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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

July 1, 1999

Fiscal Year 1999 has been an interesting year of change for the Region 5 Development Commission. We said goodbye to our long time Executive Director, Leyten Fontaine, who retired after 20 years with the Region. Renee Frethem also left the region Senior Program Specialist position after 4 years of service. Our sincere gratitude goes out to them for their dedicated service.

At the same time we welcomed Bob Hutton. Bob began as Executive Director with Region 5 on March 1, 1999. The leadership transition has progressed very smoothly as expected. Bob is enthusiastic and optimistic about the direction of the region and has accepted the challenge to move our organization into the next century.

The change led us to re-evaluate the needs of the local units of government the Commission serves. We believe that it is not only necessary to maintain those services which continue to be priorities, but also to identify and address any new needs of the region. Since we had not updated our strategic plan for several years, the Commission approved the initiative for a new strategic plan. The plan is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1999.

I am pleased to report that the Region 5 Development Commission continues to provide exceptional service, and that we are moving forward to facilitate collaborative efforts in planning and development for the region.

Sincerely,

Stan Sumey, Chairperson

Region 5 Development Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP (As of June 30, 1998)

CASS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Demgen, East Gull Lake Ardean Brasgalla, Cass Lake Fred Martin, Akeley Board of Commissioners Municipalities Town Boards

CROW WING COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Hill, Brainerd Donna Good, Pequot Lakes Sharon Thurlow, Pequot Lakes Board of Commissioners Municipalities Town Boards

MORRISON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Paul Nieman, Jr., Little Falls Duane Johnson, Swanville James Wielinski, Little Falls Board of Commissioners Municipalities Town Boards

TODD COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Stan Sumey, Staples Glennda Kotula, Staples Alan Perish, Browerville Board of Commissioners Municipalities Town Boards

WADENA COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Ralph Lorentz, Wadena Bill Hodgden, Sebeka William Kern, Verndale Board of Commissioners Municipalities Town Boards

CITY OF BRAINERD REPRESENTATIVE

Gene Goedker, Brainerd

City of Brainerd

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Robert Erdrich, Little Falls Vacant, Cass Lake

Little Falls Area COG Leech Lake Tribal Council

REGION 5 SCHOOL BOARDS

William Higgs, Wadena Barbara Schmitt, Staples School Board Representative School Board Representative

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Ted Winkels, Verndale

Soil & Water Conservation District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(As of June 30, 1998)

Stan Sumey, Chairperson
Ralph Lorentz, Vice-Chairperson
Sharon Thurlow, Secretary
Paul Nieman, Jr., Treasurer
Glenna Kotula, Director
Ardean Brasgalla, Director
Bob Erdrich, Director

STAFF

(As of June 30, 1998)

ADMINISTRATION

Robert Hutton, Executive Director Nancy Stevens, Controller/Executive Assistant Lori Verlennich, Office Manager

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Barbara Card, Director Sharon Notch, Senior Programs Specialist

ARTS

Mark Turner, Five Wings Arts Coordinator

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Jason Murray, Economic Development Planner Roger Germann, Technical Planner Betty Ann Gumm, Community Development Planner

ADVISORY COUNCILS/TASK FORCES

(As of June 30, 1998)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPRESENTING

William Higgs, Wadena

Advisor

COUNTY

Region 5 DC

HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Mary Koep, Brainerd Caren Winkels, Sebeka Mel Euteneuer, Little Falls Don Thiel, Staples Donna Good, Pequot Lakes Vacant

REPRESENTING

Consumer Rep. Consumer Rep. Consumer Rep. Consumer Rep. R5DC/Chairperson Consumer Rep.

COUNTY

Crow Wing Wadena Morrison Todd Region 5 Cass

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sharon Thurlow, Pequot Lakes Vacant Nelda Nygard, Walker Wayne Abell, Breezy Point Carolyn Frisch, Brainerd Betty Czech, Royalton Marvin Swecker, Motley Vonda Hedlund, Clarissa Dorothy Berscheit, Grey Eagle Rachel Schluttner, Verndale William Larson, Wadena Doris Jennissen, Long Prairie Mary May, Long Prairie Steve Reger, Little Falls Lenny Wheeler, Brainerd

REPRESENTING

Chairperson Seniors Public Health Public Health-Alternate Social Services Nutrition

COUNTY

Region 5 DC **Cass County Cass County Crow Wing County Crow Wing County Morrison County Morrison County Todd County Todd County** Wadena County Wadena County Region 5

Region 5 Region 5 Region 5

FIVE WINGS ARTS COUNCIL

William Kern, Wadena Oliver DeGray, Hackensack Sara Hanlon, Brainerd Christine Nick, Pequot Lakes Patrick Spradlin, Brainerd Janice Bradshaw, Brainerd Donna Jarvis, Cushing DeAnna Gehant, Little Falls Donn Harris, Eagle Bend David Bengtson, Long Prairie Vickie Paurus, Sebeka Gail Leverson, Wadena

REPRESENTING

Chairperson Performing Arts Visual Arts Music Theatre Music/Literary Visual Arts Visual Arts Music Literary Arts Music/Drama

Visual Arts

COUNTY

Region 5 DC **Cass County Cass County Crow Wing County Crow Wing County Crow Wing County Morrison County Morrison County Todd County Todd County** Wadena County Wadena County

TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Jim Wielisnki, Little Falls Dave Enblom, Walker Duane Blanck, Brainerd Jeff Hulsether, Brainerd Steve Backowski, Little Falls Jerry Lochner, Little Falls Duane Lorsung, Long Prairie Russell Larson, Wadena Steve Voss, Brainerd Vacant Howard Warnberg, Little Falls Gene Young, Little Falls Jan Roers, Wadena Bob Erdrich, Ex Offico, Little Falls Trevor Walter, Baxter

REPRESENTING

COUNTY Region 5 DC Chairman Co. Hwy. Engineer Cass County Co. Hwy. Engineer **Crow Wing County** Brainerd Engineer **Crow Wing County** Co. Hwy. Engineer **Morrison County** City Services Mgr. Co. Hwy. Engineer Co. Highway Engineer Transportation **Airports** Railroads Townships **Transit**

Morrison County **Todd County** Wadena County MN/DOT Region 5 Region 5 Region 5 Region 5 Region 5

City Engineer **Crow Wing County**

COORDINATION

ATP Rep.

REGION 5 LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS: The Counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena have enlisted the services of Region 5 to coordinate meetings between the five county boards and the area legislators on a regular basis. The purpose of the meetings is to share information and provide input on Region-wide These services include meeting notices, minutes and forwarding of resolutions and other concerns to state agencies and the legislature.

INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

The Region 5 Development Commission is a Regional Information Center for many types of information including but not limited to management and administration, community development, economic development, transportation, health issues, programs for seniors, cultural activities and census data.

The information is available through various methods including a library, a computer modem linking Region 5 with state data banks, referrals and Bi-monthly newsletters published and distributed by Region 5.

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER PERSONS

The Minnesota Board on Aging has designated the Region 5 Development Commission as the official Area Agency on Aging for Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties. Three primary roles for the Area Agency on Aging are linking people to

information; building community; and promoting prudent stewardship. The main strategy for linking people to information is the Senior Linkage Line. The Area Agency on Aging provides this service directly and is working with the Minnesota Board on Aging to establish statewide standards of practice in the delivery of information and assistance.

To guide its activities, the Region 5 Area Agency on Aging has prepared an Area Plan for 1997-1999. Based on the priorities established in this Plan, Table 1 shows the services which are projected for 1999.

TABLE 1 - SERVICES PROJECTED FOR 1999

	Numbe of Units		U	umber of nduplica articipan	ted
Congregate Meals	198,000	meals		7,000	
Home Delivered Meals	1 <u>38,000</u>	meals		1,250	
	336,000			8,250	
Information & Assistance	3,786	hours		4,194	
Homemaking	8,603	hours		157	
Transportation	8,612	one-way trips		4,306	
Legal Assistance/Ed	1,417	hours		645	
Frail Elderly (Home Modificati	on) 78	hours		78	
Frail Elderly	2,423	contacts		64	
Health Promotion	884	hours/sessions		2,492	
Sebeka Community Center (re	enovation) N/A			N/A	
Mental Health Screening/Refe	erral 1,440	hours		300	

The activities of the Region 5 Area Agency on Aging are guided by a fifteen member Council on Aging. The Council on Aging is comprised of representatives for older persons and service providers. They develop policies and priorities, recommend action on contract/grant applications and conduct the Annual Conference on Aging.

The Region 5 Development Commission takes final action on major policy decisions, budget approvals, and contract/grant awards. The total project costs for the contract/grants awarded by the Region 5 Development Commission annually amount to approximately \$1.8 million. Table 2 identifies the type of funds used to finance a wide array of services:

TABLE 2 FUNDS DISTRIBUTED IN 1999

FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	COUNTY FUNDS/ <u>IN-KIND</u>	PRIVATE FUNDS/ <u>IN-KIND</u>
177,000 <u>173,000</u> 350,000	100,811 <u>31,608</u> 132,419	0 0	356,400 234,600 591,000
72,170 20,000 48,647 4,000 26,991 8,081 179,826	97,000	72,170 58,067 22,215 <u>8,018</u> 160,470	8,500 1,500 2,040 26,991 39,031
18,697 13,363 4,191	220 /110	13,363	18,697 1,048 688,807
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Throughout the year several important projects and activities were either initiated or completed by the Region 5 Area Agency on Aging. The Region 5 AAA coordinated a follow-up Regional Community Forum and formed a Project 2030 Task Force to continue working on specific goals and outcomes. The overall goal of the Task Force is not to reinvent but reenergize existing strategies and partnerships wherever possible.

Senior Linkage calls in the first nine months of 1998 increased by 52% over the same time period of 1997. The Region 5 AAA assisted 450 individuals who were looking for services or assistance to help a senior remain independent. The highest topic areas were insurance, legals, housing, chore, prescription drugs, respite/caregiver, transportation, and home health/home care.

Quarterly, the Region 5 AAA draws together county coordinators on aging, RSVP directors, presidents of county councils on aging, service providers, MN Senior Federation, Green Thumb, etc. The purpose of these meetings is to share information, coordinate our activities, and form another necessary link between the AAA and the individual counties.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Region 5's Five Wings Arts Program awarded \$129,650 in grant monies in FY99. This amount includes \$13,727 of McKnight Foundation funds for semi-professional arts organizations and \$2,343 for individual artist grants. Five Wings awarded \$110,080 of Minnesota State Arts Board grant funds for sponsorship activities and/or art development in Region 5 and a total of \$3,500 for the Rolling Plains Art Gallery project (7 sites). The organizations which received funds are listed in Tables 1 thru 4.

TABLE 1 MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD FUNDS

AGENCY	COUNTY		\$ FUNDED
Bertha-Hewitt HS	Todd		3,180
Brainerd Youth Orchestra	Crow Wing	19 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3,200
Brainerd Youth Orchestra	Crow Wing	J. Marketta	3,200
Browerville Days	Todd		200
Centennial Auditorium	Todd		1,600
Centennial Big Band	Todd		2,250
Centennial Big Band	Todd		3,500
CLC Theatre	Crow Wing		2,800
CLC Theatre	Crow Wing		2,597
Crosby Community Ed.	Crow Wing		2,829
Freshwater Ed District	Regional		3,500
Freshwater Ed. District	Regional		3,405
GRAA	Morrison		1,164
GRAA	Morrison		1,500
GRAA	Morrison		1,460
GRAA	Morrison		1,550
GRAA	Morrison Morrison		750
Heartland Symphony	Morrison/Crow Wing		3,300
Heartland Symphony	Morrison/Crow Wing		3,200
Hole in the Day Players	Morrison		3,500
Hole in the Day Players	Morrison		2,000
Hole in the Day Players	Morrison		2,600
Lamplighter Community Theatre	Todd		2,985
Lindbergh Fresco Project	Morrison		3,500
Little Falls Community Schools	Morrison		500
LP/GE Community Ed.	Todd		3,095
LP/GE HS	Todd		1,150
LP/GE HS	Todd		675
LP/GE HS	Todd		600
LP/GE HS	Todd		590
LP/GE Summer Recreation	Todd		900
Madhatters	Wadena		3,185
Menahga Community Ed.	Wadena		2,150
Mississippi Horizons Middle Sch			3,500
Nisswa Elementary	Crow Wing		1,062

North Countrymen Barbershop Northern Lights Chorale Pequot Lakes CAPP Pequot Lakes Community Ed. Pequot Lakes Community Ed. Pequot Lakes Community Ed. Pequot Lakes Student Theatre Pierz Community Ed. St. Francis Music Center St. Francis Music Center St. Francis Music Center St. Francis Music Center Sebeka Centennial Committee Sebeka Fine Arts	Crow Wing Wadena Crow Wing Crow Wing Crow Wing Crow Wing Morrison Morrison Morrison Worrison Wadena Wadena	3,500 465 1,600 1,000 350 1,800 965 1,700 3,500 1,080 788 3,471 800 2,400	
Sebeka Centennial Committee	Wadena	3,471	
Sebeka Fine Arts	Wadena	2,154	
Staples Men's Chorus	Todd	930	
Wadena Area Concert Band	Wadena	<u>ena</u> 900	1
Wadena Deer Creek Fine Arts	Wadena	2,000	1
Wadena Deer Creek Fine Arts	Wadena	3,500	1

TABLE 2 ROLLING PLAINS ART GALLERY PROJECT

Total MSAB Project Funds

COMMUNITY Cass Lake/Bena Remer Long prairie Little Falls Staples Pine River	COUNTY Cass Cass Todd Morrison Todd Cass	\$ FUNDED 500 500 500 500 500 500
Wadena	Wadena	500
Total Rolling Plains Funds		\$3,500

\$110,080

TABLE 3 MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION GENERAL OPERATING/CAPITAL FUNDS

AGENCY	COUNTY	\$ FUNDED
GRAA Heartland Symphony Northwoods Arts Council Priairie Arts Council	Morrison Morrison/Crow Wing Cass Todd	3,500 3,227 3,500 3,500
Total Mcknight Organization	nal Funds	\$ 13,727

TABLE 4 MCKNIGHT INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARDS

<u>ARTIST</u>	COUNTY	<u>\$ FUNDED</u>
Jeffrey Collins	Crow Wing	480
Lynda Converse	Todd	478
Charmaine Donovan	Crow Wing	500
Ann Luloff	Todd	385
Trudy Pax	Todd	500
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Total Mcknight Individual	Artist Funds	\$ 2,343

OTHER CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

Artist/Mentor Program The Five Wings Arts Program continues to offer scholarships worth over \$900 each to rural high school students in grades 9, 10, and 11 who demonstrate high motivation to work in the arts. The program serves to supplement the arts education in our region's schools by providing a number of students with the opportunity to study their chosen art discipline with a regional practicing artist. The following students were awarded scholarships in FY99 and will finish their study in November, 1999:

<u>Student</u>	County	Student	
Melissa Breitenfeldt	Todd	David Schwen	Crow Wing
Christine Dallaire	Crow Wing	Naomi Sveom	Todd
Aimee Holden	Cass	Jackie Tellers	Wadena
Christine Kallevig	Wadena	Amber Vandenberghe	Crow Wing
Amy Metcalf	Cass	Jonathan Wichmann	Morrison

Rolling Plains Art Gallery The Five Wings Arts Program collaborating with Regions 1, 2, 4 and the Plains Art Museum in FY99 to facilitate a traveling art gallery housed within a semi-trailer. The Rolling Plains Art Gallery visited 7 communities in Region 5 and was considered a great success. Five Wings will continue to work with everyone involved to keep this valuable program alive.

<u>Technical Assistance</u> The Five Wings Arts Program staff also provides technical assistance to individuals and groups on such matters as grant writing, availability of funds, arts resources, and other arts project assistance. In addition, Five Wings produces a newsletter which addresses arts concerns, opportunities, and activities throughout the region.

<u>Website</u> The Five Wings Arts Program staff also developed a website in FY99 to better serve its consituents by providing information via the internet. This form of accessibility and visibility has proven to be very valuable.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Region 5 provides technical assistance in the areas of land use planning and grant writing.

There has been an increased interest in comprehensive planning. Comprehensive plans for Sibley, Wadena County and the City of Jenkins are in progress. Community surveys were completed on behalf of Sibley Township and the City of Jenkins.

Region 5 completed a housing study for the city of Pequot Lakes. This housing study includes a household survey and employer survey.

Region 5 is exploring the feasibility of a downpayment assistance program for low-income home buyers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The North Central Economic Development Administration, Inc., administrator of the Region 5 Business Loan Fund, approved twelve (12) loans totaling \$358,000 for local business development.

Businesses, individuals, development corporations, and local units of government in Region 5 were assisted to structure financial packaging and development strategies to foster business start-up and expansion activity.

The Annual Update on the Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) has been completed for the September 30, deadline.

Staff presented information on the Region 5 Business Loan Fund and the Region 5 Economic Development Program to several economic development organizations and local units of government.

Staff facilitated several Network 5 meetings. Network 5 is a group of economic development practitioners that provide services in Region 5.

Staff is exploring options to recapitalize the Revolving Loan Fund.

Staff assisted with applications for funding assistance through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a community project. The project total \$350,000.

Staff has worked on the creation of a housing program for the reigon. Housing needs have been identified as down payment assistnace and single family housing.

REGIONAL TRANSPORATION PROGRAM

Numerous activities took place during FY 1998 related to the Transportation Planning Work Program.

The 15 member Region 5 Transportation Council continued to monitor regional transportation issues and provide recommendations to the Commission. The Region 5 Transportation Council developed a Region 5 Area Transportation Improvement Program(FY 2002) as part of the 12 county Area Transportation Partnership process.

Region 5 is completing to work on a combination regional tourism inter-county route map to be combined with the development of a regional Scenic Byways Study. Local State Scenic routes will be identified and included on the tourism map.

Region 5 completed in 1998 Section 5310 transit vehicles monitoring contract. Region 5 completed onsite visits to all Region 5 grantees. A final report for CY98 was submitted to Mn/DOT Office of Transit. Region 5 provides section assistance in the area of transit planning. As a result of the monitoring program, Cass and Crow Wing Counties are exploring the coordination of Section 5310 vehicles for public transportation, and implementation of county wide transit systems.. Region 5 continues to facilitate transportation provider meetings.

Region 5 provides information to local units of government on funding for tree planting projects. Region 5 assisted in the review of DNR grant applications for funding tree plantings.

In addition, monitoring and information was provided on wetlands regulations, solid waste management and water quality.

TECHNICAL PLANNING

Planning in the areas of transportation and land use, with transportation planning coordinated through the Transportation Council with an emphasis on township transportation issues, and with Land Use planning process to technical assistance and Community Surveys development. Interest in planning and zoning at the township level has created interest in calls for information and advice regarding technical processes used for decision-making on zoning needs.

The Township Road Recording Program assists townships in the proper recording of town road easements. A spin-off benefit to townships is the development of improved methods of governing based on Township Association guidelines. Specific projects are completed on a contract basis.

Region 5 Development Commission program efforts toward townships are enhanced by the ongoing working relationship with the Minnesota Association of Townships. Staff continues to offer consultation to other Regional Development Commissions regarding township issues and state-wide township programs. Staff anticipates holding workshops dealing with Transportation Management. In view of the State-sponsored "Sustainable Development" basis for partnership for comprehensive planning, the relationship and potential for county-township-city partnership based on "community" are being monitored to determine assistance applicability to Region 5 local government.

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Region 5 Development Commission Estimated Fiscal Year 2000 Budget

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Revenue Comparison Current FY99 and Estimated FY99R1

Revenues	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference
Technical Assistance	9,000	9,000	0
Local Levy	175,000	185,000	10,000
Interest & Miscellaneous Income	13,500	13,500	0
In-Kind	1,400	1,400	0
EDA Planning	52,000	52,000	0
MN State Arts Board	60,469	64,027	3,558
McKnight Foundation	2,400	2,400	0
MN Board on Aging Administration	88,934	91,181	2,247
North Central EDA, Inc.	39,465	41,562	2,097
MN Department of Transportation	56,100	50,000	(6,100)
Urban Mass Transit Administration	4,385	0	(4,385)
Region 5 I & A Grant (AAA)	11,432	20,061	8,629
Subtotal Program Revenues	514,085	530,131	16,046
Direct Granting Assistance			
Ar \gency on Aging	1,540,489	1,540,489	0
F. ings Arts	128,782	111,120	(17,662)
EDA Revolving Loan Fund	188,500	0	(188,500)
Beaver Damage Grants	25,171	25,171	
Subtotal Granting Assistance	1,882,942	1,676,780	(206,162)
TOTAL AGENCY REVENUES	2,397,027	2,206,911	(190,116)

Region 5 Development Commission Estimated Fiscal Year 2000

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Expenditure Comparison Current FY99 and Estimated FY99R1

Current FY99 and Estimated FY99R1				
Figure Albania	Approved	Proposed	Difference	
Expenditures Salaries ***	Budget 190,978	Budget 196,945	Difference 5,967	
Fringe Benefits @ 26.7%	55,022	57,487	2,465	
Subtotal Personnel	246,000	254,432	8,432	
Compensatory Time	7,900	6,617	(1,283)	
Commission Benefits	1,506	1,505		
Consultants/Mentor/etc.	5,000	12,500	(1) 7,500	
Staff Travel	24,373	18,825	(5,548)	
Consultant Travel	24,575	10,023	(3,340)	
	8,750	8,750	0	
Commission Travel Commission Per Diem	18,900	18,900	0	
Council Travel	4,511	4,463	(48)	
Reproduction and Printing	8,745	5,245	(3,500)	
Telephone	1,250	600	(650)	
Rent	5,877	5,929	52	
Staff Car Usage	200	200	0	
Postage	1,050	531	(519)	
Supplies	1,325	1,225	(100)	
Insurance - Office	3,644	3,644	(1.55)	
Equipment	10,500	18,400	7,900	
Maintenance - Equipment	645	645	.,,,,	
Books, Reports & Memberships	4,813	4,813		
Workshops/Conferences	4,000	4,000	vi.	
Miscellaneous Expense	8,631	5,031	(3,600)	
Subtotal Direct Costs	367,619	376,255	8,636	
In-Kind	1,400	1,400	0	
Total Direct Costs	369,019	377,655	8,636	
Indirect Costs @ 64.4773%	157,643	164,688	7,045	
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	526,662	542,343	15,681	
Direct Granting Assistance		,		
Area Agency on Aging	1,540,489	1,540,489	0	
Five Wings Arts Program	128,782	111,120	(17,662)	
EDA Revolving Loan Fund	189,417	0	(189,417)	
Beaver Damage Grants	25,171	25,171		
Subtotal Granting Assistance	1,883,859	1,676,780	(207,079)	
TOTAL R5 AGENCY BUDGET	2,410,521	2,219,123	(191,398)	
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(13,494)	(12,212)	1,282	
Fund Balance Actual 7/1/98 & Proj. 7/1/99	224,976	211,482	(13,494)	
Fund Balance Proj. 6/30/99 & Proj. 6/30/00	211,482	199,270	(12,212)	

Beinhorn & Company, Ltd.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

Commission Members Region 5 Development Commission Staples, Minnesota 56479

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Region 5 Development Commission, Staples, MN 56479, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Government Accounting Standards Board Technical Bulletin 98-1, Disclosures about Year 2000 Issues, requires disclosure of certain matters regarding the Year 2000 Issue. Region 5 Development Commission has not included such disclosures. Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 Issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Further, we do not provide assurance that Region 5 Development Commission is or will be year 2000 ready, that Region 5 Development Commission's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which Region 5 Development Commission does business will be year 2000 ready.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to examine evidence regarding year 2000 disclosure, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Region 5 Development Commission as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated July 9, 1999 on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Region 5 Development Commission taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. The individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Region 5 Development Commission Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Beinhorn + Company, 2td.

July 9, 1999