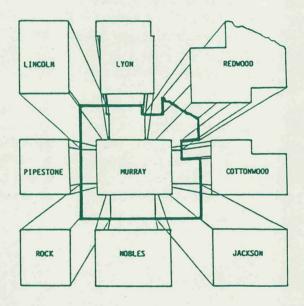


SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 1993 ANNUAL REPORT



"Bringing Progress to Southwestern Minnesota"



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CHAIRMAN / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed and once again the Southwest Regional Development Commission has reaffirmed its role as a nationally recognized development district. This year saw a number of the Commission's programs mature. The Housing Partnership's work is bringing new dollars to communities that in the past were unserved. Our Solid Waste Task Force is now a formal joint powers agreement bringing a regional focus to a huge issue. Funding for the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System has been received and it appears that area communities may as a result have an adequate water supply in the future allowing for growth and development. Once again the Commission leveraged millions in grant and loan funds from federal and state public and private resources for business, industry and local units of government. In addition, our ability to act on matters effecting areas larger than Region Eight was enhanced through the passage of legislation allowing for multi-region collaboration.

These activities do not speak to the wide array of services, programs and projects undertaken at the Commission as part of its annual work program and do not include new initiatives like the Resource Sharing Partnership or the Development of Regional Economic Blueprints. They represent just a few of our programs and accomplishments all done by an agency with a clean audit, balanced budget, and people/staff committed to meeting the area's needs.

The Commission's work returns tax revenue to local and state government; coordinates and implements programs on behalf of local government, and develops projects for local governments. The Commission does these things following the direction provided by the Commissioners; for that direction we thank you all. This coming year we will continue to aim to achieve lofty ambitions, and if we are not on target, it will be because we aimed too high.

Thank you.

Clayton Ihlen.

Commission Chairman

Randy Jorgenson

Commission Executive Director

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Rep. Barb Vickerman, Redwood Falls Dist. 23A	

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The SRDC is the State and Federally designated Economic Development District for the Southwest Region. As a result of this designation, the SRDC provides the primary staff to implement the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Development District Work Program. A grant of \$56,000 from EDA for economic development planning included the following work program elements:

- Research various means of stabilizing and expanding existing employment.
- Assist local units of government with public facilities needed to ensure public welfare and enhance the climate for private investment and job creation.
- Sponsor and co-sponsor coordinating groups and open forums or subjects related to economic development. Sponsor meetings of the Economic Development Professionals within the region.
- Provide data and technical assistance to local governments, community organizations, development corporations, and private businesses in business development or expansion.
- Coordinate activities with State, Federal and local agencies and programs and adjacent Development Districts and attend useful meetings.
- Assist local agencies and regionwide programs in obtaining private foundation grants and assistance
- Provide assistance and be available to work with area of economic development.

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LAND MANAGEMENT

The objective of this work area is to assist local units of government in physical resource planning with regards to environmental issues, growth management policies, and comprehensive planning. Over the past year we have accomplished the following: authored shoreland management ordinances for the Counties of Lyon and Lincoln and Cities of Cottonwood, Hendricks, and Lake Benton; provided technical assistance to various units of local government and/or businesses in the solid waste management area; authored a Solid Waste Ordinance for Lincoln County; authored a Population and Housing Study for the Jasper Development Corporation; completed the "Train the Trainer" waste education project; and assisted with the formation of the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission.

AGING PROGRAM

The role of the Southwest Area Agency on Aging is to plan, coordinate, and advocate for the development of a system of services that will meet the needs of older persons. The Area Agency is available to communities and agencies to explore and assess the needs of the agency and the older person, to evaluate and assist in expanding or developing programs.

The Minnesota Board on Aging has designated the Southwest Regional Development Commission as the administrative agency and governing body for the Area Agency on Aging in southwest Minnesota.

An advisory council representing all nine counties assists the Area Agency in making recommendations to the SRDC. The advisory committee is charged with the development of the Area Plan, recommending expenditure of funds for administration of the Area Plan and awarding funds for services to the elderly.

In the SRDC 1992 Fiscal Year, the Southwest Area Agency on Aging awarded grants totaling \$673,997 for services to the elderly. Grants were awarded under four categories: Title IIIB, supportive services grants, IIIC Congregate Nutrition IIIC2 Home Delivered Meals and IIID Frail Elderly services. Distribution of these funds are recommended by priority services, which are determined by needs assessments.

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The SRDC's Community Development division continued to provide general technical assistance to local units of government and nonprofit agencies on issues such as grant writing, planning and development concerns, and human services. The technical assistance program is designed to assist local units of government and non profits by researching availability of Federal, State, and private Foundation funding sources.

The staff provided specific technical assistance to communities as requested in grant writing of Small Cities Development Grant (block grants) and Farmers Home Administration Community Improvement grants and loans; as well as providing grant writing assistance for non-profits to private foundations, including the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund. The ability to tap these funding sources has become even more significant due to increasingly limited resources of local government and nonprofit agencies. The SRDC Community Development program is designed to provide technical assistance to local units of government and nonprofits by extending their ability to address community development issues at the lowest possible cost. Besides grant writing, the SRDC also administers SCDP grants and provides part time planning assistance to communities through the Community Cooperative Program.

While the SRDC's Community Development division continues the technical assistance program, it has also expanded into the area of the availability of safe, adequate, and affordable housing. The staff conducted housing market analysis for Chandler, Lake Wilson, Marshall, Lynd, and Cottonwood and have prepared housing plans for the nine counties in Region 8.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership "the Partnership", has been formed by the directors and chairmen of the Prairie Five Community Action Agency, located in Montevideo, the Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, located in Worthington, Western Community Action Agency, located in Marshall, and the Southwest Regional Development Commission, located in Slayton. The Partnership has been formed by the four participating organizations in response to the critical housing needs being expressed by the communities within each of the four organization's service area. That service area, and consequently the Partnership's service area, is comprised of fourteen counties which consist of the nine counties within Region 8 and the five counties within Region 6W.

The Partnership's overall goal is to assist local entities to preserve and enhance Southwestern Minnesota's supply of adequate, safe and sanitary dwellings that will be affordable to the citizens of the Region. The Partnership will be working with local units of government, businesses, community groups, local organizations and any other individuals or entities to begin the process of meeting this goal.

The Partnership, in conjunction with the four participating Agencies and other local organizations, will be engaged immediately to secure resources to begin the process of impacting the Region's housing needs. The Partnership will be working with the existing staff within the Region, relying on the staff of the participating Agencies and local units of government to accomplish its goals.

The Partnership, because of the large unmet need within the Region, must begin operating within a number of different housing areas simultaneously. Those areas are as follows:

- Preservation of Existing Housing
- 2. Downtown Revitalization
- 3. Housing Support Services
- 4. Home Ownership Programs
- Development and Construction of New Housing
- 6. Special Needs Housing
- 7. Development of Existing Staff Capacity
- 8. Development of Essential Housing Entities

Rick Goodemann is the Executive Director of the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. Rick's office is located in the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) office in Slayton. His phone number is (507) 836-8547.

PRAIRIELAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The primary purpose of the Prairieland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) is to serve as a Certified Development Company (CDC) pursuant to Section 503 of Title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended. A CDC is a private / public sector non-profit corporation whose purpose is to contribute to the economic development of its area of operation. The CDC is a conduit which allows private funds, guaranteed by SBA, to flow into community business.

The SBA's Certified Development Company program provides eligible small businesses with 10or 20-year financing for the acquisition of land and building; machinery and equipment; construction; and modernization, renovation or restoration of existing facilities and sites.

To date PEDC has assisted with several projects and has an outstanding loan portfolio balances of \$1,784,000. An additional \$2,252,600 has been leveraged from private financial institutions and \$858,283 has been injected as equity capital by business and industry. A total of 126 jobs have been retained and/or created as a result of assistance by PEDC.

While the activity continues at a sporadic pace, the development that has occurred has resulted in a tremendous impact on the communities and the entire region when these businesses are located.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Southwest Area Agency on Aging continues to strengthen senior citizen's centers and clubs. The senior citizens across the region are facing decreasing membership. The "younger" senior citizens do not think they are old enough to be a member at the senior citizen's center! We are encouraging the seniors that are active now to get new members and show them how beneficial the senior citizen's centers are. The Southwest Area Agency on Aging also continues to help the senior citizens develop and progress with the County Councils on Aging. The groups of concerned seniors in each county in our region continue to be an important link to us, the county, and to the state officials.

TRANSPORTATION

The SRDC Transportation Program coordinates with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, other state organizations, the Area Agency on Aging, and Local Units of Government in the planning and development of a comprehensive transportation system in the Region. Funding from a MnDOT grant of \$27,000 has allowed the Region to continue to work in the following major areas over the past year: Transit, Highways, and Technical Assistance.

The Commission has assisted toward the development of a coordinated transportation effort which will establish and/or enhance transit services and coordinated throughout the Region. We annually submit the Region's candidate road projects to MnDOT Districts 7 and 8, for upgrade and maintaining the highway network. Other Transportation issues we continue to work with include spring weight restrictions, road conditions and strengths, and a lack of stable highway improvement funds continue to suppress development in Greater Minnesota. The SRDC has completed an update to the transportation section of the Overall Economic Development Program.

This year the Region was involved with the Functional Classification Study and priorities for the National Highway System. In addition, the Region monitored the records and conducted a Visual Vehicle Review on fourteen Section 16 vehicles within the southwest region.

The Region continues to provide technical assistance to local units of government. Examples of technical assistance this year have included assisting: Counties and private non-profits with Section 18 and Section 16(b)(2) transit grant applications, street signing information, volunteer organization with information on the Adopt-A-Highway program, and to counties and interested persons in MnDOT Road and Bridge plans.

The Commission has recently become a voting member in two Area Transportation Partnerships (ATP's). These ATP's will make transportation investment decisions in southwest Minnesota.

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

The Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development announced in mid-February the grant recipients of the Small Cities Development Grant funds. Approximately 90 applications were received statewide, only 31 received grant funds. Of the 31 funded, 15 were public facility applications and 16 were comprehensive applications. Five (5) communities from Region 8 received funding. The City of Ellsworth received \$425,915 in grant funds to assist in the digging of a new well and the placement of transmission lines. Ellsworth ranked #2 out of the 15 public facility applications funded. The City of Milroy received \$593,000 in grant funds to assist in the municipal water system improvements, storm sewer construction, and street/curb and gutter improvements. Milroy ranked #9 out of the 15 public facility applications funded. The City of Fulda received \$1,043,670 in funds to assist in the improvement to the municipal storm sewer system and to rehabilitate 40 homes and 17 commercial buildings. The City of Garvin received \$279,300 in funds to assist in rehabilitation of 16 owner-occupied houses. And the City of Ivanhoe received \$993,915 in funds to assist in the improvement to the storm sewer system, rehabilitate 35 owner-occupied houses, rehabilitate 18 commercial building, to demolish 7 dilapidated structures, and some street reconstruction.

MARKETING

The Area Agency on Aging assisted in the development of a marketing grant to help the Area Agency on Aging's in Regions 8, 6E, and 6W promote what services are available for the elderly in their regions. Materials were developed in conjunction with promotion of the Senior Linkage Line. Pamphlets, brochures and newsreleases were used to encourage seniors and their families to call the Toll Free Number 1-800-333-2433. The AAA maintains an updated directory of local organizations and service providers for senior services. Every day the AAA assists folks in finding help with household, health concerns, abusive systems, housing, transportation and hundreds of other concerns.

PEDC RESPONDS TO REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Prairieland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) is a Certified Development Company pursuant to Section 503 of Title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended. PEDC is a private non-profit corporation whose purpose is to contribute to the economic development of its area of operation primarily by the deliverance of the SBA 504 program. PEDC is certified by SBA to operate in the following counties: Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Rock, Nobles, and Jackson.

Several months ago PEDC received requests from private lenders and economic development professionals in counties adjacent to their present service area with regards to the 504 program. The area was void of any 504 program and businesses desired to utilize the program as a tool for expansion purposes. Due to SBA regulations, PEDC could not process and/or service loans in areas they are not authorized to do so. In an effort to meet requests for services, the PEDC Board of Directors decided to formally pursue the idea of an expansion of their area. After several months of hard work, SBA approved the expansion of PEDC to Yellow Medicine, Lac Qui Parle, Swift, Big Stone, and Chippewa Counties. This gives PEDC the authorization to deliver the 504 program to this area.

As part of PEDC's marketing efforts, a seminar was held in the expansion area to explain PEDC, what the 504 program is all about, and the process of which projects are completed. Whether it be PEDC or some other organization, it is the intent that their actions to respond, will in the end, result in a conscientious, coordinated delivery of the 504 program to those counties on a permanent basis.

WINDOM RECEIVES \$1,000,000 EDA GRANT

February 1, 1993 was an important date for the City of Windom. That was the day Windom received official notification from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration that their \$1,000,000 grant application had been approved. After several months of hard work and participation by many organizations and individuals, the City of Windom will be receiving grant dollars to assist with their wastewater treatment plant improvements.

A grant application of this kind takes total teamwork effort and approach. "It goes without saying, things like this don't just happen," Mayor John Galle said. "The City Utility Commission deserves credit for giving (City Clerk) Dennis Nelson the green light to go for this. The Southwest Regional Development Commission should get credit for its great help. And Caldwell Packing Company deserves a lot of credit for putting the figures and documents together."

The Southwest Regional Development Commission acts as the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) principle planning agent for the nine counties of Southwestern Minnesota, assists local units of government like the City of Windom with their infrastructure needs, and prepares applications to EDA on behalf of local units of government.

OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE COMPLETED

The economic development staff of the commission has completed the Region's five year Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) update. The plan has been approved by all nine county boards and the Southwest Regional Development Commission.

The OEDP serves two functions. It fulfills the economic development planning element necessary for the commission to receive its planning grant from the Economic Development Administration. More importantly it sets the goals and strategies the commission will use to deliver its economic development services to the businesses and communities within the region.

The OEDP provides an analysis of demographic and economic changes within the region over the past five years. These changes and the current state of the region's economy provide the basis for the goals and strategies needed to improve the region's economy.

The OEDP also contains a system for ranking economic development projects. The highest ranked projects receive first attention by EDA. However, the system is flexible enough to allow funding for new projects as they come in.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP: A NEW WAY OF BUSINESS

In 1991, Congress passed the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). As a result of that Act, more interests or partners are eligible for federal transportation dollars. While congress authorized an increase in the amount of transportation dollars, the amount allocated only increased slightly. This means that more partners are eligible for the limited federal transportation dollars.

Minnesota has directed each of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Districts to form partnerships. These partners include MnDOT District staff, Regional Development Commissions, Counties, and Cities (above 5,000). The Southwest Regional Development Commission has voting representation on both the District 7 and District 8 Area Transportation Partnerships. It is the responsibility of each Partnership to develop a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which will become part of the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The Partnerships will also be responsible for ranking eligible projects in the areas of state highway, bridges, county, city, and township road bridge projects, Indian Reservation Roads, and Transit Capital.

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

SOUTHWEST RESOURCE SHARING PARTNERSHIP

The Southwest Regional Development Commission and the Southwest Educational Cooperative Service Unit would like to announce the implementation of a new program available to local units of government within the nine counties of Region 8. The Partnership - a program to assist cities, counties, and other local units of government to identify and utilize shared resources was funded through a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund. The goal of the program is to develop and establish an inventory of machinery, equipment, and manpower resources which can be accessed and utilized by local units of government and public agencies involved in the project. A brief listing of the project objectives follow:

- Perform a physical inventory of each participating municipality to determine what resources are available and what resources are needed in each city.
- II. Develop a data base which identifies both the needed resources and the available resources.
- III. Establish a system for utilizing available resources.
- IV. Develop cooperative agreements between cities which will encourage collective staff development, training, joint purchasing and hiring, and other collaborations.
- V. Initiate procedures which will ensure that the partnership will be self-sustaining.

An example of what we would like to accomplish would be if Community A has radon testing equipment it utilizes semi- annually and Community B would like to do radon testing and as such is considering purchasing the equipment our objective is to develop a data base that would allow Community B to query the data base and find that rather than purchasing the equipment it would far more cost effective to rent the equipment from Community A. If an agreement would be necessary between the communities, we the staff of the RDC would develop the agreement on behalf of the communities involved.

Another example would be if communities A, B, C, & D are all considering purchasing bunker suits for their fire departments as part of their capital improvement programs in the coming three years. We will enable the participants of this project to again query a data base and find that the other communities have scheduled purchases. They then may determine that it is in their collective interest's to purchase jointly, reducing costs and eliminating bidding replication.

Discussion's on other areas where this program may be of assistance include insurance pooling, pooling construction projects, and the joint development of administrative instruments such as affirmative action plans, pay equity compliance reports and compensation and classification plans.

We believe the potentials of this project are enormous. Cities need only desire to reduce costs, eliminate duplication, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government in general. This activity is our response to the recommendations made by the Commission on Reform and Efficiency and we believe will be of a great value to the Region. If you have any questions or comments on this program or your community or county would like to participate all you need to do is call Randy Jorgenson, Director of the Southwest Regional Development Commission.

PROJECT REVIEWS

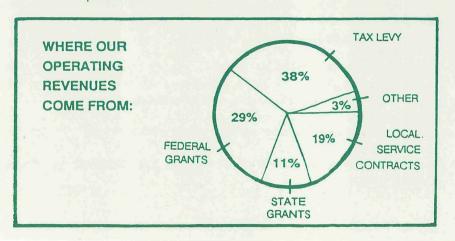
During Fiscal Year 1993 the Southwest Regional Development Commission reviewed 79 projects from within the Region to avoid duplication and insure wise use of public funds. If you are interested in receiving a complete listing of the project reviews for FY93, please contact the SRDC Office.

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The audit for Fiscal Year 1992 of the SRDC's finance and contract compliance was completed by certified public accountants in November of 1992. Copies of that audit and all prior audits are available for review at the SRDC office. No negative findings were produced by the audit.

	FY93	FY94
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
REVENUE		
Tax Levy	\$200,636	\$199,000
MN Board on Aging	90,100	95,050
Project Care-Aging	N/A	4,750
Economic Development Administration	56,000	55,000
MN Historical Society-Expo	N/A	11,500
Minnesota Department of Transportation	27,000	27,000
Minnesota Department of Transportation 16(b)(2)	4,213	N/A
Small Business Development	18,332	17,500
Interest Earned & Miscellaneous	10,614	5,000
Housing	N/A	2,138
Contracts Earned	103,070	98,070
Reserves for Capital Equipment	18,437	13,350
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ <u>528,402</u>	\$ <u>528,358</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Committee Expenses	\$ 41,751	\$ 41,000
Salaries & Fringe	330,590	328,994
Staff Travel	39,975	42,000
Rent	12,240	12,240
Postage	11,276	12,000
Telephone	1 1,021	10,000
Printing/Publication	14,746	12,800
Supplies	5,653	6,100
Insurance	4,689	5,000
Depreciation (Non-Car)	11,240	12,615
Audits	3,500	4,500
Computer	6,061	7,700
Aging Workshops	819	1,500
Equipment	18,437	13,350
Other	14,148	10,801
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>526,146</u>	\$520,600
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Reserve Change	\$ 2,256	\$ <u>7,758</u>

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



REGIONWIDE IMPACTS

- As a Regional Data Center, provided Census information to local units of government, private businesses, and to individuals upon request.
- Staffed the Prairieland Economic Development Corporation and prepared a number of Small Business Administration 504 loans for area businesses.
- Completed the Overall Economic Development Program Update for Region
 8.
- Worked on agricultural damage estimates for several counties in Region 8.
- Administered the FY1993 Small Cities Development Program applications.
 Communities include Chandler and Lake Wilson Disaster Relief, Ihlen Water Project, Ellsworth Water Project, and Milroy Public Facilities Project.
- Entered into a Grant Agreement with the SW MN Initiative Fund and the Educational Cooperative Service Unit regarding a Resource Sharing Partnership Program for local units of government in Region 8.
- Ranked and awarded Rural Rehabilitation Grants to area citizens for conservation tillage and crop rotation projects.
- Sponsored Regional Conference on Aging.
- Participate, monitor and answer questions on the Senior Linkage Telephone line.
- Continue to monitor and offer assistance regarding senior dining, home delivered meals, and Senior Citizen Centers.
- Assisted Senior Citizen Clubs with bylaw writing in addition to conducting senior leadership trainings.
- Became member of the MnDOT District 7 and 8 Area Transportation Partnerships.
- Provided Transportation Coordination Expertise.
- Provided expertise in relation to Solid Waste Management.
- Assisted the Southwest Regional Task Force form an 11 county Regional Solid Waste Joint Powers.
- Coordinated, facilitated, and/or assisted with meetings for the Southwest Solid Waste Management Task Force, Solid Waste Administrators, Transit Coordinators, Travel Southwest, Inc., Area Legislators, and Economic Development Professionals.
- Provided technical assistance in the areas of land use, environmental, transportation, economic development, community development, and senior issues to townships, cities, counties, and potential businesses.
- Conducted Section 16 monitoring of 14 vehicles in the Region.
- Sought legislative support for area issues as identified by Regional Commissioners.

- Grant writing or funding source assistance to Alpha, Lismore, Hadley, Jasper, Murray County, Lake Benton, Heron Lake Environmental Learning Center, Facilitator Program, Lincoln County Tourism, Buffalo Ridge Tourism, Murray County, Windom.
- Assisted in completing Urgent Threat SCDP grant applications for Chandler and Lake Wilson, administered the Emergency Relief Programs.
- Authored ordinance revisions for the following local units of government: Jeffers, Westbrook, Hendricks, Lake Benton, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Cottonwood.
- DTED application assistance provided to Jasper, Luverne, Wanda, Walnut Grove, Wilmont, and Rock County.
- FmHA grant/loan assistance and/or administration provided to the cities of Lake Benton and Lake Wilson.
- Authored or assisted with Lincoln and Nobles County Solid Waste Management Ordinances.
- Housing Market Analysis and/or Studies completed for Lynd, Jasper, Chandler, Lake Wilson, Cottonwood, Edgerton, and Marshall.
- Economic Development expertise provided to Cottonwood County Seed Capital Fund, Westbrook Economic Development Authority, Jackson County Revolving Loan Fund, Lakefield Economic Development Authority, Small Business Development Center, and Expo Board.
- Provided EPA 101A application assistance and project administration for Windom in their wastewater treatment improvements.
- Authored a Capital Improvements Plan for the City of Fulda.
- Conducted Project Care Coalition meetings throughout the Region.
- Authored the Cottonwood and Lyon County Shoreland Ordinances.
- Assisted in the completion of the Department of Transportation's Functional Classification Plan and Development of the National Highway System.
- Coordinated efforts with the SW Minnesota Highway Improvement Association in providing limited relief to counties from improper Prevailing Wage Rates.
- Successful in receiving funding for a Feasibility Study granted by the Legislature for the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System.
- Emplaced a Human Services Committee on the Commission to examine rural health care issues.
- Serve as the umbrella agency for the SW Minnesota Housing Partnership.

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"It is the mission of the Southwest Regional Development Commission to address the economic, social, physical, and governmental needs and opportunities of Southwestern Minnesota; while transcending traditional jurisdictional configurations. Further, to apply a regional perspective to problems, allowing for a coordinated effort by local units of government to address the needs of the region's citizenry and the activities of area agencies resulting in the sharing of a regional private and public resources while increasing the efficiency of government in general.

In addition, the Commission shall serve as the mechanism for initiating change in local, regional, State, and Federal policy, programs and regulations translating the region's concerns into a blueprint of action."

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