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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

Providing for the assignment of duties to state agencies under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (P.L. 88-578).

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Arden J. Erdahl*  
Secretary of State

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws 1965, Chapter 810, Section 21, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the proper administration of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (P.L. 88-578) required the assignment of specific duties to various state agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, I order that:

1. The Department of Natural Resources be designated to be the state agency to act for me, in applying for, receiving and accepting federal funds granted to the State of Minnesota from the federal "Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965", Public Law 88-578, and to disburse such funds to carry out the purposes for which the funds are received in accordance with Section 21 of said Chapter 810, with the exception of the authority and responsibility for the administration of the portion of the monies made available to be distributed to local units of government as stated in Laws 1965, Chapter 810, Section 21 and Subd. 4.
2. The powers in Laws 1965, Chapter 810, Section 21, Subd. 4 for the administration of the portion of the monies made available to be distributed to local units of government are hereby designated to the State Planning Agency in accordance with Laws 1969, Chapter 1139, Section 48, Subd. 7, g, and include the following responsibilities:
  - a. The signing of all project proposals, project agreements, billings, final progress reports and correspondence pertinent to local units of government provided the Department of Natural Resources is furnished a copy of all approved project agreements and amendments.

- b. The maintenance of project records including fiscal records for local units of government projects.
  - c. The responsibility of performing final and compliance inspections and auditing local units of government records on all projects.
  - d. The establishment of rules, regulations and procedures pertinent to administering the Fund to local units of government subject to the approval of the State Liaison Officer.
3. The Commissioner of Natural Resources will remain the State Liaison Officer for the Fund and will retain the following authority:
- a. Responsibility for the overall fund and assign the local unit of government portion to the State Planning Agency.
  - b. Assignment to the State Planning Agency of blocks of project numbers to utilize on their projects.
  - c. Total responsibility for the State's comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Establishment of guidelines outlining the general policy and priorities on which the fund will operate and review assignment of project priorities for compliance.
  - d. Responsibility for all requests for federal contingency funds.

This Order shall supersede an Executive Order dated June 25, 1965, executed by Governor Karl F. Rolvaag, designating the Department of Conservation the administrator of this Fund.

This Order shall be effective on the thirty-first day of March, 1972.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this thirty-first day of March, 1972.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
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Filed according to Law:

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