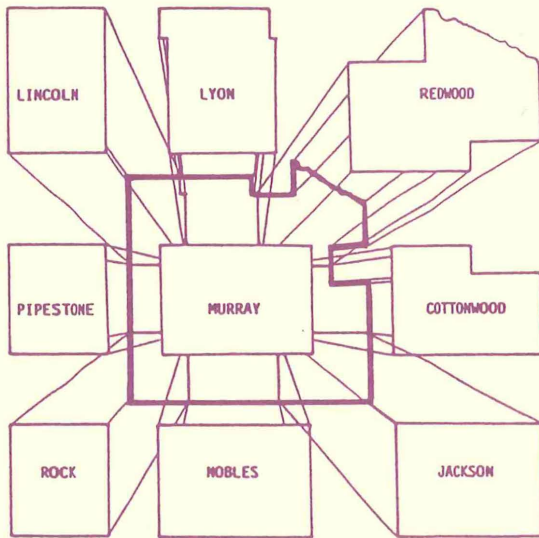




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CHAIRMAN / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed and once again the Southwest Regional Development Commission has exemplified itself as a leader in its field, again the Commission has been selected to receive a project innovation award given by the National Association of Development Organizations in recognition of its efforts. These awards annually go to organizations like the Commission who respond to the needs of their constituents, in our case local units of government and the citizenry of the nine counties of southwest Minnesota. These awards however, do not speak to the evolution of the traditional Commission programs. Through Commission staff, PrairieLand Economic Development Corporation has expanded its loan portfolio and thus created scores of new jobs. It has also expanded its service territory, bringing another valuable economic development tool to other local units of government. Our transportation program is regarded as one of the best in the state and is recognized by the Department as an effort that is worthy of duplication. Our programs for senior citizens have been strengthened through the strengthening of our relationship with the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Federal Administration on Aging. In the area of Community Development, cities in southwest Minnesota have received a higher percentage of funds available for infrastructure and housing projects than anytime in the Region's history. Reducing the amount of funds that must be committed by local units of government and decreasing local costs. This past year has seen the Commission's ability to assist local business and industry with direct financial project participation enhanced greatly. The Commission is in the process of leveraging literally millions of dollars to make available for the establishment and/or expansion of area enterprises. Again, demonstrating the Commission's ability to assess the area's needs and respond to meet those needs in a timely fashion. Another demonstration of that characteristic of the Southwest Regional Development Commission is the Commission's flood relief program. The flood relief program is an ongoing effort and is presently in the process of managing multiple projects for local units of government requiring first the leveraging of funds and secondly the administration of those funds; primarily for mitigation activities that will help this area reduce the potential for a reoccurrence of the flooding of 1993. But these programs are the traditional functions of the Commission, all of which have expanded on their roles and improved the services that they provide, but once again they tell only a part of this past year's story. Another component would have to be the strengthening of the Commission's secondary or tertiary activities like the Drug Prevention Partnership, the Housing Partnership, the Southwest Minnesota Solid Waste Commission, the Resource Sharing Partnership, and still others too numerous to mention. Each of these programs and/or projects have been established and implemented by a committed staff following the direction provided by the Commission jointly acting to improve the quality of life for the people of the Region.

This has all been done - the increasing of services available, staff capacity, and programs administered - while we decreased indirect costs and increased the operational reserves of the organization. It has been a good year for both of us, personally and professionally, and for that we need to thank you the recipients of this report for your support, the Commission and the Board for your direction and the strength of your conviction, and the Staff, for your commitment to our endeavors. Truly, it can be said that the Southwest Regional Development Commission proves, once again that together we can do what alone would be impossible.

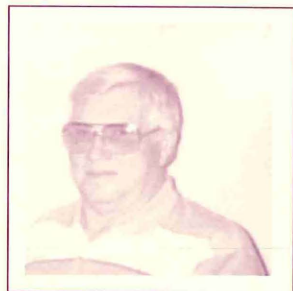
Thank you.



Clayton Ihlen
Commission Chairman



Randy Jorgenson
Commission Executive Director



SRDC Chairman Ihlen

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 \$55,000 from EDA for economic development planning included the following work program elements:

- Coordinate activities with State, Federal and local agencies and programs and adjacent Development Districts and attend useful meetings.
- Provide technical assistance and advisory services to units of government, development agencies, and others to plan and implement economic development projects, to diversify the district's economy, to increase business activity, and to upgrade infrastructure within the district.
- Maintain economic, demographic and site databases and make them available to public and private users.
- Assist local agencies and regionwide programs in obtaining private foundation grants and assistance.
- Support a permanent economic development process, capable of meeting the planning, coordinating and implementation requirements of the district.
- Sponsor or co-sponsor coordinating groups and forums on economic development issues.
- Supply the EDR with timely information on plant closures or prospective plant closings, as well as the number of employees affected by these actions.

SRDC RECEIVES \$1,000,000 FOR PRAIRIE EXPO

The Prairie Expo Project crossed a major hurdle toward ultimate construction when it received \$1,000,000 from the State Legislature through the Bonding Bill. The Southwest Regional Development Commission, in conjunction with the Prairie Expo Board, was instrumental in securing this appropriation for the continued development of this project. It is the hope of the SRDC that this allocation will further develop the project and lead to the construction of the Prairie Expo facility.

The Prairie Expo project will access the 18,000 to 25,000 travelers who pass through the I-90 corridor and Southwest Minnesota daily. The purpose in accessing these travelers is to promote the historical, commercial, and local attractions and to showcase the communities, their values, and the quality of life found throughout all of Minnesota.

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Land Management Program was developed to assist local units of government in land management planning issues, including solid waste, water, land use, zoning, and other physical resource development planning areas. A Land Management Committee was formed to address these issues. The Committee met on three occasions during the Fiscal Year (November 1993, January 1994, and March 1994). Issues discussed included: flood litigation activities, legislative issues, Solid Waste Commission Activities, RW 22 status, research of the employment of an Environmental Engineer, land drainage problems, Wetland Act, and feedlots.

The Land Management Program provides technical assistance to local units of government in the area of Land Management. Contracts during Fiscal Year 1994 include the following: staff to the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission; completion of the Jeffers Zoning Ordinance; development of language in the Murray County Zoning Ordinance regarding feedlots, shorelands, and other areas of the Ordinance; and began development of the City of Magnolia Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance. In addition, staff time has been committed as in-kind match for the Middle Des Moines Watershed Clean Water Partnership grant, and the Lake Shetek Clean Water Partnership grant.

Solid Waste continues to be a strong issues in the Southwest Region. Staff continues to assist the District 8 Solid Waste Administrators with meetings and activities. The Region also submitted a preliminary grant request to the Rural Development Administration to assist in the development of a Regional Solid Waste Plan of Alternatives for the eleven county Solid Waste Commission.

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Division of the Southwest Regional Development Commission provides a variety of technical assistance to local units of government and non-profit agencies on issues such as grant development, planning and development concerns, and human services. The program is designed to assist local units of government and non-profits by researching availability of Federal, State and private foundation funding sources.

Staff provides specific technical assistance to communities in grant development of Small Cities Development Grant (block grants), Farmers Home Administration Community Improvements grants and loans, Public Facilities Authorities loan program, Minnesota Pollution Control grant and loan programs; as well as providing grant writing assistance for nonprofits to private foundations. The ability to tap these funding sources has become more significant because of increasingly limited resources for local units of government and non-profit agencies. The Community Development Program is designed to provide this technical assistance by extending their ability to address community development issues at the lowest possible cost.

Besides grant development, the SRDC also administers Small Cities Development Grant Program funds for communities. The SRDC contracts with the small communities who have received funding and do not have the available staff to handle the administration of these projects.

Another activity that is provided to Region 8 is the dissemination of census data. The SRDC is a census data center and receives available census data from the State of Minnesota and the Bureau of Census. Many local units of government, non-profit agencies, businesses and residents have called the SRDC and requested census data relating to population, households, income, employment and population projections.

HOUSING STUDY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

As a service to the communities of southwest Minnesota, the Region 8 Development commission offers Housing Study Assistance. These housing studies are used to determine the current housing stock and pending housing issues for contracted cities. Housing studies play a vital role for small cities that are looking to receive federal, state, or private funds to aid in community development.

The bulk of data collected is done so through several surveys to include: a) residential surveys, b) commercial business surveys, c) commuter employee's surveys, and d) neighborhood analysis, drive by surveys. Also included in each housing study is a demographic breakdown for the community. For further information feel free to call Rick Goodemann or Nesa Helm at the SRDC in Slayton at (507) 836-8547.

AGING PROGRAM (Serving our Region's Elderly)

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 1993 Fiscal Year, the Southwest Area Agency on Aging awarded grants totaling \$658,531 for services to the elderly. Grants were awarded under five categories: Title IIIB, supportive services grants, IIIC Congregate Nutrition IIIC2 Home Delivered Meals, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services, and IIID Frail Elderly services. Distribution of these funds are recommended by priority services, which are determined by needs assessments.

FLOOD COORDINATION PROGRAM

It has been nearly a year since the SRDC Flood Coordination Program began. The work that has been done in the southwest extends into every county of the region. The Presidential Disaster Declaration brought with it aid to Minnesota and ultimately the region. The first funding distributed was through the Federal Emergency Management Agency through Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Programs. Supplemental Programs were established through the State Offices; Division of Emergency Management, Department of Trade and Economic Development, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and others. Additional Federal Assistance was brought primarily through the Soil Water Conservation, Economic Development Administration and Housing and Urban Development.

The flood assistance that the SRDC has been involved in includes: public infrastructure repair, replacement, and improvements; housing rehabilitation, small business assistance, information and referral. have overcome big and small obstacles in some communities and still struggle to fit the programs for others. Overall our region can be proud of the cooperative spirit that it has shown through this crisis and persevere as we wait to hear the outcome of pending grants.

1993 FLOOD RELIEF PROJECTS

CITY	PROJECT	TOTAL COST
Adrian	Housing / Community Rehabilitation, Berm	\$ 710,000
Alpha	On-site Sewer	460,900
Cottonwood	Storm & Sanitary Separation	360,000
Ellsworth	Commercial RLF	80,000
Fulda	Storm Sewer	90,000
Ghent	Storm Sanitary Sewer	180,000
Ihlen	On-site Sewer	500,000
Ivanhoe	Storm Sewer	80,000
Jackson	Sanitary Sewer	1,284,000
Lake Benton	Sanitary Sewer	50,000
Lake Wilson	Streets / Sewer / Water	190,000
Redwood Falls & North Redwood	Wastewater Treatment / Discharge & Discharge Study	3,400,000 22,000
Redwood Falls	Sanitary / Storm Sewers	3,775,000
Steen	Wastewater Treatment Repair	4,400
Tyler	Lift Station Repairs	34,000
Westbrook	Sanitary Sewer / Tile Slough	885,000
Windom	Storm Sewer	455,000
Windom	Sewer / Water Annexation	887,000
Lincoln County	Retention	1,540,000
Lyon County	CSAH 5 Retention	169,000
Limestone township	Retention	95,000
Marshall	County Ditch 62	1,500,000
Marshall	Tiger Lake, Sewer, Manholes	600,000
Vesta	County Ditch 35	710,000
TOTAL		<u>\$18,061,300</u>

NOTE: The above projects are communities in which the SRDC has been involved with during the course of Flood Coordination activities. Not every community above has or will receive funding from State and Federal Flood Disaster Assistance. There are also many communities not listed that are working on Flood related activities but are receiving technical assistance.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

With the growing concerns of Health Care Reform, the SRDC's Human Development Committee began addressing health care issues. Several meetings with Health Care providers, a series of Regional Forums, and surveys resulted in a Plan of Action to empower providers and local units of government to address health care issues by educating providers, developing consensus and becoming pro-active in the development of quality, affordable access to health care.

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

ANNUAL SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

The Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development announced in April of 1994 the grant recipients of the Small Cities Development Grant funds. Approximately 96 applications were received statewide, only 44 received grant funds. Of the 44 funded, 31 were public facilities applications and 13 were comprehensive applications. Nine (9) communities from Region 8 received funding. The City of Alpha received \$393,000 in grant funds for water system improvements and individual wastewater treatment replacement. The City of Westbrook received \$546,000 in grant funds for demolition and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. Rock County received \$362,400 in grant funds for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. The City of Jasper received \$1,230,800 in grant funds for the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility, demolition, owner-occupied and rental rehabilitation. The City of Vesta received \$442,588 for construction of new fire hall, rehabilitation of community center, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, demolition of commercial and residential properties. The City of Wilmont received funds in the amount of \$260,400 for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and main street improvements. The City of Lismore received funds in the amount of \$888,620 for wastewater treatment construction and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. The City of Lakefield received \$368,890 for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and the City of Morgan received \$599,300 for wastewater treatment facility improvements.

PROJECT REVIEWS

During Fiscal Year 1994 the Southwest Regional Development Commission reviewed 59 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 FY94, please contact the SRDC Office.

AREA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS (ATP)

The Southwest Regional Development Commission has membership in two Area Transportation Partnerships (Mn/DOT Districts 7 and 8). The Region, in continuing its strong commitment to serving local units of government and working the Minnesota Department of Transportation has been active in the following ATP activities.

General: Developed Regional Significance Criteria to be used in the Transportation Solicitation and Ranking Process used by Regions 6E, 6W, 8, and 9 for the Willmar and Mankato Area Transportation Partnerships. Identified Regional waste hauling routes. Co-sponsored a Transportation Committee / Public Information meeting with the Willmar and Mankato Area Transportation Partnerships regarding the Draft Transportation Improvement Programs. Attended two Regional Area Transportation Partnership meetings, in Owatonna and Alexandria. Submitted minutes of the Transportation Committee / Public Information meeting to the ATP's for documentation of public input to the draft Transportation Improvement Plans. The SRDC provided technical assistance to the ATP's as requested.

ATP - 7 (Mankato): Attended fourteen Area Transportation Partnership meetings in the Mankato District. Provided MnDOT District 7 mailing lists of Mayors and Township Clerks for the counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lyon, Nobles, and Rock for the Transportation Solicitation Process. Met twice as an Enhancement Review subcommittee to evaluate the 15 Transportation Enhancement Applications submitted. Recommended the revision of the Enhancement Application. Served on the Transit capital review subcommittee. Assisted Cottonwood County with the submittal form to the ATP for a vehicle replacement. Developed Regional Significance, applied Regional Significance factors to projects in the 1994 to 1996 STIP in the Mankato District, and to all projects submitted to the ATP within Region 8.

ATP - 8 (Willmar): Attended eleven Southwest Area Transportation Partnership meetings. Participated in the ATP 8 Enhancement and Transit Capital Applications Ranking Committee. Member of a ATP - 8 subcommittee to develop a preliminary listing of submitted transportation projects for the ATP's consideration. Developed Regional Significance and applied it to all projects that were submitted to ATP-8 within Region 8. Contacted the City of Morgan regarding their request to look into funding for Highway 67 between Redwood Falls and Morgan and brought their request to the attention to the District 8 ATP. Submitted comment from Lincoln County to the ATP regarding the draft Transportation Improvement Plan.

LEWIS AND CLARK PROJECT CONTINUED

In the past year the Commission has continued its activities in relation to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water Project. As I'm sure you all remember in April of 1990, various communities and rural waters systems from southeastern South Dakota, northwestern Iowa, and southwestern Minnesota organized the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc. The goal of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System is to develop an alternative and/or supplemental water supplies for the benefit of its membership. Southwestern Minnesota has historically had a difficult time getting a consistent supply of good quality water. The project which is currently envisioned would serve approximately 17,000 people in the State of Minnesota and would allow for population growth coupled with economic stability.

The proposed project is intended to deliver treated, potable water to member entities for subsequent resale to the water utility customers of the individual participating units of government. The water distribution system includes approximately 375 miles of pipe line, water storage reservoirs with a capacity equal to one day's water demand, pumping stations, supplemental disinfection systems and a telemetry and control system. Nearly all of the water will eventually return to the Missouri River through the drainage basins of the area.

This last year the Minnesota Legislature granted its conditional support of the project after an evaluation of the project conducted by the Legislative Water Commission. During the evaluation however, the Legislative Water Commission expressed a number of concerns with the project. Those concerns centered on current participants water conservation activities, ground water protection activities, exploration activities, and an evaluation of the problems associated with the water disposal and inner basin transfer issues located at or about the City of Worthington. In an attempt to address the issues identified by the Legislative Water Commission the Regional Development Commission has established a Joint Water Issues Task Force to address the concerns aired. In addition, the Commission will be working with the other participating local units of government to meet the other areas identified by the Legislative Water Commission and provide the members of the Legislature with information that will allow those individuals to make intelligent and informed decisions on the importance and potential for this project to meet the area's needs. Also, involved in the conduct of this activity is the Minnesota Geological Survey, Department of Natural Resources, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Finally, we are coordinating our activities with members of the Middle Des Moines Watershed Board, Okabena-Ocheda Watershed Board, the City of Worthington, the City of Luverne, Rock County Rural Water, and Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water. We hope that our work will result in the area having a better understanding of the importance of this project and will eliminate or alleviate any concerns associated with the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System.

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 10- or 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 balance of \$2,069,938. An additional \$3,710,765 has been leveraged from private financial institutions and \$1,322,722 has been injected as equity capital by business and industry. A total of 216 jobs have been retained and/or created as a result of assistance by PEDC.

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

PROGRAM REPORTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

PEDC EXPANDS SERVICE AREA TO THE NORTH

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: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock.

Approximately two years ago PEDC began receiving 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. At present, PEDC is working toward permanent certification of this expansion area.

REGION EIGHT STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. James Girard, Lynd Dist. 21A	Rep. Katy Olson, Sherburn Dist. 22B
Rep. Andy Steensma, Luverne Dist. 21B	Rep. Barb Vickerman, Redwood Falls Dist. 23A
Rep. Ted Winter, Fulda Dist. 22A	

SENATORS

Sen. Dennis Frederickson, New Ulm ... Dist. 23	Senator Dave Durenberger
Sen. Jim Vickerman, Tracy Dist. 22	Senator Paul Wellstone
Sen. Arlene Lesweski, Marshall Dist. 21	Congressman Dave Minge

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TRANSPORTATION

There are 11 voting members of the SRDC Transportation Committee representing County, City, and Township government as well as School Boards. Ex-officio or advisory members to the Committee are the County Engineers in the Region, City Engineers from Marshall and Worthington, a Lower Sioux Community Representative, and staff from MnDOT Districts 7 and 8.

The Committee met on following dates: September 8, 1993; November 22, 1993; January 31, 1994; April 6, 1994; May 5, 1994; and June 27, 1994 and major topics of discussion during the year included: Legislative Priorities; ISTEA Objectives and Implementation; Section 16; Transportation Enhancements; Area Transportation Partnerships in Willmar and Mankato State-Aid Districts; District Transportation Improvement Plans; State Transportation Investment Program 1994-1996, and 1995-97; the SRDC Transportation Work Program for FY 1995; ISTEA Work Management Teams; the State Transportation Plan; Regional Transit Needs Assessment; Functional Classification; 1993 Public Transit Awards; SRDC Transportation Legislative Agenda; IMS - Freight Movement; Regional Significance (of proposed projects); Historic Bridges; Identification of important transportation projects in the region; Public meeting on the draft TIP's; and how to get the public more involved in the investment decision process.

Some of the SRDC Transportation Activities included: coordination with the Area Agency on Aging on Transit related issues; technical assistance to local units of government and organizations as it relates to transportation activities; assistance to the Area transportation Partnerships in MnDOT Districts 7 and 8; monitoring Section 16 Transit vehicle recipients; beginning the Regional Transit Assessment Study; Assistance with Regional Transit Coordinators meetings; Coordinated with the Region's County Engineers, the City Engineers from Worthington and Marshall, the South Dakota DOT, the Iowa DOT, and Regions 6W, 6E, & 9 regarding the Functional Reclassification of roads; Monitored the federal legislation in relation to the National Highway System;

The SRDC annually submits a report to the Minnesota Department of Transportation on the transportation activities the Southwest Regional Development Commission has conducted throughout the Fiscal Year. If you would like a copy of this report, please contact Annette Bair at 507/836-8547.

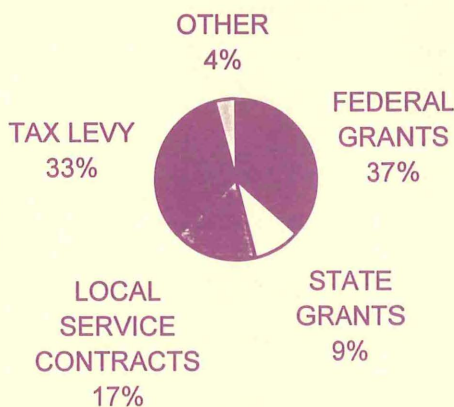
OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The audit for Fiscal Year 1993 of the SRDC's finance and contract compliance was completed by certified public accountants in November of 1993. Copies of that audit and all prior audits are available for review at the SRDC office. No negative findings were produced by the audit.

	FY94 <u>ACTUAL</u>	FY95 <u>BUDGET</u>
REVENUES		
Tax Levy	\$205,638	\$199,000
MN Board on Aging	82,950	84,525
Senior Linkage - MBA	N/A	6,895
Project Care-Aging	5,043	N/A
Economic Development Administration	55,000	57,000
EDA-Flood Recovery	61,840	65,512
MN Historical - Expo	21,017	19,474
Minnesota Department of Transportation	37,000	27,000
MN Dept. of Transportation - Transit & 16(b)(2)	14,122	7,750
Resource Sharing	6,616	N/A
Minnesota Blueprint	4,500	N/A
Small Business Development	10,101	N/A
Interest Earned & Miscellaneous	8,478	6,000
Reserves - Equipment	13,350	9,000
Housing	4,288	N/A
Contracts	<u>110,437</u>	<u>103,076</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$640,380</u>	<u>\$585,232</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Committee Expenses	\$ 45,654	\$ 49,000
Salaries & Fringe	363,588	391,264
Staff Travel	48,347	46,000
Rent	11,764	12,240
Postage	13,503	12,200
Telephone	11,947	12,000
Printing / Publication	12,027	11,000
Supplies	6,992	5,500
Insurance	4,793	5,500
Depreciation (Non-Car)	13,500	9,991
Audits	4,433	3,800
Computer	6,988	9,400
Aging workshops	875	N/A
Equipment	21,629	9,500
EXPO Contractual	N/A	7,105
Housing	N/A	8,000
Other	<u>15,010</u>	<u>12,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$581,050</u>	<u>\$605,000</u>
Reserve Change	<u>\$ 59,330</u>	<u>\$ (19,768)</u>

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

WHERE OUR OPERATING REVENUES COME FROM:



REGIONAL IMPACTS

- Grant writing or funding source assistance to Pipestone.
- Authored zoning ordinance revisions for the following local units of government: Murray county, Magnolia, Jeffers, Milroy.
- Began a Regional Transit Needs Assessment.
- Developed Regional Significance Criteria for ATP project priority.
- Participated as a member of the MnDOT District 7 and 8 Area Transportation Partnerships.
- Assisted the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission.
- Coordinated, facilitated, and/or assisted with meetings for the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission, Solid Waste Administrators, Transit Coordinators, and Area Transportation Partnerships.
- Provided technical assistance and expertise in the areas of land use, solid waste management, environmental, transportation and transportation coordination.
- Monitoring of Section 16 vehicles in the Region.
- Sponsored a Rural Health Care Forum in Hadley; spoke on community involvement.
- Fully implemented the Senior Linkage Telephone line for access and information to seniors and their families.
- Secured funding, programmed and hosted segments of Senior Linkage, an informational T.V. program for seniors on Public T.V.
- Sponsored an Alzheimers Information Workshop where approximately 100 people were in attendance.
- Sponsored a bus loan of senior citizens to attend Day on the Hill. Seniors met with Legislators and visited with the Commissioner of Revenue.
- Sponsored 14th Annual Regional Conference on Aging.
- Continue to monitor and offer assistance regarding senior dining, home delivered meals and senior citizen centers; along with assistance with bylaw writing and conducting senior leadership trainings.
- Facilitated SWAAA Advisory Council and Human Development Committee meetings, and met with the Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging to discuss federal, state, and local aging issues.
- Facilitated region eight transit coordinators meetings to discuss area transportation and to develop regional transit survey.
- Continue to work with development of an Integrated Service Network for southwest Minnesota.
- Funded congregate meals, home delivered meals, legal services, transportation, in-home frail elderly services, adult day care, respite, cardiac screenings, advocacy information & referral and senior centers.
- Provided economic development expertise to the Cottonwood County Seed Capital Fund, the Westbrook Economic Development Authority, the Jackson County Revolving Loan Fund, the Prairieland Economic Development Corporation, the Lakefield Economic Development Authority, and the Small Business Development Center.
- Continue to work on the Prairie Expo Project in regard to development of project information, financial planning, conducting audience research, and the tracking and monitoring of the progress in the Legislature.
- Staffed PEDC which has expanded to the north and now includes 14 counties; continue to prepare SBA 504 loans for area businesses.
- Completed ERL applications to the Department of Trade and Economic Development for business expansion projects.
- Held quarterly Economic Development Professionals and SRDC Development Committee meetings to discuss area economic development issues and projects.

REGIONAL IMPACTS (continued)

- Prepared necessary reports to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for grant requirements.
- Continue to administer and monitor the progress on the Windom Wastewater Treatment expansion project.
- Assisted many Region 8 communities and townships with flood related applications and worked on prioritization for multi-agency review committee.
- Established a SRDC Flood Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Attended monthly flood coordination meetings in St. Paul.
- Completed and received approval on the Long Term Recovery Plan for submission to EDA.
- Administered the FY93 SCDP applications for the communities of Chandler and Lake Wilson for Disaster Relief, Ihlen and Ellsworth Water Projects, and Milroy Public Facilities Project.
- SRDC along with SW MN Housing Partnership authored and co-authored SCDP applications for the Cities of Wilmont, Alpha, Wanda, Jasper, Luverne, Walnut Grove, Westbrook, Dawson, and the Counties of Rock and Lac Qui Parle.
- Administered three of the five FY94 SCDP applications which were awarded funding this includes the City of Alpha for Wastewater Treatment, the City of Wilmont for Main Street Improvements, and the City of Jasper for On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Water System Improvements.
- FmHA grant/loan applications were authored for the Cities of Wanda, Westbrook and Jasper, the later two being Stage II.
- Submitted an application on behalf of Alpha to MPCA requesting funding for on-site wastewater treatment. The City received funding.
- Provided the following communities with Comprehensive Market Analysis: Adrian, Edgerton, Jackson, Lamberton, Tracy, Wabasso, Windom, Lake Benton, and Slayton.

COMMISSION'S OEDP

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) is a federally designated economic development district by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and operated in Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock Counties. The Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) is completed and approved by its member counties as a requirement for continued eligibility as a Development District and as a basis for regional, coordinated development.

The OEDP represents the model for regional, coordinated development. It reviews the organization and management of the SRDC, outlines the process for development and requires that all counties who are in support of the SRDC and the OEDP adopt the instrument by formal resolutions. Additionally, the OEDP discusses the area and its economy by analyzing relevant data to our region and the surrounding areas evaluating existing assets and liabilities. Lastly, it clearly states and examines area goals and sets objectives toward meeting the desired goals linking the up-front analysis of our area's economy to the development potentials. The development strategy is a multi-year blueprint of action that identifies projects for the long-term development of our Region. The final chapter of the OEDP describes how the economic development program will be implemented.

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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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