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Southwest Regional

Development Commission

Fiscal Year 1989

Annual Report

Preserving The Past, While Focusing On The Future

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Pictured above from left to right are: Carl Hauschild, SRDC Chairman; Woody Kramer, SRDC Secretary; and Paul Mettling, SRDC Treasurer.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Each year the Southwest Regional Development Commission looks back to the accomplishments of the past year; this year has brought many. The Regional Development Commission has continued and expanded its role as a leader in solving area problems. Working with the counties, cities and townships the RDC has been instrumental in problem resolution in the areas of economic diversification, soil and water conservation, transportation, waste management, and the issues of the aging. It is our sincere desire as Commissioners to continue to expand the role of the Development Commission and achieve our primary purpose; that being to facilitate and coordinate intergovernmental cooperation that leads to orderly and harmonious comprehensive planning and development. Through this work, the RDC has provided a forum for the solution of economic, social, physical, and governmental problems of the Region and its citizens.

A number of changes have occurred within the ranks of the RDC. New Commissioners have been appointed from within the Region. These people represent one of the best aspects of a Development Commission, citizen involvement. In addition to the new Commissioners the RDC has hired some new staff members who we feel come to the area with a combination of education, experience, and enthusiasm that will enable them to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

Working together we can accomplish what alone we can only dream about. I call upon all of the citizens of the Southwest Region to utilize the services of the Development Commission. It is through your involvement that we can be successful at achieving regional goals and leading to the betterment of life for all who live within our wonderful corner of this great State.

Carl Hauschild, Chairman Southwest Regional Development Commission

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	Vernell Wabasha Lower Sioux Community
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* Indicates SRDC Board Members

SRDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pictured above are the SRDC Board of Directors: from left to right are Woody Kramer, Carl Hauschild, Clayton Ihlen, Darold Neperman, Dennis Roning, Loren Carlson, Norman Madsen, Milford Gentz, Claire Gerber, and Paul Mettling. Missing are: Robert Demuth, John Feda, Marlowe Nelsen, and Fred Worden.

SRDC OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989

Carl Hauschild	. Chairman
Milford Gentz Vic	e-Chairman
Paul Mettling	Treasurer
W.F. "Woody" Kramer	Secretary

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET

"Solid Staff - Financially Sound"

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I have just recently come to the Regional Development Commission to fill the role of Interim Executive Director. During the short period of time I have been on board I've made a number of observations, some of which follow.

I see a Commission with the desire to positively affect the quality of life for the citizens of the Southwest Region. These people give their time, share their life experiences, devote their energy, and provide their expertise to accomplish monumental tasks. The rewards are little other than the sense of personal satisfaction one gets from knowing they have made a difference. I commend the Commission members for their dedication in addressing local needs and solving regional problems.

I've also had the opportunity to work with a staff of innovative, industrious individuals whose goals, like the Commissioners, are to address the concerns of local units of government and to lead to the elimination of problematic areas. These people are the glue that binds this organization together and it is their diligent work that has led to the success of the Commission. It has been said that one is only as good as the people that surround him, with this in mind I feel we the work force with the help and guidance of the Commission can accomplish great things.

I wish to also thank the people of the region for the warm reception I've received. I call upon the people of the area to get involved with their local units of government to address their needs. This local commitment is the catalyst to success for the Southwest Regional Development Commission. I wish to thank all the people of the area for their support. In the future such participation will remain the critical measure of the Commission's progress.

Lastly, I would like to briefly comment on this years slogan. Its development is a result of a knowledge that the past provides guideposts, but we must look to the future to make the best decisions today. As we approach the threshold of the 90's, we need to focus on the issues which will confront us in the next ten years: economic development and jobs, transportation and the environment, and making the most of our areas greatest resource our people. It is only through our awareness of our history that we can approach tomorrow successfully.

Sincerely,

Randy L. Jorgenson Director

DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADOPTED DURING FISCAL YEAR

- ** Fiscal Year 1988 Audit Report
- ** Resolution for the SRDC to enter into agreement with the State of Minnesota, State Planning Agency to provide assistance from appropriations made available for such purposes for FY1989, July, 1988.
- ** Resolution urging the Legislature of the State of Minnesota to amend statutes to extend power to establish economic development authorities to counties, October, 1988.
- ** County Landfill Rate Survey, November, 1988
- ** 1987-1990 Area Plan, "Stragetic Planning Toward the 1990's," Updated January 1, 1989.
- ** 1989 SRDC Legislative Effort
- ** Fiscal Year 1989 Indirect Cost Plan
- ** Southwest Minnesota Regional Labor Survey, June, 1989
- ** Revised SRDC Affirmative Action Plan, June, 1989



Pictured above are the SRDC Staff Members: front row left to right are Rhonda Wynia, Helen Brinks, Barb Kirchner, Janet Schaeffer, and Florence March. Back row from left to right are: Dianne Crowley, Annette Bair, Steve Dusek, Brenda Pommier, Randy Jorgenson, Colleen Jones, and Maddy Forsberg.

SRDC STAFF MEMBERS

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Randy Jorgenson ..... Acting Executive Director
Maddy Forsberg ..... Aging Program Manager
Steve Dusek ..... Economic Development Planner
Annette Bair .... Physical Development Planner
Colleen Jones .... Comm./Economic Dev. Planner
Rhonda Wynia ..... Office Manager
Dianne Crowley ..... Financial Officer
Helen Brinks ..... Grants Manager
Barb Kirchner .... Administrative Assistant
Janet Schaeffer .... Secretary II
Brenda Pommier .... Secretary
Florence March ..... Clerk/Typist

# FISCAL YEAR 1988 AUDIT SUMMARY

The State Auditor's opinion letter stated that the SRDC's Fiscal Year 1988 general purpose financial statements fairly disclosed the financial position and results of operations of the Commission for the year ended June 30, 1988.

Two areas of concern were presented by the auditors. ITEM: The audit resolutions of subgrantees needed to be resolved more timely. RESPONSE: The Area Agency on Aging staff have worked diligently to bring the audit resolutions on line and have made considerable progress as of this time. ITEM: The agreement for services with the Prairieland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) needs to be updated. RESPONSE: A new contract with PEDC has been finalized.

The audit report showed no material weaknesses in internal accounting procedures. The SRDC was determined to be in compliance on legal matters.

There were no items to resolve from the Fiscal Year 1987 audit.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

The Administrative and Budgetary functions of a Commission like the RDC are paramount to operating successful programs. Unlike the private sector, the records and books of the RDC are part of public record and open to scrutiny by the public at large. In 1988-89, the financial staff of the RDC again demonstrated their ability to manage public resources and administer a wide range of programs. Through the sound management practices utilized by staff, the RDC was able to limit budget amendments, maintain proper reporting requirements, and incorporate previous audit recommendations into the budgetary process. The stability of the RDC is exemplified in the sound fiscal policy of the RDC.

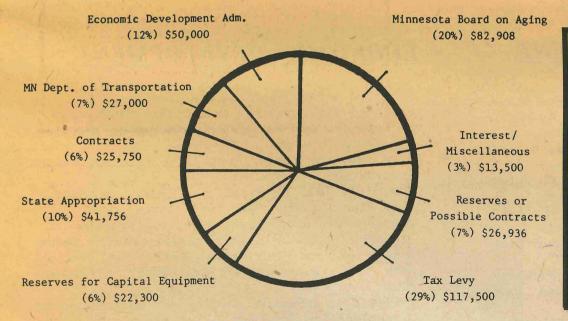
## PROJECT REVIEWS

During Fiscal Year 1989 the Southwest Regional Development Commission reviewed 85 projects from within the Region to avoid duplication and insure wise use of public funds. If you are interested in receiving a complete listing of the project reviews for FY'89 please contact the SRDC office.

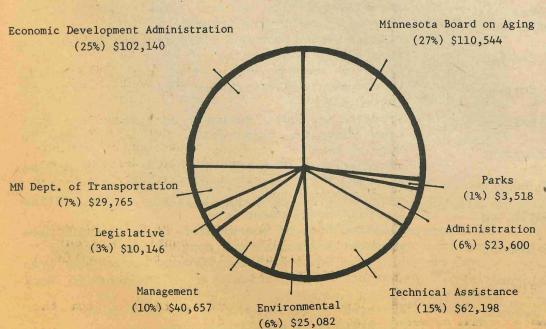
### SRDC POLICY SCREENING COMMITTEE

| Carl Hauschild, Chairman | Lincoln | County |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Abner Brandt             | Jackson | County |
| Berdell Bush             | Rock    | County |
| Robert Demuth            | Nobles  | County |
| Mary Magnus              | Murray  | County |

## FISCAL YEAR 1990 REVENUES



## FISCAL YEAR 1990 EXPENDITURES



## SRDC REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REPORTING PERIOD BUDGET (Fiscal Year 1989) Revenues by Fund

| Tax Levy                          | \$116,522 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| State Appropriation               | 41,782    |
| Minnesota Board on Aging          | 76,750    |
| Economic Development Adm          | 45,850    |
| MN Department of Transportation . | 25,000    |
| Contracts                         | 23,658    |
| Interest Earned & Miscellaneous . | 19,837    |
| Reserves for Capital Equipment    | 3,469     |
|                                   |           |

TOTAL \$352,868

3,080

REPORTING PERIOD BUDGET (Fiscal Year 1989) Actual Expenditures

| \$215,616   |
|-------------|
| 19,278      |
| 34,907      |
| 15,000      |
| 9,689       |
| 9,304       |
| 10,454      |
| 3,381       |
| 4,649       |
| 5,012       |
| 6,236       |
| 3,877       |
| 667         |
| 4,473       |
| 7,245       |
|             |
| \$349,788   |
| Street Land |
|             |

NOTE: Estimates are included for payable and receivable amounts on revenues and expenditures.

DIFFERENCE

# SRDC BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTE

| PERSONNEL COMMITTEE          |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Dennis Roning, Chairman Rock | County |
| Loren Carlson Jackson        | County |
| Robert Demuth Nobles         | County |
| John Feda Lyon               | County |
| Milford Gentz Jackson        | County |
| Alvin Gruis Nobles           | County |
| Carl Hauschild Lincoln       | County |
| Eloise Hauschild Lincoln     | County |
| Clayton Ihlen Pipestone      |        |
| Woody Kramer Redwood         | County |
| Paul Mettling Murray         | County |
| Marlowe Nelsen Cottonwood    | County |
| Werner Fischer Redwood       | County |

## WORK PLAN AND BUDGET REPORT

The SRDC completed the work program elements during Fiscal Year 1989 as summarized throughout this report. All categories were addressed satisfactorily and financial concerns were met ending the year under budget.

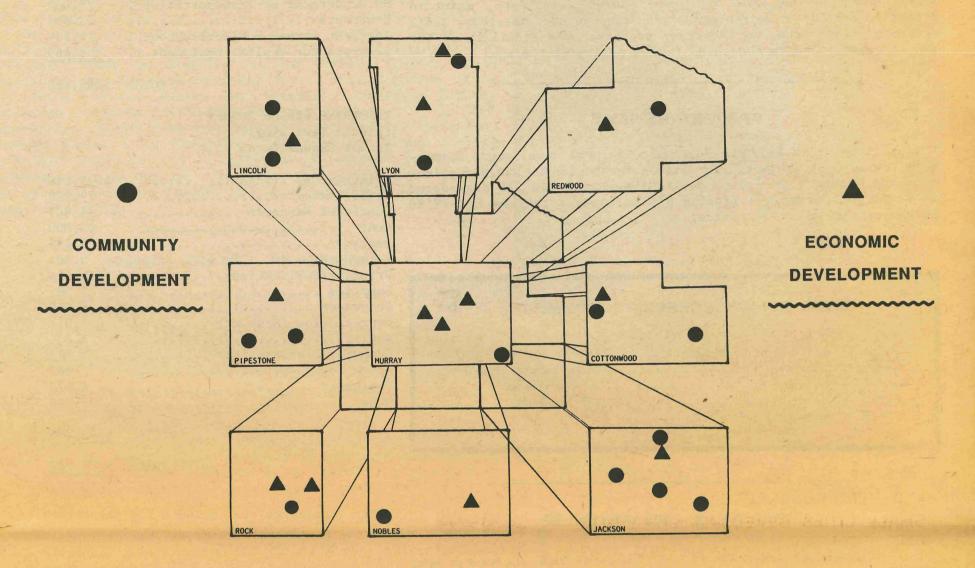
The Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 1990 was prepared using the various standing committees of the Commission; each of which integrated its work elements with various budgetary considerations. The Budget and Personnel Committee of the Commission then coordinated these elements into a budget for Fiscal Year 1990.

On May 30, 1989, the Southwest Regional Development Commission approved the Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 1990. Copies are available from the SRDC Office, Box 265, Slayton, MN 56172.

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Shaping The Southwest"

The SRDC has achieved significant impact in the areas of economic and community development over the past year. Below are several of these accomplishments:



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Westbrook Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Mountain
- Administration of City of Jackson's Small Cities Economic Development Grant
- Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Heron
- Technical assistance provided to City of Lakefield on Celebrate MN 1990 Grant (awarded)
- Analyzed Community Development Survey for City
- of Heron Lake Prepared and administered Small Cities Develop-
- ment Grant for City of Wilder (awarded June Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Wilder
- Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Lake
- Prepared and administered Small Cities Development Grant for City of Lake Benton (awarded June
- Technical assistance provided to City of Ivanhoe on Celebrate MN 1990 Grant (awarded)
- Conducted Needs Assessment for City of Cotton-
- Technical assistance provided to City of Balaton on Celebrate MN 1990 Grant (awarded)
- Prepared and analyzed Community Development Survey for City of Ellsworth
- Technical assistance provided to City of Dundee on Celebrate MN 1990 Grant (awarded)
- Technical assistance to City of Ellsworth on Celebrate MN 1990 Grant (awarded)
- Prepared and analyzed Community Development Survey for City of Ihlen
- Prepared and analyzed Community Development Survey for City of Hatfield
- Technical assistance provided to City of Redwood Falls on Celebrate 1990 Grant

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Promoted Southwest Minnesota Tourism
- Assisted with the Expo Feasibility Study
- Conducted a Regionwide Labor Survey to determine employment status
- As a regional census center, we provided census information as requested
- Wrote the 1990 Economic Development Administration Planning Grant and Application
- Prepared Minnesota Marketplace Application
- Prepared a Farmer's Home Administration Industrial Development Program Application for the of Westbrook's Wastewater Treatment City
- Prepared an Economic Development Administration Preapplication for City of Westbrook
- Prepared Farmer's Home Administration application for City of Wilder
- Administered the City of Tyler's Small Cities Economic Development Grant
- Packaged and processed a Prairieland 504 project in the City of Marshall
- Prepared and funds received for an Economic Development Administration Grant for the City of Cottonwood
- Prepared a Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Guarantee Application for a business in Murray County
- Administered City of Slayton's Small Cities Economic Development Grant
- Administered City of Currie's Small Cities Economic Development Grant
- Assisted City of Worthington in an Economic Development Administration Application (awarded)
- Prepared Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Guarantee Application for a business in Rock
- Assisted a business from City of Magnolia in preparation of a business plan

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

A significant amount of time is spent by the SRDC on providing technical assistance to counties, cities, townships, and nonprofit organizations in Region 8. Some of the services offered are:

- -- information on potential public and private funding
- -- data and census information
- -- water and sewer rate comparisons
- -- information on business planning

The SRDC also assists communities in developing economic/community development needs assessments, which help identify and prioritize community projects.

The Staff works extensively with cities, counties, townships, and businesses for individual grant-writing services. Some of these are the Small Cities Development Program, Small Cities Economic Development Projects, and Farmer's Home Administration Preapplications.



# LAKE BENTON, WILDER, JACKSON, AND HENDRICKS RECEIVE SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

In June, 1989, the Cities of Lake Benton, Wilder, Jackson, and Hendricks received grant funds under the MN Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) Small Cities Development Program.

The City of Lake Benton received approximately a \$125,000 grant for the construction of an 80,000 gallon water storage reservoir. The total project cost is around \$135,000.

The City of Wilder received a \$207,000 for the development of a new water distribution system in conjunction with their connection to the Red Rock Rural Water System. This system will be tapping into the existing Red Rock Rural Water System. Total project cost is around \$451,000.

The SRDC office worked closely with the Cities of Lake Benton and Wilder in the preparation of these applications. Lake Benton's project ranked 5th and Wilder's project ranked 9th of all the single purpose public facilities applications submitted to DTED.

The City of Jackson received a \$445,000 grant to improve the City's lift stations and thereby increase flow to the Community's expanded wastewater treatment stabilization ponds. Total project cost is approximately 2.1 million dollars.

The City of Hendricks received a \$675,000 for their comprehensive grant. The grant funds will be used to acquire and demolish several dilapidated buildings, construct a storm sewer to reduce flooding and building damage; rehabilitate 30 homes owned and occupied by low income persons and rehabilitate 20 commercial buildings. The total cost for this project is 1 million dollars.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

The Southwest Region's Communities are made up of people with various individual and collective needs. They are partnerships of institutions, both public and private working together to address the public needs of their communities.

These needs are diverse and often include parks and recreational facilities, adequate and dependable water supply systems, safe sewage treatment facilities, renovated downtown areas, and quality housing for the elderly and low to moderate income persons.

In order to help communities meet their needs the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) administers a number of varied community assistance programs. These programs provide diverse types of assistance to communities. This assistance is made available through grants and long-term, low-interest loans.

In order to help communities reach their goals DTED has developed a single, integrated application process. This single application process allows communities to apply for financial assistance for up to six projects at a single time on one application form.

The Community Development Application is completed in two parts. The first part of the application is to briefly state what type of project(s) the community is interested in pursuing. Based on the information that is provided a project review team from DTED will meet with representatives from the community to determine which community development program, or combination of programs, can best meet the community's needs, as well as provide the community with information regarding other types of funding sources (such as Federal, State, in-kind, etc.) that are available.

The community will then be provided with a program manual and a forms package, composed of project-specific supporting materials that they will need to complete as Part II of the Community Development Application process.

If a community is interested in pursuing a community development project or an outdoor recreation project, Part II of the application process must be completed by September 1.

The Southwest Regional Development Commission has been actively involved in providing technical assistance to communities in completing Part I and Part II of the Community Development Application. The response from the communities towards the new single application process has been very favorable. If you would like more information about the Community Development Application, please contact our office at 507/836-8549.

# SRDC ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

| Milford Gentz, Chairman Jackson | County |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Berdell Bush Rock               | County |
| Donata DeBruyckere Lyon         | County |
| Dave Edwards Nobles             | County |
| John Feda Lyon                  | County |
| Myron Koets Pipestone           | County |
| Woody Kramer Redwood            | County |
| Coralee Krueger Cottonwood      | County |
| Gary Lueck Cottonwood           | County |
| Norman Madsen Lincoln           | County |
| Mary Magnus Murray              | County |
| Paul Mettling Murray            |        |
| Jan Otto Lyon                   |        |
| Vernell Wabasha Redwood         |        |
|                                 |        |

## SRDC'S AGING PROGRAM

## "Aging Programs In Action"

The Legal Services in Calendar Year 1988 helped 161 clients with legal case work and presented to 4813 persons community education presentations.



Para-Legal Mary Lee Peterson making presentation on Living Wills.

The Marshall Senior Citizens were awarded \$25,000 to hire a Senior Center Director to coordinate activities for approximately 400 members of the Senior Center.



Mary Snobl, Director of Marshall Senior Center.

In 1988, the Ombudsman Program handled 90 cases for nursing home residents in Region Eight.



Annabel Greseth, Long Term Care Ombudsman at a training for nursing home residents and staff.

Five Senior Center Grant Applications for Title IIIB funds were approved in 1988.



Wabasso Senior Center on dedication day 1989.

In 1988, the Senior Nutrition Program served 227,938 congregate meals to 8,549 persons and 70,921 home delivered meals to 1,146 persons.



Devonna Etrheim, cook at Pipestone Mealsite working with volunteers.

Murray County Hospice Program served 22 persons in 1988.

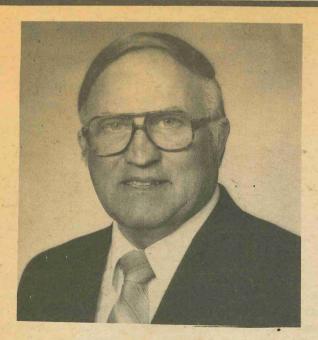


Lewis Swenson, Hospice client; Kathy Thurston, Client Coordinator; and Violet Swenson, family member.



## AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| Frank Swedzinski, Chairman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
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| Joseph Clercx                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Erma Schubbe Hills                     |
| Ione Tracy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mary Sprau Lake Wilson                 |
| Elaine Ressler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Joseph Clercx Jasper                   |
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| John Maurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mae Ambrose Jackson                    |
| Harvey Scholten                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
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| Art Weflen (ex-officio) St. Paul                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Everett Collin Windom                  |
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| Helen Western (ex-officio) Marshall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Art Weflen (ex-officio) St. Paul       |
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Frank Swedzinski, Lincoln County SRDC's Aging Program Advisory Council Chairman



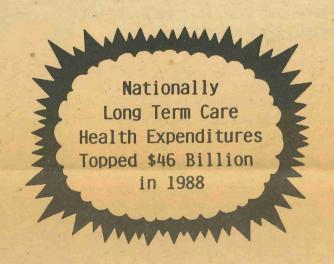
## AGING PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Southwest Regional Development Commission's Aging Program awarded \$782,894 in federal funds for services to Older Americans during the Calendar Year 1988. These federal funds generated an additional \$429,305 in participant contributions, \$216,852 in local match, and \$172,714 from other sources. Direct service programs served a total of 34,042 persons under the various programs. This is not an unduplicated count as one person may have utilized two or more services.

Other highlights of activities include a strong legislative program. The Aging Advisory Council, members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Southwest Senior Federation, Veterans, RSVP, and citizens concerned about senior citizens issues worked together on legislative issues.

The Aging Program held numerous meetings and gave technical assistance to expand and coordinate county transportation programs and develop a regional transportation coordination project. These programs will begin the Summer and Fall of 1989.

In cooperation with the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund and the Area Agencies on Aging in Upper Minnesota Valley (6W) and Mid-Minnesota (6E) an Aging Trust Fund was approved. This Aging Trust Fund, when fully established, will guarantee a private source of funding for programs and services for the older population.



# DURING FISCAL YEAR 1989

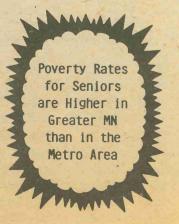
| *Legal and Paralegal Service \$    | 34,540  |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| *WESCAP Transportation             | 65,000  |
| *Murray County Transportation      | 7,074   |
| *Pipestone County Transportation . | 11,800  |
| *Murray Co. Coordinator on Aging . | 9,845   |
| *Lincoln, Lyon, Murray & Pipe-     |         |
| stone Community Health Services    | 19,983  |
| *Worthington Taxi                  | 16,875  |
| Lincoln, Lyon, Murray & Pipe-      |         |
| stone Community Health Services    |         |
| Title D                            | 9,718   |
| SW Mental Health Peer Counseling.  | 10,000  |
| WESCAP Ombudsman                   | 38,500  |
| Murray County Hospice              | 24,155  |
| Nobles Co. Coordinator on Aging .  | 21,338  |
| SMAHC Arts and Aging               | 9,364   |
| Director, Marshall Senior Center.  | 25,000  |
| Mountain Lake Multipurpose         |         |
| Senior Center                      | 15,622  |
| Holland Multipurpose               |         |
| Senior Center                      | 4,104   |
| Adrian Multipurpose                |         |
| Senior Center                      | 3,652   |
| Pipestone Multipurpose             |         |
| Senior Center                      | 5,505   |
| Worthington Multipurpose           | 6 100   |
| Senior Center                      | 6,180   |
| Marshall Senior Center (Ext.)      | 25,000  |
| Wabasso Senior Center (Ext.)       | 25,000  |
|                                    | 254,137 |
| WESCAP (Congregate) State          | 98,085  |
| WESCAP (Home Delivered) Federal .  | 64,884  |

Annual Regional Conference on Aging was held. The theme of the conference was "Living Longer and Making It Count". Well over 300 persons attended.

In October the Ninth

Staff and members of the Aging Advisory Council attended many public meetings and spoke on such issues as: a veterans home in southwest Minnesota, need for rural transportation, need for an increase in home care programs, and problems with the Medicare reimbursement to rural areas.

The Aging Program will be seeing more demand on the money available for programs for the elderly and will be facing a challenging year in 1990.



\*Grants funded for 18 months.

# REGIONAL LABOR SURVEY/PRAIRIELAND

"Progress Through Diversification"

### REGIONAL LABOR SURVEY

It has become increasingly apparent that the standard forms of measuring the economic situation of the nation do not take into account many items vital to rural areas. Among the economic indicators which are commonly referred to by the media and government officials is the unemployment rate. It is generally believed that the unemployment rate is an accurate measure because relatively few working aged persons are self-employed or involved in family businesses. However, in rural areas, such as Southwest Minnesota, where a very large portion of people are self-employed or are involved in farming, the unemployment rate is seen as less than accurate. Furthermore, Southwest Minnesota has experienced a large out-migration of people in recent years (nearly 5% of the 1980 population of the nine counties of Southwest Minnesota has migrated out of the area). These factors have had a great influence on the labor force statistics of Southwest Minnesota.

In December of 1988, the Southwest Regional Development Commission designed and conducted a comprehensive regional labor survey. The intention of the SRDC in conducting the Regional Labor Survey is to assist those concerned about the labor force of Southwest Minnesota. It is generally felt that by developing a number of statistics about this labor force a number of concerned persons, such as government funding agencies, politicians, existing and potential businesses, educators and the general public would become aware of the situation which exists.

The Labor Survey is designed to be a useful tool to show what the labor force in Southwest Minnesota is comprised of and as a supplement to the unemployment rate. The survey was developed to thoroughly examine the economic distress the communities in Southwest Minnesota are currently faced with.

The examination of work status response magnifies the intention of the Regional Labor Survey. Southwest Minnesota has an abundance of individuals who are working, but who are available for a different job, are available for more hours and are retired but looking for work. The following table shows the breakdown of such responses.

## WORK STATUS

|               | EMPLO       | EMPLOYED       |                        |  |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|--|
|               | Responses 1 | Conventional 2 | Responses 3            |  |
| United States |             | 5.0 %          |                        |  |
| Minnesota     |             | 4.1 %          | Charles and the second |  |
| SW Minnesota  | 6.79 %      | 5.0 %          | . 26.70 %              |  |
| Cottonwood    | 11.65 %     | 5.8 %          | 15.53 %                |  |
| Jackson       | 4.76 %      | 6.0 %          | 25.00 %                |  |
| Lincoln       | 2.06 %      | 7.2 %          | 35.05 %                |  |
| Lyon          | 8.20 %      | 7.0 %          | 22.95 %                |  |
| Murray        | 7.62 %      | 7.4 %          | 23.81 %                |  |
| Nobles        | 4.05 %      | 4.4 %          | 29.73 %                |  |
| Pipestone     | 8.70 %      | 5.7 %          | 25.00 %                |  |
| Redwood       | 5.39 %      | 4.9 %          | 30.77 %                |  |
| Rock          | 7.79 %      | 3.4 %          | 27.27 %                |  |

- Responded positively to the following statement: I am not working but am looking for work.
- <sup>2</sup> Source: Minnesota Labor Market Review, January, 1989.
- Responded positively to one of the following statements: I am working but am available for a different job, I am working but am available for more hours, I am retired but am looking for work.

This information indicates that many individuals may desire a better job than they currently hold or can find. These individuals represent a large number of people who are underemployed and not achieving their greatest employment potential.

The Comprehensive Regional Labor Survey was designed to provide a basis from which discussion of the current economic situation, as it exists in Southwest Minnesota could be generated and increase the region's potential for economic development by demonstrating our greatest strength, our labor force.

If you would like more information about the Regional Labor Survey please contact our office at 507/836-8547.

# PRAIRIELAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION . . . 504 LOAN PROGRAM

The Prairieland Economic Development Corporation is a certified development company program that offers subordinated mortgage financing to healthy and expanding eligible small commercial and industrial business concerns.

### Eligible Small Business

The borrower must be a for-profit owner/user, located within the CDC's boundaries, and must have a net worth of less than \$6 million and a net profit after taxes of less than \$2 million.

### Ineligible Small Businesses

Small businesses who are financial institutions, media firms (ie. newspapers, radio and television stations), private restrictive clubs or real estate investment companies are not eligible for 504 CDC funding.

What you need to now about the 504 program:

- \* The 504 program is primarily a real estate program, with a job impact requirement (1 job per \$15,000 of the debenture)
- \* Machinery and equipment may be financed if it has at least a 10 year life
- \* No working capital allowed
- \* No debt financing allowed
- \* The 504 "loan" is actually obtained from Prairieland Economic Development Corporation which gets its money by selling debentures.
- \* A local bank (or other lender) is needed to finance approximately 50% of a project.

Typical project financing is like this:

- 50% first mortgage by Bank/ Lender
- 40% second mortgage by Prairieland Debenture, guaranteed by SBA
- 10% Business equity injection (more is required for business start-ups)

The SRDC has been involved over the past year in providing technical assistance to those businesses who have pursued financing through the Prairieland Economic Development Corporation 504 program. If you would like more information about Prairieland, please contact our office at 507/836-8547.

## PEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| Marnie Will, Chairman Nobles | County |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Dennis Roning Rock           | County |
| Ralph Bonnell Jackson        | County |
| Vacant Pipestone             | County |
| Brad Oeltjenbruns Murray     | County |
| Vacant Cottonwood            | County |
| Al Schultes Redwood          | County |
| Bob Reiter Lyon              | County |
| Harlen Gilbertson Lincoln    | County |

## LEGISLATION

## "Region Eight's Legislative Log"

### LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the course of the last year the Regional Development Commission worked hard to effect legislation that impacted the area. During the course of the year the various committees of the Commission established a listing of priority issues to be addressed by the Legislature during the then upcoming session. These issues were placed upon a legislative agenda and a strategy established to influence these areas. The staff and commissioners followed direction provided by Regional Development Commission's Chairman to impact the area legislators. The result of the above outlined action is listed below:

## STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING REGION 8

#### SENATORS

| Senator David J. Frederickson, Murdock District 2 | 20  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Senator Dennis R. Frederickson, Morgan District 2 | 23  |
| Senator Gary DeCramer, Ghent District 2           | 2.7 |
| Senator Jim Vickerman, Tracy District 2           | 28  |

### REPRESENTATIVES

| Representative | Howard Miller, Redwood FallsDist. | 20B |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Representative | Terry Dempsey, New Ulm District   | 23A |
| Representative | James Girard, Lynd District       | 27A |
| Representative | Andy Steensma, Luverne District   | 27B |
| Representative | Ted Winter, Fulda District        | 28A |
| Representative | Katy Olson, Sherburn District     | 28B |

## LEGISLATIVE BOY SCORE

| LEGISLATIVE BOX SCORE                                                                                                                                                         |                         |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Topic                                                                                                                                                                         | Action                  |  |
| Decrease workman's compensation and unemployment compensation rate                                                                                                            | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Economic development assistance for rural communities                                                                                                                         | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Development of the tourism poten-<br>tial of Southwest Minnesota                                                                                                              | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Revise the Greater Minnesota Corporation Act of 1987 to include rural local elected officials as members on all Boards, Commissions and Committees created by the legislation | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Adoption of the Adult Health Care<br>Rights Act (living will)                                                                                                                 | Successful              |  |
| Phased transfer of the motor vehicle excise tax from the gen- eral fund on the current schedule                                                                               | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Re-establish the full funding of the homeowners/renters tax credit                                                                                                            | Successful              |  |
| Expansion of service to assist family members and other informal caregivers their efforts in providing care to older persons                                                  | Successful              |  |
| Consolidate existing and proposed categorical grant programs partially into a rural revitalization act                                                                        | Successful              |  |
| Small park project acquisition and construction programs                                                                                                                      | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Local water management planning technical and financial assistance                                                                                                            | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Repeal of nursing home beds in areas of demonstrated need                                                                                                                     | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Adjust fuel tax to meet construction and reconstruction needs                                                                                                                 | Partially<br>Successful |  |
| Reauthorization of the bridge bonding program                                                                                                                                 | Partially<br>Successful |  |

As one can plainly see, a lot of work remains. This year the Regional Development Commission will once again make every attempt to see that the concerns of the Region's citizenry are addressed by the Legislature. We commend all those whose letters and calls to elected officials positively impact the area and prove the American system is alive and well.

## SRDC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

| Woody Kramer, Chairman | Redwood County         |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Berdell Bush           | Rock County            |
| Dave Edwards           | Nobles County          |
| Milford Gentz          | Jackson County         |
| Al Gruis               | Nobles County          |
| Carl Hauschild         | Lincoln County         |
| Eloise Hauschild       | Lincoln County         |
| Clayton Ihlen          | Aging Advisory Council |
| Mary Magnus            | Murray County          |
| Marlowe Nelsen         | Cottonwood County      |
| Fred Worden            | Lyon County            |
| Muriel Runholt         | Lyon County            |

## **TEAMWORK**

## "Program Interaction"

The SRDC continues to work in many areas to provide assistance and work as an intermediary between the public and private sectors on a local, state, and federal level. The coordination and cooperation of the various office's of an RDC, are vital to the successful obtainment of our objectives within the Region.

Expertise of staff is found in a wide array of fields from physical, community, and economic planning; to finance and accounting; not to mention the wide variety of senior services. Planning, to many people, conjures up ideas of ambiguities, a social rather than a physical science; in actuality, planning encompasses both. Unlike in the age of Aristotle, when one man could come to knowledge in all areas of study, planners today have specific areas of expertise. Working as a team allows us to call upon our peers and tap the resources they possess. Together we can accomplish what alone one cannot. RDC's are unique in their ability to pull these people together to obtain common goals or eliminate problematic areas. This ability is one of the strengths of the RDC. The following is a brief listing of some examples of program cooperation found within the Southwest Regional Development Commission.

- \* ENVIRONMENTAL / COMMUNITY / ECONOMIC Planners assisted and coordinated efforts in preparing environmental reviews and needs assessments for business location/expansion projects, and Small Cities Development Grants; and worked together when business investigating start-up of recycling facilities visit the office.
- \* ECONOMIC / COMMUNITY Provided technical assistance to the Southwest Minnesota Expo Board in the development of the Expo Center Feasibility Study; and assisted in the preparation of grants for Community Development projects.
- \* COMMUNITY / ECONOMIC / AGING Coordinated efforts to conduct and assess a Comprehensive Regional Labor Survey.
- \* TRANSPORTATION / COMMUNITY / ECONOMIC Spring Weight Restrictions affect commodity travel, sharing this data can assist in planning for location of business and industry.
- \* PARKS & RECREATION / COMMUNITY Assisted communities with the MN Department of Trade and Economic Development Single Application process.
- \* TRANSPORTATION / AGING Through advocacy and technical assistance, transit in Southwest Minnesota is becoming coordinated and able to expand service.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

## "On The Go"

### TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY

The Southwest Regional Development Commission continued its coordination with the Minnesota Department of Transportation in planning and development of a comprehensive transportation system. The SRDC Transportation Committee met on five occasions during the year. Major topics of discussion included: Market Arteries, the new Buffalo Ridge Rail Authority and Railroad, 1989 Spring Weight Restrictions, Rail Abandonment, Transit, Triple Trailer Truck legislation, the State Aeronautics Plan, Transportation Study Board, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax transfer, candidate highway construction projects for Mn/DOT District Offices 7 & 8, SRDC Transportation Planner Work Program, and Functional Classification of Federal Routes. The Committee also held its annual meeting with Mn/DOT Districts 7 & 8 Engineers to discuss future road improvements in the Region. The SRDC will continue to provide technical assistance in Transit and plans to update the Regional Transportation Plan.

## **COUNTY TRANSIT PROGRAMS**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation received an additional \$3.5 million from the 1988 State Legislature for non-metro public transit. From that money, Mn/DOT committed \$200,000 for demonstration projects on transportation coordination, including the use of volunteer programs.

The demonstration projects must emphasize coordination of service as a main goal, and the transit provider must provide service to the general public. SRDC staff has been providing technical assistance and the Area Agency on Aging has been assisting with advocacy for the demonstration projects in all nine counties and the two Community Action Agencies in an effort to coordinate, initiate, and expand new and existing transportation services.

All the counties have identified medical trips as a top priority need. The SRDC would like to see the counties achieve a regionwide coordination system mainly for long distance trips (medical and private charter).

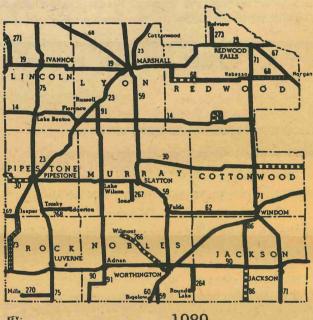
The benefits of these transportation services to those in rural areas and smaller cities, to name a few are access to medical care, markets, mealsites, friends and relatives, and trips to and from work. The Southwest Regional Development Commission will continue to assist these transportation programs and congratulates the individuals involved in the programs, whose hard work and dedication brought transportation within the region to fruition.

## **ELDERLY HANDICAP TRANSIT GRANTS**

The 1987 Section 16(b)(2) grant applicants - Murray County DAC and CCSI/Lakeview School received their vehicles this year.

## SRDC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| Loren Carlson, Chairman Jackson | County |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Dave Edwards Nobles             | County |
| John Feda Lyon                  | County |
| Claire Gerber Nobles            | County |
| Charles Hamersma Lyon           | County |
| Carl Hauschild Lincoln          | County |
| Eloise Hauschild Lincoln        | County |
| Myron Koets Pipestone           | County |
| Woody Kramer Redwood            | County |
| Paul Mettling Murray            | County |
| Marlowe Nelsen Cottonwood       | County |
| Darold Neperman Redwood         |        |
| Merten Petersen Rock            |        |
| Joseph Stepanek Pipestone       |        |
| Fred Worden Lyon                |        |
| Marvin Wiertzema Nobles         |        |
|                                 |        |



10 Ton
7 Ton
5 Ton
Maximum Load/Axle

1989 Spring Weight Restrictions in Region 8

The major change from the last years Spring Weight Restrictions is Mn/DOT deleted the 9 ton category. All roads that were 9 ton last year were 10 ton for the 1989 Weight Restrictions. The only other change from last years weight restrictions was Hwy. 269 from Jasper to South Dakota, upgraded from 7 ton to 10 ton.



On February 8, 1989 the State of Minnesota's newest railroad, the Buffalo Ridge Railroad, made their maiden trip along the tracks abandoned last year by the Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company.



## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

"Changing Paces"

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SUMMARY

The SRDC Parks and Recreation Committee met on four (4) occasions during the year, and continued its involvement with the enhancement of Parks and Recreation in the Region. The committee has worked to encourage legislation for small park grants, and reviewed the 1989 Outdoor Recreation Grant Applications from the Region. Monitoring legislation and speaking with legislators, keeping contact with state agencies, and assisting local units of government with the new DTED Single Application process were activities conducted under the Parks and Open Space Work Program during Fiscal Year 1989.



# SRDC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

| Loren Carlson, Chairman Jackson | County |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| James Derickson Cottonwood      | County |
| Eloise Hauschild Lincoln        | County |
| Gary Lueck Cottonwood           | County |
| Jan Otto Lyon                   | County |
| Merten Petersen Rock            | County |
| Leland Priebe Murray            | County |
| Roland Wray Jackson             | County |
| Marvin Wiertzema Nobles         | County |
| Werner Fischer Redwood          | County |
|                                 |        |

## **OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS**

Three of the nine units of government were notified that their 1989 grant applications were approved. The Cities of Pipestone and Redwood Falls applied for park development funding and the City of Wabasso applied for Athletic Facilities funding.

## ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE

"New Partnerships"

# ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE COMMITTEE

| Carl Hauschild, Chairman Lincoin | County |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Abner Brandt Jackson             | County |
| James Derickson Cottonwood       | County |
| Claire Gerber Nobles             | County |
| Charles Hamersma Lyon            | County |
| Clayton Ihlen Pipestone          | County |
| Coralee Krueger Cottonwood       | County |
| Norman Madsen Lincoln            | County |
| Paul Mettling Murray             | County |
| Darold Neperman Redwood          | County |
| Jan Otto Lyon                    | County |
| Dennis Roning Rock               | County |
| Joe Stepanek Pipestone           | County |
| Jim Veenhuis Murray              | County |
| Fred Worden Lyon                 | County |
| Roland Wray Jackson              | County |
| Gary Lueck Cottonwood            | County |
| Muriel Runholt Lyon              | County |
|                                  |        |

# RECYCLE S

The Counties of Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, and Nobles entered into a joint powers agreement during Fiscal Year 1989 in order to hire a Recycling Coordinator. The SRDC supplied staff and technical assistance during the formation of the task force, task force meetings, and the hiring of the Recycling Coordinator.

SOUTHWEST RECYCLING TASK FORCE

The Coordinator will assist the counties to enhance existing and future recycling efforts and work to enhance recycling and waste reduction education efforts.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE SUMMARY

During the 1989 Fiscal Year, the SRDC continued its Environmental and Land Use Program. The Committee has met three times, and major topics of discussion included Solid Waste Management Issues (SCORE, Recycling, Landfill Fees), County Water Plans, Legislative Issues, Dissolvement of the Waste Management Board, Shoreland Rules, Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Clean Water Partnerships Grant Program.

The SRDC has completed the Rock County Zoning Update contract and has began a contract with Redwood-Cottonwood River Control Association to assist with certain segments of the County Water Plans (Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Pipestone and Murray). The SRDC shall continue its involvement with local units of government in the Region to assure environmentally sound development.

## COUNTY WATER PLANNING

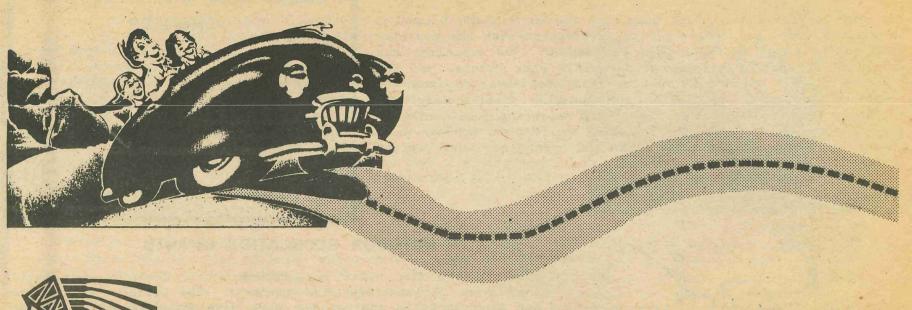
The Redwood-Cottonwood River Control Association (RCRCA) contracted with the SRDC to assist with elements required in the County Water Plans. The counties involved in the RCRCA Water Plans are Pipestone, Murray, Lincoln, Lyon, and Redwood. The elements of the plan the SRDC is assisting in are as follows: Expected Changes to the Physical Environment, Special Geologic Conditions and Their Implications, Water Based Recreation Plans and Expected Changes. The contract is expected to continue into

## COUNTY LANDFILL FEE RATE SURVEY

The SRDC has continued to work with the Solid Waste Officers in the Region. Through this work, the Region was requested to conduct a Landfill Rate Survey. The results of this survey show that during the past year we have seen increases in landfill fees because of new rules and regulations requiring counties to make arrangements for financial assurance funds and closure costs. Costs for disposal of tires and appliances are also increasing to cover expenses incurred by the counties to haul them to processing facilities. The SRDC plans to update the landfill fee schedules during FY1990.

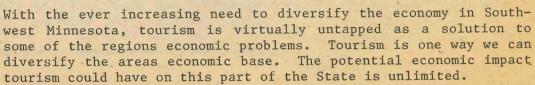
## SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA TOURISM

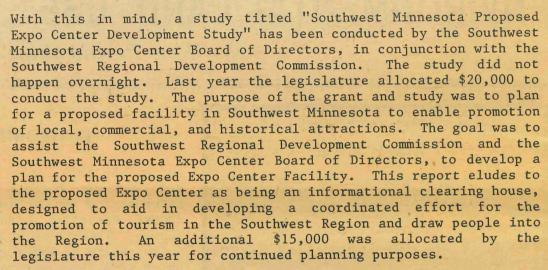
"Driving Into The Future"





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More interesting is the amount of money visitors spend in Minnesota. The Expo Study revealed the average number of people in a travel party of Minnesotans was approximately 4, and they spent an average of \$506 per trip. For non-Minnesotans, the average number of people in a travel party was essentially the same and they spent about \$713 per trip. These tourist dollars mean new money brought to the area and distributed here. According to a report by the Minnesota Office of Tourism, on the average for every \$50,800 spent by tourists in Minnesota, one job is created. According to the same 1987 report, travel expenditures were \$61,141,000 in the Southwest Region and there were 1,257 jobs generated, resulting in one job created for every \$49,000 spent and indicates the impact of tourism within the region.

Although this concept is in the preliminary stages, it is certain an Expo Center would help tap the economic pipeline of tourism in our Region and showcase our communities, values, and quality of life that are apparent throughout Southwest Minnesota. A proposed facility of this nature would have significant, unlimited impact on the entire region, and result no doubt, in additional opportunities related to tourism.

