



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 171

Providing for the establishment of
the State Rural Development Council

(Amending Executive Order No. 67)

I, Rudy Perpich, 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

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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, State Planning Agency; the Commissioner of Economic Development; the Commissioner of Transportation; the Commissioner of Agriculture; the Director of the State Housing Finance Agency; the Director of the Pollution Control Agency; the Commissioner of Natural Resources; the Director of the Energy Agency; the Commissioner of Economic Security; the Commissioner of Health; a representative of the University of Minnesota; a representative of a private institution of higher education; and a representative of a Minnesota state university to be named by the Governor.

Each regional development commission, the Metropolitan Council, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture State Rural Development Committee shall be asked to appoint a representative to the Rural Development Council; such representative is not required to be a member of the appointing organization.

The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the Governor's representative on the Rural Development council.

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.

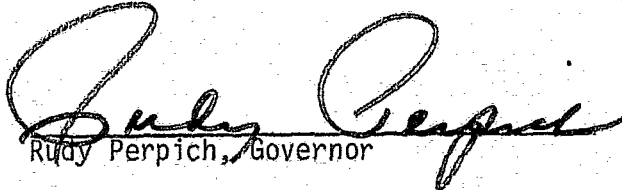
The Commissioner of Agriculture will serve as Chairman of the Rural Development Council.

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.

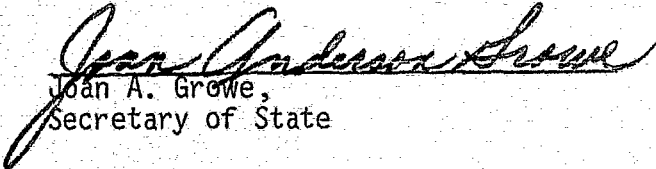
2. The adoption of a statement of purpose by the Council at its initial meeting, to be adopted by the consent of the Council.
3. The cooperation of all state departments and agencies with the operation of the Rural Development Council.
4. The designation by Council members of needed staff to work with the Council, and the participation in the administrative costs of the Council by member agencies.
5. The study by the Council of issues affecting the development of rural communities, and the formulation of recommendations for improving and/or implementing programs.
6. The review and recommendation to the Executive Council of rural development project proposals for funding from interest generated by the Rural Rehabilitation Revolving Fund.

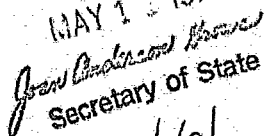
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Section 4.035.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 11th day of
May, 1978.


Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed according to Law:


Joan A. Growe,
Secretary of State

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