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Commission holds annual meeting . . . adopts work program and budget for Fiscal Year 1991

At an annual meeting held on June 25 at the Rock Creek Town Hall the East Central Regional Development Commission elected officers and adopted a work program and budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990 (FY 1991).

Elected as officers of the EC RDC were: LAURENCE COLLIN, Chairman; DICK JACKSON, Vice Chairman; and GLENN JOHNSON, Treas-

urer. Laurence Collin, a long-time member of the EC RDC, is a retired farmer from Isanti. Laurence represents Isanti County public interests on the commission. Dick Jackson is a Mille Lacs County Commissioner who lives in Princeton. Glenn Johnson is an Isanti County Commissioner.

Following the public hearing the commission adopted a work program for the coming year and a budget

totaling more than \$1 million. Included in the FY 1991 EC

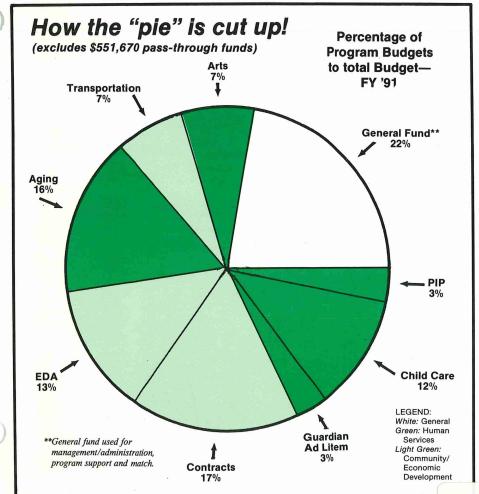
Included in the FY 1991 EC RDC work program and budget are:

\$614,826 in funds provided by the Federal Older American's Act and Minnesota State Legislature to provide services to the region's elderly and carry out Area Agency on Aging operations;

\$55,545 in support of the East Central Arts Council to promote the arts in Region 7E. Funds are made available by the MN State Arts Board and McKnight Foundation;

More than \$93,000 to provide services and resources to families and children through the "Pride in Parenting" child abuse prevention program, a recently established 7E Child Guardian Ad Litem Program, and a Child Care Resource and Referral Program, to be expended to all five counties by the EC RDC and Family Resource Center in Lindstrom. Funds for these programs and services are provided to the Commission by the MN Dept. of Human Services, Central MN Initiative Fund, Emma B. Howe Foundation, the Children's Trust Fund, the MN State Bar

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Danielle Perrier, newly hired CCRR Program Coordinator at the EC RDC offices in Mora.

Child Care Resource and Referral Program starts

With funds provided by the Minnesota State Legislature and Central Minnesota Initiative Fund, the Regional **Development Commission and Family** Resource Center, Lindstrom, will expand child care resource and referral (CCRR) services to all five counties included in Region 7E. The Regional Development Commission is the grant recipient and administers CCRR funds, totalling more than \$100,000 for the current grant period, for the five county area. The EC RDC will sub-contract with the Family Resource Center to continue the program in Chisago County and to expand services to Isanti

Annual Meeting

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Foundation, and local contributions; \$66,667 in funds provided by the Economic Development Administration and local tax levy to carry out economic development planning and technical assistance services;

\$34,215 in funds provided by the MN Department of Transportation to carry out a regional transportation planning program;

And \$83,000 in funds for technical planning and grantsmenship services provided to local government and agencies.

At right: Commissioners and guests enjoyed a picnic as part of the Annual Meeting.



Primary Purpose of CCRR

- To provide information about child care resources to parents and others in need of child care
- To identify needs of child care providers and help them obtain resources they need to improve their services
- To assist in development of additional child care resources within the region
- To provide training opportunities and resources to care providers
- To assist local and state licensing authorities in recruitment and training of providers

County. The EC RDC will establish the program in Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties. The Chisago County CCRR program advisory committee will be continued, and new committees formed in Isanti County, and one to serve Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties. Representatives from the three advisory committees will serve on the overall, regional advisory committee.

The need for additional child care resources has become recognized by working parents and employers throughout the country. As more and more families where both parents work outside the home, a phenomenon almost becoming the norm in the US, expanded child care resources such as evening and weekend care, overnight care, and care resources for special needs children are needed.

Questions? Contact Danielle Perrier at the Mora office 679-4065 or 1-800-323-7126 or Marsha Baer at the Family Resource Center, Lindstrom, 257-2400.



Community Development

Rural Development Board to provide funds for ag-related projects in Region 7E

Based on recommendations of it's regional advisory committee the Rural Development Board plans to allocate \$41,666 to Region 7E to fund "farmrelated pilot projects". Laurence Collin, recently elected chairman of the East Central Regional Development Commission, sits on the Rural Development Board Regional Advisory Committee. To determine how these grant funds will be used within the region, each committee member must develop three to five priority need areas for use of the funds. After the priorities are established, and after grant application criteria are determined by the Rural Development Board, applications will be sought from the region. The Rural Development Advisory Committee will then review grant applications and make final funding decisions. Plans are underway for the EC RDC to convene a meeting in early August with interested persons within Region 7E to develop funding priorities to be used in making these grant decisions. If interested and you want more information contact Roger Ames, EC RDC Executive Director.

Community Development in Hinckley and Ogilvie

The city of Hinckley is experiencing a number of building projects this summer and fall, according to Community Development Planner John Sullivan. Hinckley will commence construction on a new library facility on September 17. \$70,000 of the funds for the \$200,000 project came in the form of a grant from Title II Library Construction funds administered by the State of Minnesota's Library Development and Services. The rest of the project funds came from the Hinckley Lions Club, VFW Women's Auxiliary, City of Hinckley, Library Board Fund, and a \$5,000 grant from the East Central Library Board.

Other projects include the current construction of a 48 unit Day Stop Motel development by Mana Dyne, Inc. of St. Cloud, which will be located to the north of Tobies Express on the Inter-

Central Minnesota Business Innovation Center (BIC) establishes Technology Field Office, hires director

The Central Minnesota Business Innovation Center (BIC), a new program funded by the Greater Minnesota Corporation, has established a Technology Field Office (TFO) in Region 7E. The TFO will be officed at the Pine Technical College in Pine City and at the Regional Center in Cambridge. The purpose of the BIC and its TFOs is to assist businesses, industries and entreprenuers with "technology transfer"—to make available the latest technology and expertise to assist area businesses/manufacturers in addressing production and other problems.

Robert A. Clarin has been hired by the BIC to serve as Director of the TFO in Region 7E. Mr. Clarin, who prefers to be called Bob, has over 15 years of manufacturing experience. His most recent position was a General Manager of a manufacturing company located in Elk River, MN. Prior to that, Bob was a Senior Manager with Peat Marwich Main & Co. His responsibilities included

development and implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies. Other areas included manufacturing operation analysis, cost/benefit analysis and production systems implementation.

Bob was employed by Medtronic Inc. from 1973-1985. He held a management position in quality assurance, production and finance. During those years, he was involved in developing and implementing certified vendor programs, robotic manufacturing systems, plant start-ups and a major cost accounting system.

Bob received his Bachelor's degree from Metropolitan State University and his Master's degree from the Kotz Graduate School of Management, College of St. Thomas. He has specialized expertise in the area of business development, cost management and production systems.

Phone numbers for the TFO are (612) 629-6764, ext. 154, or 1-800-521-7463.

state Highway 35 interchange; a new Farmers and Merchants Bank building in downtown Hinckley at the site of the old Tenquist Variety Store opened for bids in July; a new grocery store and parking lot is being planned for Daggett's Super Value at the old site of the demolished Grace Hotel building; and an expansion of the Hinckley Public School building is underway.

In the city of Ogilvie, construction of the new Ogilvie Public School (K-12) is underway. The \$13.4 million, 186,000 square foot school facility is expected to be complete in September of 1991. The site is the city's southwest corner, directly off the State Highway 23 and 47 intersection. According to Sullivan, the current 82,000 square foot school facility is already being offered to potential buyers or tenants. "A variety of professional office tenants as well as manufacturing firms have already expressed a serious interest in the school facility for 1991," Sullivan said. Anyone who would like a brochure on the current school facility and what it has to offer can contact John Sullivan at 679-4065 or 272-4414 at Citizen State Bank in Ogilvie.

Pollution Control Agency approves funds for water quality workshops

In May, word was received from the Pollution Control Agency that a proposal submitted by the Central MN Water Quality Project and East Central Regional Development Commission had been approved. Funds will be used to conduct regional workshops and develop educational materials to demonstrate the interpretation of water quality data. The Central MN Water Quality Project, officed in Princeton, and the EC RDC are joint sponsors of the project. The project will contract with the University of Minnesota Professional Development Center to develop a workbook/manual on "Understanding Your Water Quality Data" and to conduct two workshops. The project will be coordinated with the University of MN **Duluth Continuing Education and** Extension Center. Additional information may be obtained from Patricia Ruble, Director of the CM Water Quality Project at (612) 389-4563.

Transportation work program focuses on township road standards

The EC RDC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) has focused next year's work program on township road standards. Numerous townships have few or no established standards to use in construction or maintaining roads. Working in association with the MN Township Association, township officials and county highway engineers, the TAC will develop guidelines for township road standards. Interested persons who would like to attend a meeting of the TAC should contact Debra Funk, Transportation Program Manager, at the EC RDC offices in Mora.

"Doorway to the Future" Regional Aging Conference Theme

The East Central Area Agency on Aging and Pine City Community Education Program are co-sponsors of a regional conference on aging to be held on Friday, August 10th at the Pine City High School. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Nelson R. Otto, President of Visionary Management, whose mission is to assist organizations and individuals to understand, manage, and anticipate change, leading to the creation of positive visions for the future. The conference, planned by the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee, is packed full of special workshops of interest to older Americans, service and care providers. Workshop subjects include presentations and discussions of alzheimer's disease, child/adult abuse prevention, nutritional needs of the elderly, estate planning, issues related to volunteer driving, volunteer opportunities through the DNR, and informational updates on programs such as medicare, social security and others. The day long conference includes breaks/refreshments and a noon meal.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the EC RDC offices at the toll-free number listed on the cover of this newsletter.

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

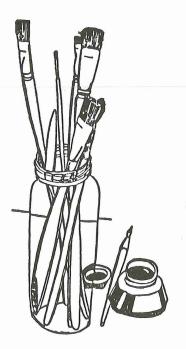
IMagE 90

Image '90, the regional art exhibiton, will be held September 21-23, 1990 in Lindstrom. This show marks the first Image show held in Chisago County. The event features the work of artists living in the five counties served by the East Central Regional Development Commission. The exhibition will be held at St. Bridget's Social Hall and promises to be an exciting show.

Artists may enter two original works which must be ready for hanging or display. As in previous Image shows, no entry fees are required. Art forms sought for the exhibition include pottery, sculpture, photography, paintings, drawings, and mixed media. This is a judged art exhibition with cash and merit awards. The popular Gerald Korte will again be juror for the event and will provide a gallery tour as well.

For more information, persons may contact Arts Council Member, Deb Proctor at (612) 358-4123 or Nora Holt at (612) 257-5111 or Diane Handlos at (612) 257-1120. Entry forms are available at the East Central Regional Development Commission offices, Mora.

Image '90 is made possible with funding provided by the East Central Arts Council and East Central Regional Development Commission through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature.



Gwen Baldry ends term as chair

Gwen Baldry, Chairperson of the East Central Arts Council, completes her service on the council August 31st—the end of her current term. Representing Mille Lacs County, Gwen has marked her fifth year on the council.

Rosemaling is Gwen's own particular interest and art form. "As an artist herself, Gwen's perspectives and knowledge of the arts have proven valulable qualities for the council" says Bob Bollenbeck, Program Manager.

On the council, Gwen has been instrumental in generating additional publicity of art activities in her area and has provided important insights regarding grant applications for regional arts funding.

The East Central Arts Council and East Central Regional Development Commission want to take this opportunity to *thank* and recognize Gwen for her service and commitment to the arts!

Commission expresses appreciation to June Nichols

EC RDC member Dale Dunstan (right) presented June Nichols with a drawing by Betty Karas of Pine City in appreciation for June's outstanding work as project coordinator for the Pride in Parenting program of child abuse prevention. June's commitment and hard work made the program the success it has been over the past four years. Dale Dunstan is a member of the Pride in Parenting advisory committee. It is with regret that the commission bids farewell to June, who is leaving the commission to assume responsibilities with the Pine City Schools. June will be missed, but we wish her the best in her new position.





Newly established child guardian ad litem program becomes operational

During the month of May sixteen residents from the five counties included in Region 7E volunteered their time to participate in training to become guardians ad litem. These individuals are now available to the county court judges in the five counties, who may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the best interests of a child(ren) in cases coming before the court. Since completion of initial training and actual implementation of the program in June, already ten guardians have been appointed.

The EC RDC started the child guardian ad litem program in cooperation with area judges and others. The need for this type of resource was identified through the EC RDC operated "Pride in Parenting" program of child abuse prevention and through discussions with county judges. Similar programs exist in other parts of the state and are a valued resource to judges who need assistance

in dealing with cases involving children. The EC DC obtained funds from the Emma B. Howe Foundation and Central MN Initiative Fund, and contributed some of it's own resources to start the program. EC RDC staffer Bob Bollenbeck coordinates and manages the program. When a judge appoints a guardian ad litem to a case, the court administrator contacts the EC RDC offices, which assigns a trained guardian ad litem to the case. The guardian ad litem goes into the court offices, signs an oath and consent form, and at that time becomes an agent of the court and begins their

investigation of the case. The result of the investigation is a report and recommendation by the guardian ad litem as to what action by the court would truly be in the best interest of the child(ren) involved. The program is served by an active advisory commmittee upon which serves an area judge, court administrators, attorneys, social service agency representatives, law enforcement and others. Newly appointed guardians ad litem attend weekly meetings with a program case consultation team, which is available to answer questions and offer direction as they begin their duties.



Individuals from throughout the five counties volunteered Saturdays during the month of May to become trained as child guardians ad litem. The training was conducted by Cathy Hanson (center), who is herself a guardian ad litem of many years experience from Wadena County.

EC RDC Annual Report — FY 1990

Program Highlights

- Provided technical planning and grantsmanship services to cities, townships and counties
- Assisted in establishing a \$1.3 million Business Innovation Center for Central Minnesota with a Field Technology Office located in Region 7E
- Provided assistance to business entrepreneurs, small businesses in accessing information about state and federal resources available for business development and expansion
- Expanded Commission's information and data service center in response to increasing requests from local governments for data
- Carried out an active transportation planning and technical assistance program including completion of township road recording projects, gransmanship services, completion of an intercounty route system map project, represented regional interests in selection of search area for a new international airport, provided support to an active regional transportation advisory committee to the ECRDC
- Carried out activities through the Area Agency on Aging Program which benefited senior citizens including providing more than \$500,000 in grants for direct services, hosting and participating in training activities, carrying out a legislative program including sponsorship of a "day on the hill", and providing technical assistance to service providers and senior groups
- Supported an active East Central Arts Council in developing and promoting the arts in East Central Minnesota by approving funds for more than twenty arts projects during the year, publishing an Arts Quarterly, maintaining a current artist directory for the region and other activities in support of the arts in the region
- Expanded the mission of the EC RDC to serve children and families through continued support of the "Pride in Parenting" program of child abuse prevention, and adding two new programs which serve children and families—a Regional Child Guardian ad Litem program used by the courts and establishment of a Child Care Resource and Referral program

East Central Regional Development Commission Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ending June 30, 1990

	FY 1990 BUDGET		FY 1990 ACTUAL		FY 1991 ADOPTED	
REVENUES:			(Unaudited)		BUDGET	
Taxes	\$	93,000	\$	94,714	\$	111,953
MN Board on Aging		601,774		597,422		597,141
(includes pass-through funds)						
EDA		38,693		38,693		50,000
Human Service Department		4,480		4,480		40,709
State Arts Board		52,798		52,798		49,545
(includes pass-through funds)						
State Transportation		30,465		30,465		27,000
State Appropriation		41,262		41,262		41,262
Contracts for Services		132,693		127,502		83,839
Interest/Other		9,041		5,322		7,450
Private Foundations		57,019		57,019		36,378
(includes pass-through funds)						
Local Organizations		19,546		18,396		11,500
Registrations		8,332		8,332		-
(includes pass-through funds)						
FY '89 Fund Balance		18,384		18,384		-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1	,107,487	\$1	,094,789	\$1	,056,777

EXPENDITURES:

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1	,107,487	\$1	,094,789	\$1	1,056,777
Pass-through Grants		578,512		572,729		551,670
Budget Reserve		1,736		2,750		4,101
PIP-Special Project		12,565		16,164		10,549
Day on Hill/Seminars		1,989		1,911		2,070
Lease of Equipment		1,277		1,277		9,800
Purchase Equipment/Car		2,337		2,337		2,067
Aging Regional Conference		-		-		3,000
Membership/Subscriptions		5,524		5,402		4,300
Employee Recruitment		489		574		1,000
Commissioner's Expense		16,000		16,500		13,200
Advisory Committee		5,195		5,517		4,700
Service/Tech. Consultants		9,200		8,202		11,970
Rent		22,000		21,777		22,000
Miscellaneous		950		1,138		400
Registration/Conference Fees		3,387		3,557		3,569
Staff Travel		28,727		19,584		22,579
Maintenance on Equipment		900		462		900
Office Supplies		6,500		6,192		6,000
Insurance/Bonds		2,600		1,026		3,000
Vehicle Expense		2,000		2,194		2,000
Audit		6,785		6,785		7,000
Copying		3,300		3,053		3,500
Printing/Publications		10,129		9,149		11,400
Legal Notices		- ,000		- ,200		200
Postage		7,500		7,299		7,000
Telephone		6,500		6,256		8,000
Fringe	Ψ	76,204	Ψ	75,776	Ψ	73,796
Personnel	\$	295,181	\$	297,178	\$	267,006

Governor Perpich, members of the MN Board on Aging and State Department Commissioners hear testimony from area residents

More than one hundred people, including older residents of the area, officials and state legislators, gathered at the Mora American Legion on May 14 to participate in hearings on needs of the elderly held by the Area Agency on Aging, Minnesota Board on Aging, Governor Perpich and others. Twenty six people gave testimony before a hearing board made up of Commissioners of Veterans Affairs, Health, Human Services, the Governor, the Chair of the MN Board on Aging and its Executive Secretary. Among those giving testimony were Madeline Miller, Chair of the AAA Advisory Committee, who spoke to issues pertaining to the alternative care grant program, and Carol Nelson, Chisago County Senior Center located in North Branch, who spoke to the need for senior center funding, and others.

While here Governor Perpich gave special recognition to outstanding individuals and organizations who have made special contributions benefiting



older persons. Recognized were Harley Peterson of Cambridge, Audrey Mattson of Mora, Bud and Pearl Smith of Onamia, Mary Anderson of Braham, and the Braham Moose Lodge for their generous financial support for services.

More than 100 area residents gathered at the Mora Legion to participate in the Area Agency on Aging and Minnesota Board on Aging hearing.



What is Adopt-A-Highway?

- It's a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Minnesota's highways.
- It's a way for citizens to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- Litter is unsightly. It destroys the natural beauty of Minnesota's roadsides.
- Litter is expensive. The state spends almost \$2 million a year picking up litter—and that doesn't count what cities and counties spend.
- Scenic and litter-free highways say "welcome" to visitors and make us pround to be Minnesotans.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Community groups, businesses or individuals agree to adopt a segment of state highway and keep it litter-free for a miniumn of two years. In exchange, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) will erect an official highway sign acknowledging your group's cleanup efforts.

Mn/DOT will help you select a

highway to adopt. They'll provide safety training, reflective vests and trash bags. And they'll arrange to pick up the filled bags when you're done.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you're interested in adopting a highway, call your local Mn/DOT office for more details:

District 3 - Brainerd Offices Gary Niemi, 301 Laurel St., Box 978 Brainerd, MN 56401 (218) 828-2468

District 3 - St. Cloud Offices Dave Trooien, 3725 - 12th St. N., Box 370 St. Cloud, MN 56302 (612) 255-4231



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