellar	Repair	\$ 4,000.00	
	Fence	Replace split posts and rails	\$ 2,000.00	
	Hovel	Repair Roof	\$ 2,000.00	
				\$ 56,500.00
Schoolhouse	Schoolhouse	Interior wall/ceiling improvements	\$ 6,000.00	
				\$ 6,000.00
Church	Church	Replace front door & windows	\$ 7,500.00	
		Interior restoration	\$ 7,500.00	
				\$ 15,000.00
1930's Farm	House	Replace roof	\$ 15,000.00	
	House	Siding & porch restoration	\$ 20,000.00	
	Farm Shed	Roof replacement	\$ 2,000.00	
	Milk House	Doors and Windows	\$ 1,000.00	
	Grainery	Replace south side wall/electrical	\$ 10,000.00	
	Machine Shed	Electrical & restoration	\$ 2,000.00	
	Chicken House	New fence	\$ 1,000.00	
	Barn	Electrical & doors	\$ 5,000.00	
				\$ 56,000.00
Feed Mill	Feed Mill	Replace Roof/interior	\$ 40,000.00	
				\$ 40,000.00

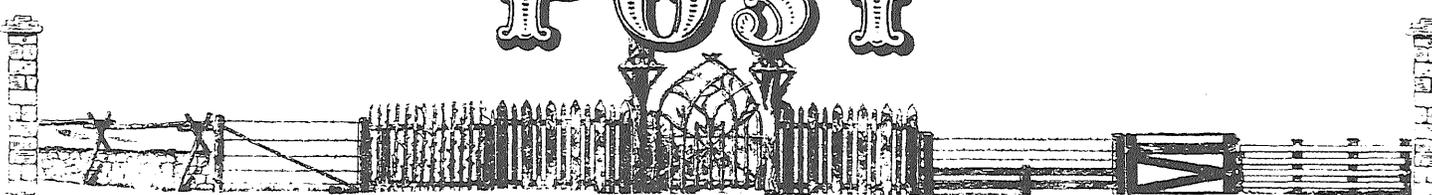
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1970's Farm	Shop	Interior repairs and doors	\$	7,000.00	
	House	Siding & Electrical	\$	30,000.00	
	Agri-Hall Museum	Establish new exhibits	\$	20,000.00	
					\$57,000.00
All Sites	Signs	Replace Damaged Interpretive Signs	\$	10,000.00	
	Restoration	Restore old machinery	\$	30,000.00	
					\$40,000.00
Equipment	Maintenance	3/4 ton pickup	\$	20,000.00	
	Maintenance	Snow Blade for pickup	\$	4,000.00	
	Maintenance	Tractor	\$	30,000.00	
	Maintenance	Stock Trailer	\$	4,000.00	
	Maintenance	Mower	\$	5,000.00	
					\$63,000.00
		Total Maintenance and restoration request			\$333,500.00
		Modern Agricultural Exhibit			
All Sites	Education	Planning and Design		\$20,000.00	
All Sites	Education	Interactive Exhibits and Materials		\$280,000.00	
					\$300,000.00
		Total Request			\$633,500.00
		less equipment			\$63,000.00
		Total Request less Equipment			\$570,500.00

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— OVER THE FENCE —

POST



Published by The Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center – Waseca, Minnesota Spring 2006

Comments from the Chair

by Ed Frederick

The Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center (MAIC) nicknamed Farmamerica is funded by public/private support and in-kind contributions through volunteers and others.

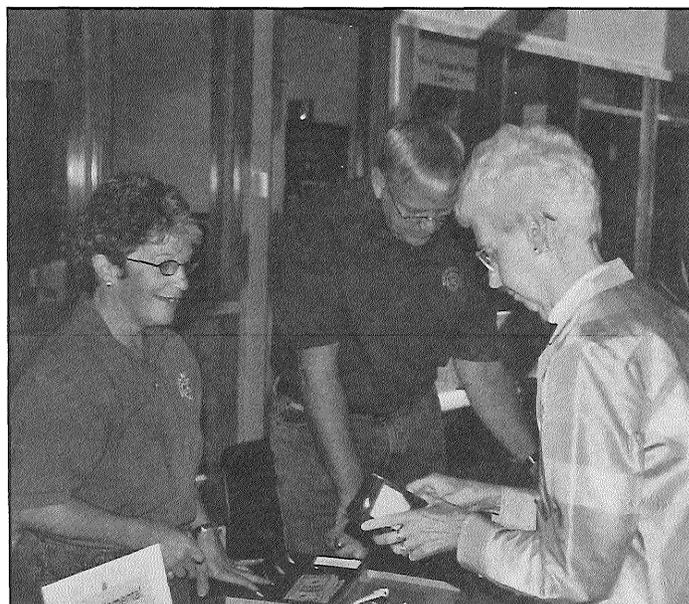
We have tried to recognize our funders and in-kind contributors in each of the newsletters. We have decided that it might be clearer and more effective if we list them in one newsletter. We are adding this additional newsletter for this purpose and we will recognize the funders from 2005.

In 2005, we generated \$128,000 public support. Thanks to the Governor and the State Legislature. We generated \$138,000 in private giving thanks to 53 donors, 18 memorials, 12 partnerships, 115 memberships as well as income from festivals, fundraising events and funds from use of the facilities.

We do not yet have a good estimate of in-kind contributions. We have received thousands of dollars of value through volunteers (approximately 450 contributing time), in-kind donations of supplies, paint, and other items. We want to thank all of those contributing.

MAIC's vision is to "teach people of all ages about agriculture, food, and environmental systems and the impact on our lives. Our mission is "to carry out our vision through public/private partnerships and interactive experiences.

Farmamerica is positioned with volunteers, staff, Board of Directors, land, facilities, with commitment, passion and enthusiasm to help reach such a vision in partnership with others. We can tell the story of agriculture most efficiently and effectively by working together - LET'S DO IT and THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.



Linda Williams and Jim Schmitt, Waseca Rotarians, volunteer their time to help out at the Dad's Belgian Waffles breakfast

Self-Guided Walking Tours Available

During June, July and August, Farmamerica is open for self-guided walking tours. From Tuesday through Fridays from 10 am – 3 pm you can come to Farmamerica and take a self-guided walking tour. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5-13. First watch the 12 minute video overview of Farmamerica, then take an audio device that will talk you through the Prairie Grassland, the 1850's Settlement Site, the schoolhouse, the country church, the 1930's farm, the feedmill, the blacksmith shop and Agri-Hall Farm Equipment Museum.

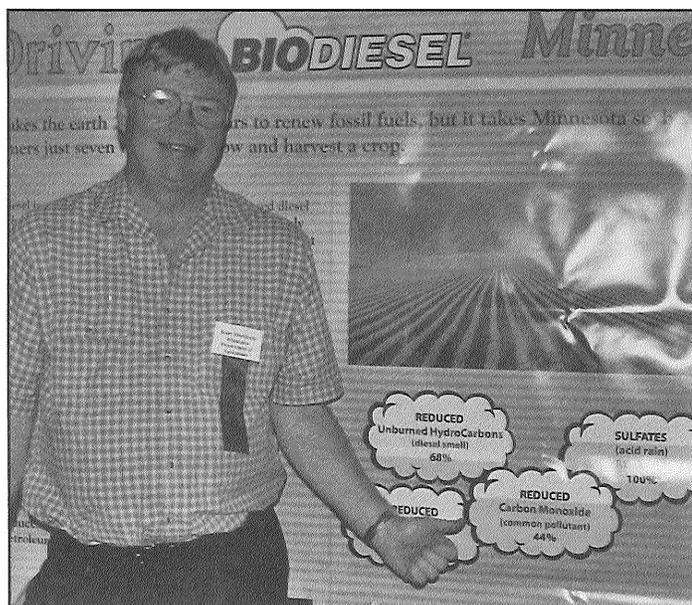




Long-time volunteers, Gordy and Lois Foels, take time to pose for a photo

Calling All School Tour Volunteers

We need your help as tram drivers and interpreters this May! We will be using the same format as last year for the School Days. You will need to be on site from 9:45 am to 2:00 pm, with a 30 minute lunch period from 11:30 – Noon. A light lunch will be provided when you sign in at the office. Bring your own beverage. The dates are May 4, May 10, May 11, May 16, May 18, May 19 (1850's Pioneer Site only), May 23 and May 25. Let Crystal know if you're interested in helping. You can call (507) 835-2052 or e-mail farmamer@hickorytech.net



Kurt Markham, Minnesota Department of Agriculture stands in front of the display for BioDiesel that was part of the Energy from the Farm exhibit in August

2006 Schedule

March 25 – Farmamerica's Old Time Dance

April 1 – Organize & Preserve your Photos Workshop

June, July August – Tuesday through Friday -
Self-guided walking tours (10 am – 3 pm)

July 15 – Organize & Preserve your Photos Workshop

August 12 & 13 – Farmamerica Summer Show

September 9 & 10 – Farmamerica Fall Fair

October 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21 – Haunted Corn Maze

October 28 – All Hallows Eve

November 4 –
Organize & Preserve your Photos Workshop

November 9 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

November 26 – Dad's Belgian Waffles

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www.farmamerica.org
for details!

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Country Cuisine

thank you to everyone who donated and participated in the 5th Annual Country Cuisine. Twelve area chefs/restaurants provided food for the 150 guests to sample and offered food packages for the live auction. A silent auction was also held and in the end over \$6,800 was raised.

Thanks to our chefs from The Daily Grind, Godfather's Pizza, Latham Catering, State Street Bistro, Yellow Mushroom, Happy Chef - all in Waseca and The Kitchen, Owatonna; O'Farley's Bar & Grill, Janesville; Lighthouse Bay Restaurant and Lynde's Restaurant & Catering, Waterville; European Roasterie, Le Center and Superior Foods & Catering, Ellendale.

AUCTION ITEMS WERE DONATED BY David's Olde Towne Eatery; Steve & Liz Melcher, Janesville; Mainstreet Radio, Owatonna; 43rd Street Pub & Grill, Owatonna; Cabela's, Owatonna; Pizza Ranch; Lamperts, Janesville; Torey's Restaurant, Owatonna; Out to Lunch; Suburban Furniture; Birdseye; Arnold's Implement, Mankato; Countryside Motors; Teri's State Street Salon; Mankato Implement; Barb Maher, Mankato; Trailside Trims, Elysian; GreenScene, Janesville; Ag Power; Kwik Trip; El Tapatio, Owatonna; Bill & Kathy Gessner, Janesville; Scheels All Sports, Mankato; Pioneer, Mankato; Cahill Pharmacy, Janesville; Expressway, Janesville; Johns' Service Garage; People's Country Reflections Photography, Janesville; Shell; Dunn Bros Coffee, Owatonna; Culligan; La Pre'Chel; Healing Hands Wellness Group; Maynard Stensrud; Mert Schwarz; Roundbank; Thompson's Boat House; First National Bank; Pheasant Café; United Prairie Bank; Mid-State Mutual Insurance; United Building Center; McDonalds; Crystal Valley Co-op, Janesville; Waseca Floral; Dale & Shirley Hueslnitz; Charlie's Hardware; Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits; Wal-Mart; Sportsman Stop; Smith's Mill Implement; Dairy Queen.

(Unless otherwise indicated, the above businesses and people are from Waseca.)

Put on your Dancing Shoes!

Live..... The Marv Nissel Band

OLD TIME DANCE!



The Marv Nissel Band is a family band from New Ulm, Minnesota. Their well known, unique style includes a variety of German, Polish, and country flavored polka music. The dance is open to the public.

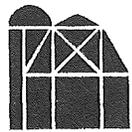
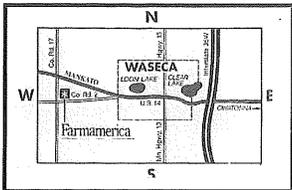
Cash Bar • Country Fixins • Door Prizes

Date: March 25th

Place: Farmamerica

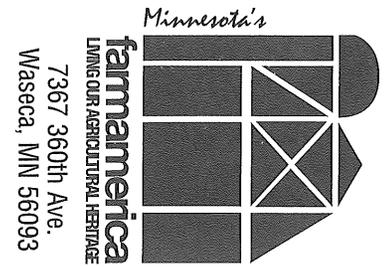
Time: 7:30-11:00 PM

Tickets: \$9 per person before, \$10 at the door



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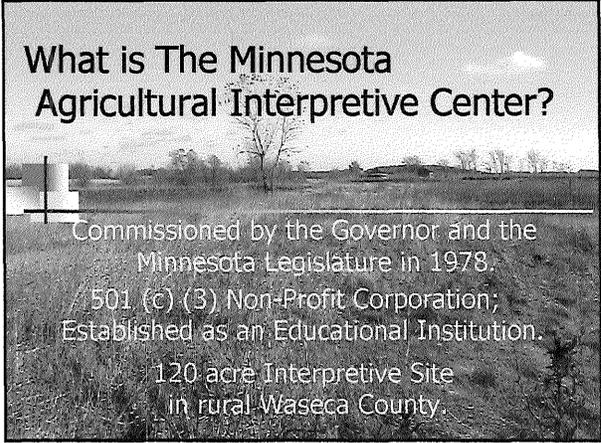


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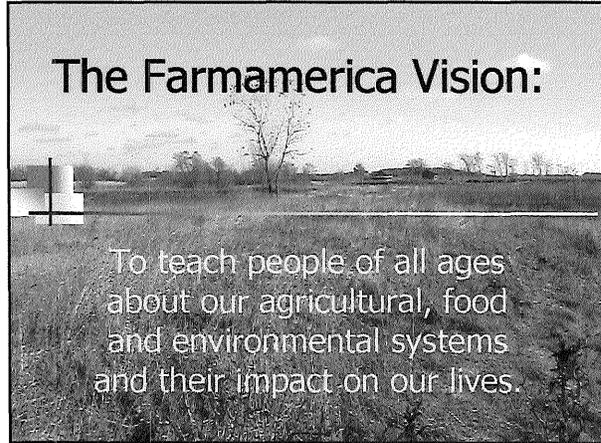
What is The Minnesota
Agricultural Interpretive Center?

Commissioned by the Governor and the
Minnesota Legislature in 1978.
501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation;
Established as an Educational Institution.
120 acre Interpretive Site
in rural Waseca County.



What is The Minnesota
Agricultural Interpretive Center?

One of Three Official State
Interpretive Sites Authorized by the
1978 Legislature:
Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center, Waseca
Forestry History Center, Grand Rapids
Ironworld Discovery Center, Chisholm



The Farmamerica Vision:

To teach people of all ages
about our agricultural, food
and environmental systems
and their impact on our lives.



Farmamerica's Mission

To carry out our vision through public and private partnerships and interactive experiences for our visitors.



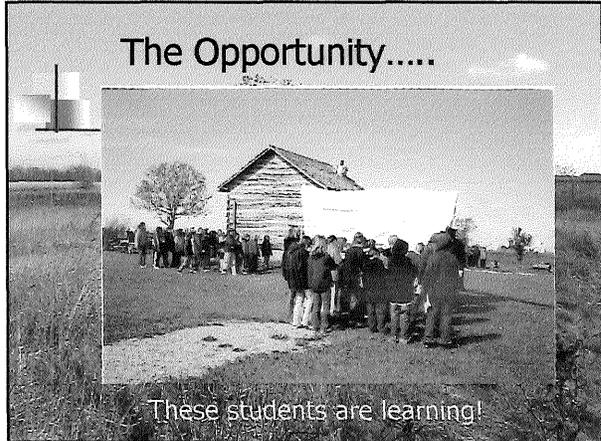
The Opportunity.....

The Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center has a dedicated team of about 450 volunteers that assist with activities during the year.



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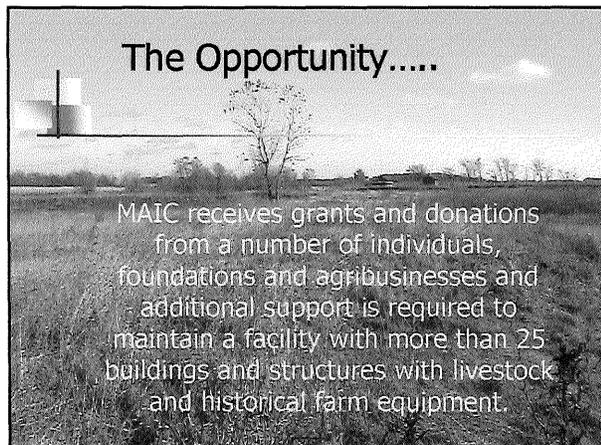
The Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center averaged about 1600 students per year in 2004 and 2005 coming in from surrounding communities for school tours, up from 1,220 in 2003. These students had an opportunity to experience agriculture.



The Opportunity.....



These students are learning!



Legislative Capital Support

1998 - \$1.5 Million - Visitor's Center



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 2000 - \$472,000 - Parking Lot and Accessibility Projects

Parking Lot

Time Lane Pathway



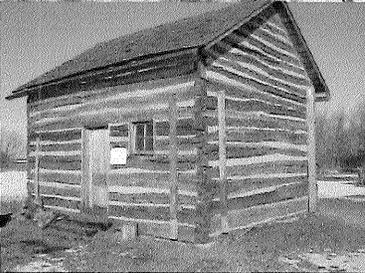
Legislative Capital Support

1998 - \$1.5 Million - Visitor's Center
 2000 - \$472,000 - Parking Lot & Accessibility Projects
 2002 & 2004 No Capital funding due to budget limitations.
 2006 - Requesting \$570,500 - Building Maintenance, Repairs and Exhibits

Current Legislative Request

- 1850's Farmsite

Reconstruction of Homesite \$40,000



Current Legislative Request

- 1850's Farmsite



Replace
Corn
Crib
\$6,000

Current Legislative Request

- 1850's Farmsite



Barn
Repair
Roof &
Interior
Walls
\$2,500

Current Legislative Request

- 1850's Farmsite



Repair
Root
Cellar
\$4,000

Current Legislative Request

- 1850's Farmsite



Repair post & rail fence - \$2,000

Current Legislative Request

■ 1850's Farmsite



Repair
Hovel
Roof
\$2,000

Current Legislative Request

■ Country Schoolhouse



Interior
Wall/Ceiling
Improvements
\$6,000

Current Legislative Request

■ Country Church



Replace Front Door &
Windows \$7,500
Interior Restoration
\$7,500

Current Legislative Request

■ 1930s Farm - Farmhouse



Replace Roof \$15,000
Siding & Porch
Restoration \$20,000

Current Legislative Request

- 1930s Farm Shed



Roof replacement
\$2,000

Current Legislative Request

- 1930s Farm – Milk House



Doors & Windows
\$1,000

Current Legislative Request

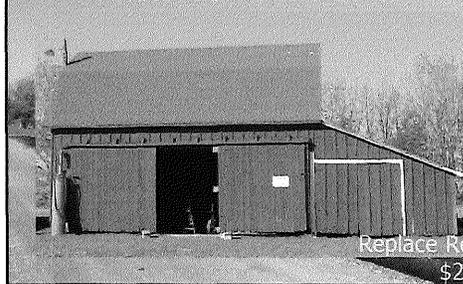
- 1930s Farm – Granary



Replace South Wall/Electrical
\$10,000

Current Legislative Request

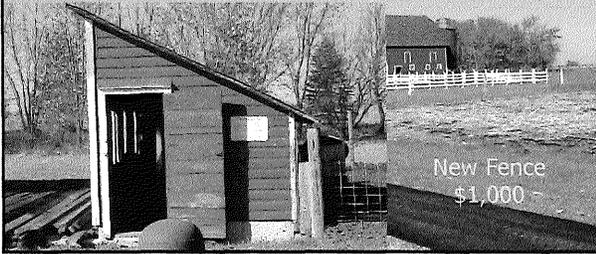
- 1930s Farm – Machine Shed



Replace Roof/Electrical
\$2,000

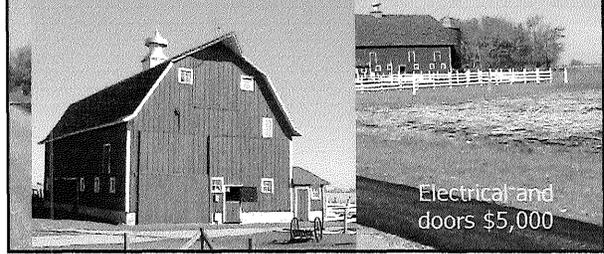
Current Legislative Request

1930s Farm – Chicken House



Current Legislative Request

1930s Farm – Barn



Current Legislative Request

Feed Mill



Current Legislative Request

1970s Farm Shop



Current Legislative Request

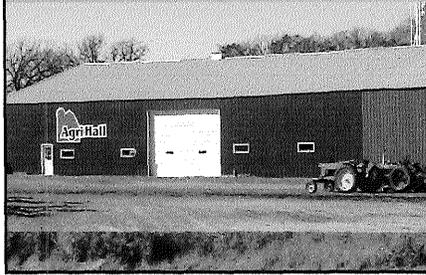
1970s Farm House



New Siding &
Electrical work
\$30,000

Current Legislative Request

Agri-Hall Museum



Establish
new
educational
exhibits
\$20,000

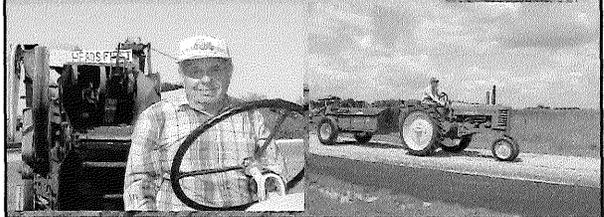
Current Legislative Request

Replace
damaged
Interpretive
Center Signs
\$10,000



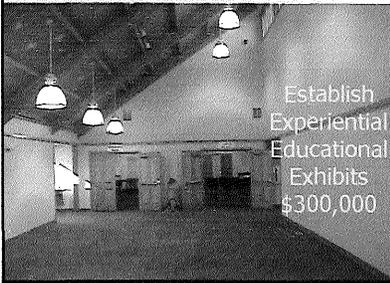
Current Legislative Request

Restore old machinery at
all sites \$30,000



Current Legislative Request

- Visitor's Center Great Hall



Establish
Experiential
Educational
Exhibits
\$300,000



**Current Legislative Request:
\$570,500**

From the Board, Staff and Hundreds of
Volunteers of the Minnesota Agricultural
Interpretive Center

**"Many, many thanks for
your continuing support"**

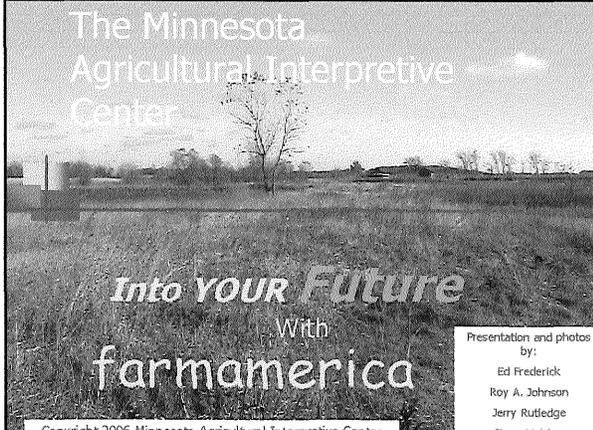


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Senator Larson introduced-

S.F. No. 2719: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for an act

relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Northern
Connections pilot project in West Central Minnesota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

\$250,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund to the
commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to the West Central
Initiative in Fergus Falls. These grants shall be used to implement and operate Northern
Connections, a pilot workforce program that provides one-stop supportive services to
assist individuals as they transition into the workforce. This appropriation is available to
the extent matched by \$1 of nonstate money for each \$1 of state money.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective July 1, 2006.

Northern Connections Cost Benefit Analysis

- Projected first year budget for operations is \$500,000
- Majority of first year expenses are salaries and benefits for the counselors (about 75%)
- Program is staffed 63 hours per week to maximize ability to meet customers' work schedules
- Average number of contacts per customer projected to be 30 – 35
- Projected rate to cover expenses is \$256 per case for Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) cases (or families) leaving the program, less than half of one month MFIP or DWP case payment
- State data: 1956 cases (or families) exit the MFIP program each year for the nine county region to be served by Northern Connections (Return to MFIP Report for July – Sept. 2005; numbers for DWP were not available).
- Returning to MFIP within 12 months: 35.8% or 700 cases each year within the same nine counties (slightly higher than the state rate of 29.8%)
- Average case payment for the nine county region is \$583.28 month (MFIP data – Nov. 2005).
- At current MFIP recidivism rate, the cost to the state is \$408,296 per month on the program (based on the current regional recidivism rate of 35.8%). NOTE: This does not include the lost earning power of individuals who would be paying employment taxes if they remained employed and would have increased earning capabilities that contribute to the local economy.
- Northern Connections proposes a goal of reducing recidivism to one half of the current rate of 35.8% (Connectinc reduced recidivism in a multi-county area of NC to less than 10%)
- Reducing the recidivism rate by half equates to 350 families remaining independent, which would save the State \$204,050 per month.
- Northern Connections proposes a one-year pilot with a strong evaluation plan developed with the assistance of an independent third party organization

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Northern Connections, Inc.

Northern Connections is a leading edge, virtual, one-stop approach to fill a void in the traditional workforce system. The current system supports individuals up to the point of finding employment and then, at that most critical transition time, withdraws leaving the individual to figure out how to continue on their own. It should not be surprising that currently about one-third of the individuals fail to retain their independence. Northern Connections is designed to fill that void and provide supportive services to improve the number of individuals who are successful in this transition to independence. This model is grounded in proven experience by a nationally acclaimed organization. Connectinc, based in North Carolina, has demonstrated a reduction in recidivism from 30 – 50% to 8%.

What Services will Northern Connections Provide?

Northern Connections is a proactive, outbound communication center which blends the best of technology with high touch, intensive human services efficiently provided by skilled professionals. Initially customers targeted will be those moving from public funding to self-sufficiency in the 9 county area. Services will include:

- Re-employment counseling and services including job searches, resume building, skill assessment and job readiness skills
- Job retention counseling to build problem solving skills to promote longevity on the job
- Career advancement counseling for career pathing and educational planning
- Asset accumulation counseling to connect customers to checking and savings account resources, financial counseling and education on home ownership opportunities
- Human service referrals to necessary agencies and follow-up on behalf of agencies
- Information sharing calls to inform customers about important services such as earned income tax credit clinics, job fairs or other events or leads that promote self-sufficiency

What is Different About This Program?

- Efficient – this program allows counseling staff to average 30 contacts a day.
- Proactive, intensive approach – this program uses outbound calls to proactively identify issues and problem solve. Contacts average 30 – 35 times per customer.
- Accessible – this program operates 9 AM – 8 PM Monday – Friday and 9 AM – 5 PM Saturdays.
- Coaches and Models – this program overcomes customer inertia or fears through use of its 3-way calling technology. While on the call, the contact is made rather than relying on action to follow after contact.
- Self-corrects – the 3-way calling allows updating and constant corrections rather than providing information and updating periodically.
- Flexible – this approach can be modified and used for multiple types of services thereby gaining efficiencies in operations.

How Does This Program Bring Value?

This program benefits everyone - not just the individuals it serves. The benefits include:

- Decreased recidivism rates save public dollars
- Increased earning power brings more dollars into the community and more taxes into State coffers
- Increased use of our valuable regional human capital by building stronger workforces.

A start-up grant was provided by the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) who saw the potential for improved outcomes and lower costs. Additional funding and partners are being actively explored for ongoing operations with implementation planned for mid-2006.

Adopted

replaces SF 2926

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2922 as follows:

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.028, subdivision 3, is amended to
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 3. **Emergency deterrent materials assistance.** (a) For the purposes of this
1.6 subdivision, "cooperative damage management agreement" means an agreement between
1.7 a landowner or tenant and the commissioner that establishes a program for addressing the
1.8 problem of destruction of the landowner's or tenant's specialty crops or stored forage
1.9 crops by wild animals, or destruction of agricultural crops by flightless Canada geese.

1.10 (b) A landowner or tenant may apply to the commissioner for emergency deterrent
1.11 materials assistance in controlling destruction of the landowner's or tenant's specialty
1.12 crops or stored forage crops by wild animals, or destruction of agricultural crops by
1.13 flightless Canada geese. Subject to the availability of money appropriated for this purpose,
1.14 the commissioner shall provide suitable deterrent materials when the commissioner
1.15 determines that:

1.16 (1) immediate action is necessary to prevent significant damage from continuingⁿ to
1.17 prevent the spread of disease in wild animals; and

1.18 (2) a cooperative damage management agreement cannot be implemented
1.19 immediately.

1.20 (c) A person may receive emergency deterrent materials assistance under this
1.21 subdivision more than once, but the cumulative total value of deterrent materials provided
1.22 to a person, or for use on a parcel, may not exceed \$3,000 for specialty crops or measures
1.23 to prevent the spread of disease in wild animals in animal disease quarantine areas
1.24 established by the Board of Animal Health, ~~or~~ \$750 for protecting stored forage crops,
1.25 or \$500 for agricultural crops damaged by flightless Canada geese. If a person is a
1.26 co-owner or cotenant with respect to the specialty crops for which the deterrent materials
1.27 are provided, the deterrent materials are deemed to be "provided" to the person for the
1.28 purposes of this paragraph.

1.29 (d) As a condition of receiving emergency deterrent materials assistance under this
1.30 subdivision, a landowner or tenant shall enter into a cooperative damage management
1.31 agreement with the commissioner. Deterrent materials provided by the commissioner may
1.32 include repellents, fencing materials, or other materials recommended in the agreement
1.33 to alleviate the damage problem. If requested by a landowner or tenant, any fencing
1.34 materials provided must be capable of providing long-term protection of specialty crops.

1.35 A landowner or tenant who receives emergency deterrent materials assistance under

Senators Skoe and Stumpf introduced-

S.F. No. 2922: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for an act
relating to agriculture; appropriating money to the Board of Animal Health for
tuberculosis testing in cattle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF CATTLE HERDS;**
APPROPRIATION.

\$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Animal Health for
testing cattle herds for tuberculosis. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2007.



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S.F. No. 2926, as introduced - 84th Legislative Session (2005-2006) Posted on Mar 08, 2006

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying conditions for a person to receive emergency

1.3 crop protection assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.028,

1.4 subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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1.15 crops or stored forage crops by wild animals, or destruction of agricultural crops by
1.16 flightless Canada geese. Subject to the availability of money appropriated for this purpose,
1.17 the commissioner shall provide suitable deterrent materials when the commissioner
1.18 determines that:

1.19 (1) immediate action is necessary to prevent significant damage from continuing, to
1.20 prevent significant damage that is likely to occur, or to prevent the spread of disease in
1.21 wild animals; and

1.22 (2) a cooperative damage management agreement cannot be implemented
1.23 immediately.

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2.2 subdivision more than once, but the cumulative total value of deterrent materials provided
2.3 to a person, or for use on a parcel, may not exceed \$3,000 for specialty crops, or \$750 for
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2.12 to alleviate the damage problem. If requested by a landowner or tenant, any fencing
2.13 materials provided must be capable of providing long-term protection of specialty crops.

2.14 A landowner or tenant who receives emergency deterrent materials assistance under

- 2.15 this subdivision shall comply with the terms of the cooperative damage management
2.16 agreement.

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General questions or comments.

Senators Skoe and Stumpf introduced-

S.F. No. 2923: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money to the commissioner of natural
1.3 resources for depopulating deer within tuberculosis quarantine areas.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **DEER DEPOPULATION NEAR TUBERCULOSIS-INFECTED**
1.6 **CATTLE HERDS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$..... is appropriated from the game and fish fund to the commissioner of natural
1.8 resources to depopulate deer within a 15-mile radius of cattle herds that are infected
1.9 with tuberculosis, as determined by the Board of Animal Health. This appropriation
1.10 is available until June 30, 2007.

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3463 as follows:

Adopted

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA RESOURCES.**

1.4 **Subdivision 1. General.** Unless otherwise specified, the amounts appropriated
1.5 under this section are from the environment and natural resources trust fund and added to
1.6 the appropriations in Laws 2005, First Special Session, chapter 1, article 2, section 11.
1.7 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts appropriated in this section are available until
1.8 June 30, 2008, when projects must be completed and final products delivered.

1.9 **Subd. 2. Environmental problem-solving model for Twin Cities schools.** \$38,000
1.10 in fiscal year 2006 and \$37,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated to the commissioner
1.11 of natural resources for an agreement with Eco Education to train high school students and
1.12 teachers on environmental problem solving.

1.13 **Subd. 3. Enhancing civic understanding of groundwater.** \$75,000 in fiscal
1.14 year 2006 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated to the Science Museum
1.15 of Minnesota to create groundwater exhibits and a statewide traveling groundwater
1.16 classroom program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2009, at which time
1.17 the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is
1.18 specified in the work program.

1.19 **Subd. 4. Phillips biomass community energy system.** \$450,000 in fiscal year 2006
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1.21 an agreement with Phillips Community Energy Cooperative to assist in the distribution
1.22 system equipment and construction costs for a biomass district energy system. This
1.23 appropriation is contingent on all appropriate permits being obtained and a signed
1.24 commitment of financing for the biomass electrical generating facility being in place.

1.25 **Subd. 5. Laurentian Energy Authority biomass project.** \$233,000 in fiscal year
1.26 2006 and \$233,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated to the commissioner of commerce
1.27 for an agreement with Virginia Public Utility to lease land and plant approximately 1,000
1.28 acres of trees to support a proposed conversion to a biomass power plant.

1.29 **Subd. 6. Planning for economic development via energy independence.**
1.30 \$120,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$120,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated to the
1.31 commissioner of commerce for an agreement with the University of Minnesota-Duluth
1.32 to evaluate the socioeconomic benefits of statewide and community renewable energy
1.33 production and distribution by analyzing system installation, technical capabilities,
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2.4 information system tools for prioritizing natural areas for protection and restoration and to
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2.11 Regents for the same purpose.

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2.15 four commercial or industrial buildings in Roseville and Falcon Heights and to monitor
2.16 their effectiveness for storm water management, flood reduction, water quality, and energy
2.17 efficiency. The cost of the installations must be matched by at least 50 percent nonstate
2.18 money.

2.19 Subd. 10. Climate change impacts on Minnesota's aquatic resources. \$125,000
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2.21 Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Natural Resources Institute to quantify
2.22 climate, hydrologic, and ecological variability and trends and identify indicators of future
2.23 climate. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2009, at which time the project
2.24 must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in
2.25 the work program.

2.26 Subd. 11. Land exchange revolving fund for Aitkin, Cass, and Crow Wing
2.27 counties. \$250,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated
2.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Aitkin County for a
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2.30 increase management efficiency, and protect critical habitat in Aitkin, Cass, and Crow
2.31 Wing Counties. By June 30, 2011, Aitkin County shall repay the \$500,000 to the
2.32 commissioner of finance for deposit in the environment and natural resources trust fund.

2.33 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

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3.7 **commissioner of finance for deposit in the environment and natural resources trust fund.**



Minnesota's Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Investigation

(Revised 3/20/2006)

How many herds has Minnesota found infected with bovine TB?

Five Northwest Minnesota beef cattle herds, four in Roseau County and one in Beltrami County have tested positive for bovine TB. Three of the four operations have pastureland bordering one another. The fourth infected herd owner purchased cattle from the first TB infected herd two and a half years ago. The fifth operation sold a bull to an infected herd about two years ago. The investigation tracing animal movements in and out of these herds is ongoing. All infected herds have been depopulated.

What will happen with Minnesota's TB status?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has downgraded Minnesota's TB status to Modified Accredited Advanced. The state can apply for TB-Free status two years after the last infected herd is depopulated.

How can I determine a state's import requirements?

Cattle being shipped interstate must meet both state and federal requirements. All Minnesota cattle producers planning to ship cattle interstate should contact their veterinarian to learn the specific import requirements of each state. At this time, cattle moving within Minnesota have no additional testing requirements. The Board's website contains the federal requirements and contact information for each state agency in charge of cattle imports. Any import requirements the Board receives from other states are posted there as well.

How can my cattle herd become a TB Accredited Herd?

The requirements for a cattle herd to become a TB Accredited Herd vary with the bovine TB status of the state. With Modified Accredited Advanced status, producers must test animals 18 months and older and retest the herd nine to 15 months later. If the herd tests negative on these two tests, the herd becomes an Accredited Herd. The herd must complete an annual bovine TB test to maintain the accreditation and follow guidelines for adding cattle to their herd. There are benefits to becoming an Accredited Herd. For example, animals being shipped interstate from an Accredited Herd usually do not need a separate TB test within 60 days of shipment.

What is bovine TB?

Bovine TB, caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium bovis*, is a respiratory disease of cattle. It is a chronic, slowly progressive disease. Infected animals may be capable of transmitting the infection to other animals even if they appear healthy.

Am I at risk for bovine TB?

Exposure to bovine TB through the milk or meat supply is extremely unlikely. Veterinarians examine all cattle for signs of disease before they enter the slaughter plant and all carcasses are inspected during the slaughter process. Any animal or carcass showing signs of disease are withheld from the food supply. In addition, adequate cooking destroys the tuberculosis bacteria and pasteurization kills any tuberculosis bacteria that could be in milk.

Do my cattle need to be tested for Bovine TB?

If you have cattle within ten miles of a TB-infected herd, please contact your veterinarian to have your animals tested. There will be no cost to you for these tests. If your veterinarian cannot complete the testing, please contact the Minnesota Board of Animal Health's bovine TB hotline at 1-877-MN TB FREE (668-2373).

Additional Information

For more information on the state's TB investigation, the disease, or the BAH are available online at www.bah.state.mn.us.

LCMR Vetoed Projects & SF3463-Reauthorization	Gov's 2005 Vetoes		LCMR 2006 Rec's		Gov's 2006 Rec's		Senate 2006 Rec's	
	Trust Fund		Trust Fund		Trust Fund		Trust Fund	
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007
LCMR/LCCMR Administrative Budget (SF2814)	0	(450,000)	-	450,000	0	0	100,000	450,000
LCCMR Strategic Plan			-	-	0	300,000	0	0
Land Exchange Revolving Fund - Cass/Aitkin/Crow Wing	(250,000)	(250,000)	250,000	250,000	0	0	250,000	250,000
State Park & Recreation Area Revenue-Enhancing Development	(100,000)	(100,000)	100,000	100,000	0	0	-	-
Climate Change Impacts on Minnesota's Aquatic Resources	(125,000)	(125,000)	125,000	125,000	0	0	125,000	125,000
Green Roof Cost Share & Monitoring	(175,000)	(175,000)	175,000	175,000	0	0	175,000	175,000
Upgrades to Research Vessel (R/V) Blue Heron	(133,000)	(134,000)	133,000	134,000	0	0	133,000	134,000
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VETO LIST Recommended for 2006

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			TF Year 1 FY 2006 7/1/05 - 6/30/06	TF Year 2 FY 2007 7/1/06 - 6/30/07	GLPA Year 1 FY 2006		
Subd. 5 - Fish & Wildlife Habitat							
07i	Land Exchange Revolving Fund for Aitkin, Cass, and Crow Wing Counties	500,000	250,000	250,000		Land	# 6
<i>Loan fund to improve public and private land ownership patterns, increase management efficiency, and protect critical habitat</i>							
	SUBTOTAL	500,000	250,000	250,000			
Subd. 7 - Water Resources							
07f	Climate Change Impacts on Minnesota's Aquatic Resources	250,000	125,000	125,000		Water	# 2, 3
<i>Quantify climate, hydrologic, and ecological variability and trends; and identify indicators of future climate change effects on aquatic systems</i>							
07g	Green Roof Cost Share and Monitoring	350,000	175,000	175,000		Water	# 4, 6
<i>Install green, roofs of four buildings, monitor effectiveness for storm water management, flood reduction, water quality, and energy efficiency (few northern climate examples) matched by at least 50 percent nonstate money</i>							
07n	Upgrades to Blue Heron Research Vessel	295,000	133,000	134,000	28,000	Water	# 2, 3
<i>Upgrade and overhaul the Blue Heron Research Vessel</i>							
	SUBTOTAL	895,000	433,000	434,000	28,000		
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08c	Land Cover Mapping for Natural Resource Protection	250,000	125,000	125,000		Land	# 3
<i>GIS tools for prioritizing natural areas protection and to update and complete land cover classification</i>							
	SUBTOTAL	250,000	125,000	125,000			
Subd. 10 - Energy							
10b	Planning for Economic Development via Energy Independence	240,000	120,000	120,000		Air, Water	# 2, 3
<i>Evaluate the socioeconomic benefits of renewable energy production</i>							
10h	Phillips Biomass Community Energy System	900,000	450,000	450,000		Air, Water	# 6
<i>Equipment and construction costs for a biomass district energy system - about 900 feet of special pipe design and installation</i>							
10i	Laurentian Energy Authority Biomass Project	466,000	233,000	233,000		Air, Water	# 6
<i>To lease land and plant approximately 1,000 acres of trees</i>							
	SUBTOTAL	1,606,000	803,000	803,000			
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<i>Create groundwater exhibits and a statewide traveling groundwater classroom program</i>							
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<i>Train high school students and teachers on environmental problem solving</i>							
	SUBTOTAL	225,000	113,000	112,000			
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Agriculture Dept

Invasive Species Staffing

General	Expenditure	118	130	130	130
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This proposal adds staff to survey and eradicate gypsy moth, which was found in record numbers in 2005, and other invasive species in Minnesota. Funding is provided to make both a temporary GIS staff person and an information officer permanent employees.

Livestock/Crop Compensation Increase

General	Expenditure	40	53	53	53
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This request provides additional funding to cover a rise in wolf predation claims on livestock in northern Minnesota. Total wolf predation claims on livestock in northern MN have increased this year beyond the original appropriation for FY 2006. This item would also limit total compensation claims for livestock destroyed by wolves and crops damaged by elk to \$100,000.

Marketing Bio-Energy

General	Expenditure	75	150	175	200
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This initiative adds staff and provides technical assistance as part of a collaborative effort to promote greater use of biofuels and other renewable energy products that can be made in Minnesota to replace petroleum sources. As part of the initiative, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will also work on the effort to respond to opportunities and barriers that arise in the process of renewable development.

MDA/MAES Containment Facility Operations

General	Expenditure	0	190	190	190
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This request provides personnel and operating funds to staff and maintain the Plant Pathology Biosafety Level 2 (BL2) and Level 3 (BL3) Containment Facilities located on the University of Minnesota - St. Paul campus and licensed to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). The BL3 facility was funded in the 2005 legislative session and will be complete in October 2006. The BL2 facility was funded in 2000 and is complete. MDA shares the operating and personnel costs of these facilities with the U of M.

Agriculture Dept	General	233	523	548	573
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	0	0	0

Animal Health Board

Elimination of Bovine Tuberculosis

General	Expenditure	100	585	0	0
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This proposal provides funding to test for and eliminate bovine tuberculosis from Minnesota's cattle population and to regain Minnesota's status as a Bovine Tuberculosis free state according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To date, five cattle and one deer have been found to be infected with bovine tuberculosis in Minnesota. The funds will be used primarily for the testing and removal of infected herds.

Animal Health Board	General	100	585	0	0
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Architecture, Engineering Bd

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Eliminate Test Monitoring Fee

General	Revenue	0	0	0	0
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This change would eliminate a mandatory state fee for exam monitoring. The board of architects and engineers is in the process of out-sourcing the monitoring of professional exams. They want to delete a statutory requirement that they charge a \$25 fee for exam monitoring. The fee is currently a non-dedicated general fund receipt. The vendor will charge applicants directly for this cost.

Architecture, Engineering Bd	General	0	0	0	0
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	0	0	0

Boxing Board

Re-establish MN Boxing Commission

General	Revenue	0	1	1	1
General	Expenditure	0	50	50	50

This proposal provides one part time staff and related expenses to re-establish the boxing commission. The commission was last funded in the 1999 session, when funding was provided for FY 2000. As part of the request, the governing statutes previously codified under chapter 341 will be revised and reinstated.

Boxing Board	General	0	49	49	49
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	0	0	0

Commerce Dept

MCHA Assessment Reduction

Health Care Access	Expenditure	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
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This request appropriates \$10M each year from the Health Care Access Fund to the Department of Commerce, for payment to the MN Comprehensive Health Assn (MCHA), to reduce the annual assessment to health insurance companies.

MNDOT Reimbursement

Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup	Expenditure	450	450	0	0
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This proposal reduces administrative costs for MNDOT and Commerce by eliminating the preparation and processing of Petrofund reimbursement applications and settling all outstanding Petrofund claims at one time. DOT has a backlog of 200 or more claims for petrofund clean up work that qualify for reimbursement from the Petro Tank fund. Rather than hiring additional staff to process each claim, Commerce and DOT have agreed to a "settlement" amounting to 80% of the claims. The 80% is the average amount reimbursed to DOT for past claims.

Commerce Dept	General	0	0	0	0
Total Net Change	Other Funds	450	10,450	10,000	10,000

Employment & Economic Dev Dept

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U/Mayo Biotech & Genomics Partnership

Health Care Access	Expenditure	0	18,000	0	0
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The University of Minnesota/Mayo Clinic Partnership in Biotechnology and Medical Genomics will be provided with \$18 million in additional one-time funding for new collaborative research projects and other infrastructure investments.

BioBusiness Alliance of MN

General	Expenditure	0	500	0	0
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This proposal appropriates \$500,000 to the BioBusiness Alliance, for industry analysis, bioscience business development, marketing, promotion, and company technical assistance. The Alliance will retain 10 percent for grant processing and monitoring.

Increase PFA bonding authority.

Public Facilities Authority	Expenditure	0	0	0	0
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This change would increase PFA bonding authority from \$1.25 billion to \$1.5 billion to meet future needs. The change would allow the PFA to sell bonds for another 3-5 years, depending on bonding appropriations.

Small Business Assistance Fee

Special Revenue	Revenue	0	(10)	(15)	(25)
Special Revenue	Revenue	0	10	15	25

This change dedicates fees to the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Assistance Programs. New fees were created in the 2005 session but the fee wasn't dedicated. This change corrects the error from the last session.

Employment & Economic Dev Dept	General	0	500	0	0
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	18,000	0	0

Labor and Industry Dept

Construction Codes Consolidation

General	Revenue	0	(4,485)	(4,383)	(4,383)
General	Expenditure	0	(2,699)	(2,699)	(2,699)
State Government Special Rev	Revenue	0	4,213	4,213	4,213
State Government Special Rev	Expenditure	0	5,063	2,699	2,699
Workers Compensation	Revenue	0	272	170	170
Workers Compensation	Expenditure	0	272	170	170

This request results from Executive Order #193. It consolidates funding to support the Construction Codes & Licensing Division (CCLD) of DLI by moving revenue and expenses from the general fund to the special revenue fund, transferring surplus funds from the Dept of Health for technological integration, and dedicating penalties collected by the CCLD to the Assigned Risk Safety Account for safety consultations in the construction industry.

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Licensing System

General	Expenditure	300	2,000	6,740	4,890
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This request is for the development of a one-stop electronic licensing system to improve customer service and operating efficiency. The plan is to hire dedicated staff in FY '06 to complete the planning, scope, timeframe, and cost estimates of the new system. The FY '07 cost assumes vendor contracts for overall project management and guidance.

Labor and Industry Dept	General	300	3,786	8,424	6,574
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	850	(1,514)	(1,514)

Leg Comm Minnesota Resources

Statewide Strategic Plan

Environment & Natural Resource	Expenditure	0	300	0	0
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The Governor proposes to use funds from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to support the development of a strategic conservation and preservation plan which provides a unified, long-term, comprehensive statewide strategic effort based on solid science to guide decision-making. The funds would be appropriated to the newly formed LCMR to solicit Requests for Proposals from qualified non-government entities to develop the plan.

Leg Comm Minnesota Resources	General	0	0	0	0
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	300	0	0

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Bovine T.B.

General	Expenditure	88	132	0	0
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This initiative provides funding in FY 06-07 for testing and surveillance costs associated with the recent outbreak of Bovine T.B. in Northwestern Minnesota. The goal is to monitor the deer population. This is necessary for Minnesota livestock producers to achieve TB-free status on their herds. DNR tests harvested wild animals and coordinates with the Board of Animal Health to disseminate information and target animal testing.

Fish & Wildlife Habitat Corridors

Environment & Natural Resource	Expenditure	0	3,348	0	0
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This change increases funding for planning, restoring and acquiring fragmented landscape corridors to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. All land acquired must be improved to meet at least minimum habitat standards as determined by the commissioner.

Fish and Wildlife/Game and Fish Bill

Game and Fish	Revenue	(2)	(150)	(150)	(150)
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This request encourages youth hunting by reducing youth firearms deer hunting license fees for hunters aged 12-17 years of age. The license fee would be reduced from \$53 for a single zone/season license to \$14 for a multi-zone/multi-season license. DNR estimates \$150,000 per year in lost revenues to the Game and Fish Fund.

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Forestry/Forest Mgmt. Svcs to Landowners

Special Revenue	Revenue	0	35	35	35
Special Revenue	Expenditure	0	35	35	35

This proposal clarifies that fees charged for certain forest management activities should be deposited in the special revenue fund. Revenues from development of forest management plans and tree planting activities are appropriated to the Commissioner for providing forest management services to private landowners.

Forestry/State Forest Fees

Special Revenue	Revenue	0	45	45	45
Special Revenue	Expenditure	0	45	45	45

This proposal authorizes the DNR to establish fees for special events held in state forests. Revenues collected would come from performance bonds and permits required to hold special events in state forests. Revenues would be annually appropriated to the Commissioner and be used to develop, operate and maintain facilities and to mitigate the impacts of these events, especially to forest roads. Events could include motorcycle, snowmobile, and sports car rallies, dog sled races and other outdoor events.

Forestry/Timber Sales Bill

General	Revenue	0	434	289	0
Natural Resources	Revenue	0	1,586	1,057	0
Permanent School	Revenue	0	482	321	0
Special Revenue	Revenue	0	159	106	0

This request would implement a bid guarantee payment to reduce the risk of default on timber sale permits issued by the DNR. The proposed front-end payments are phased in over two fiscal years and would result in a one-time shift-forward in future timber sales revenues in FY 2007 and FY 2008.

Invasive Species

General	Expenditure	0	975	975	975
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This request provides funding to address new pathways for introduction and spread of harmful invasive species. The DNR would increase its monitoring and enforcement activities, provide additional grant funds to local governments and organizations for management of aquatic invasive species; increase prevention education and awareness; and implement programs to inventory and combat harmful invasive species on state lands.

Lands & Min/Native Prairie Property Tax

General	Expenditure	0	10	30	60
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This proposal provides incentives for preservation of MN prairie by taxing native prairie land currently not eligible for the Prairie Tax Exemption (PTE) at the lower agricultural tax rate. To be eligible, landowners must ensure that livestock grazing practices are in accordance with an approved plan. General fund costs will be incurred in Education Finance and show as increased equalization aid costs.

Lands & Minerals- Omnibus Policy Bill

Natural Resources	Revenue	0	45	45	45
Natural Resources	Expenditure	0	45	45	45

This proposal allows DNR to reimburse donors who request it, up to \$5,000 for the costs of land appraisal. An appraisal may be needed by the donor for tax reporting purposes or to resolve other legal matters. This will act as an incentive for landowners to donate land to the state. Funding for land valuations would come from various land acquisition accounts in the natural resources fund.

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Lands and Minerals/Land Sale Bill

General	Revenue	0	20	0	0
Miscellaneous Agency	Revenue	0	5	0	0
Natural Resources	Revenue	0	25	0	0
Permanent School	Revenue	0	50	0	0

This proposal authorizes the sale of certain state and local government lands that require legislative approval prior to sale. The land sale bill is submitted annually to the legislature for their approval. Proceeds of land sales are deposited in various funds based on the land sold. Revenue estimates are based on a \$100,000 land sale in FY 2007.

Ops/Svcs Prepayment of Boat Storage

Game and Fish	Revenue	0	(1)	(1)	(1)
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This change authorizes advance payment of boat slip and storage leases. Pre-payment is required by most marinas in order to reserve space for boat docking and storage. This practice is currently not allowed under state procurement rules, but similar exemptions have been made for subscriptions, registration fees and software maintenance services. The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal and is due to interest lost on an estimated \$30,000 that would be prepaid annually.

Parks/State Park Permit Fee Changes

Natural Resources	Revenue	0	(320)	(320)	(320)
Natural Resources	Expenditure	0	(320)	(320)	(320)

This change reduces the daily state park permit fee from the current \$7.00 price to \$5.00 and modifies current fee structures to reduce costs borne by RV users and motorcyclists. The purpose of this request is to maximize state park use and to provide a more equitable fee structure to all state park visitors.

Trails - ATV Gas Tax Increase

Highway Users Tax Distribution	Transfer Out	0	600	600	600
Natural Resources	Transfer In	0	600	600	600
Natural Resources	Expenditure	0	600	600	600

This change would increase the amount of unrefunded gas tax deposited into the ATV account in the natural resources fund as a result of increasing use of gasoline by ATV riders. A study has been submitted to the legislature quantifying the amount of gasoline used by recreational ATV riders.

Trails/Horse Trail Pass

Natural Resources	Revenue	0	314	314	314
Natural Resources	Expenditure	0	314	314	314

This request is for a \$4 daily or \$20 annual trail use fee for horseback riders 16 years of age and older who use state trails. Receipts would be deposited in a horse trail account in the natural resources fund. Revenues would be used for horse trail and trail facility development, maintenance and enforcement on state trails in forests, parks and recreation areas.

Natural Resources Dept	General	88	663	716	1,035
Total Net Change	Other Funds	2	1,792	(733)	751

Pollution Control Agency

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Clean Water Legacy

General	Expenditure	0	20,000	0	0
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This proposal provides funding for agencies involved in implementing the Clean Water Act including Pollution Control, Natural Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, Agriculture, and the Public Facilities Authority. This request includes funds for water quality monitoring, development of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL's) studies, as required by the federal Clean Water Act, and installation of point and non-point source pollution control technologies.

Pollution Control Agency	General	0	20,000	0	0
Total Net Change	Other Funds	0	0	0	0