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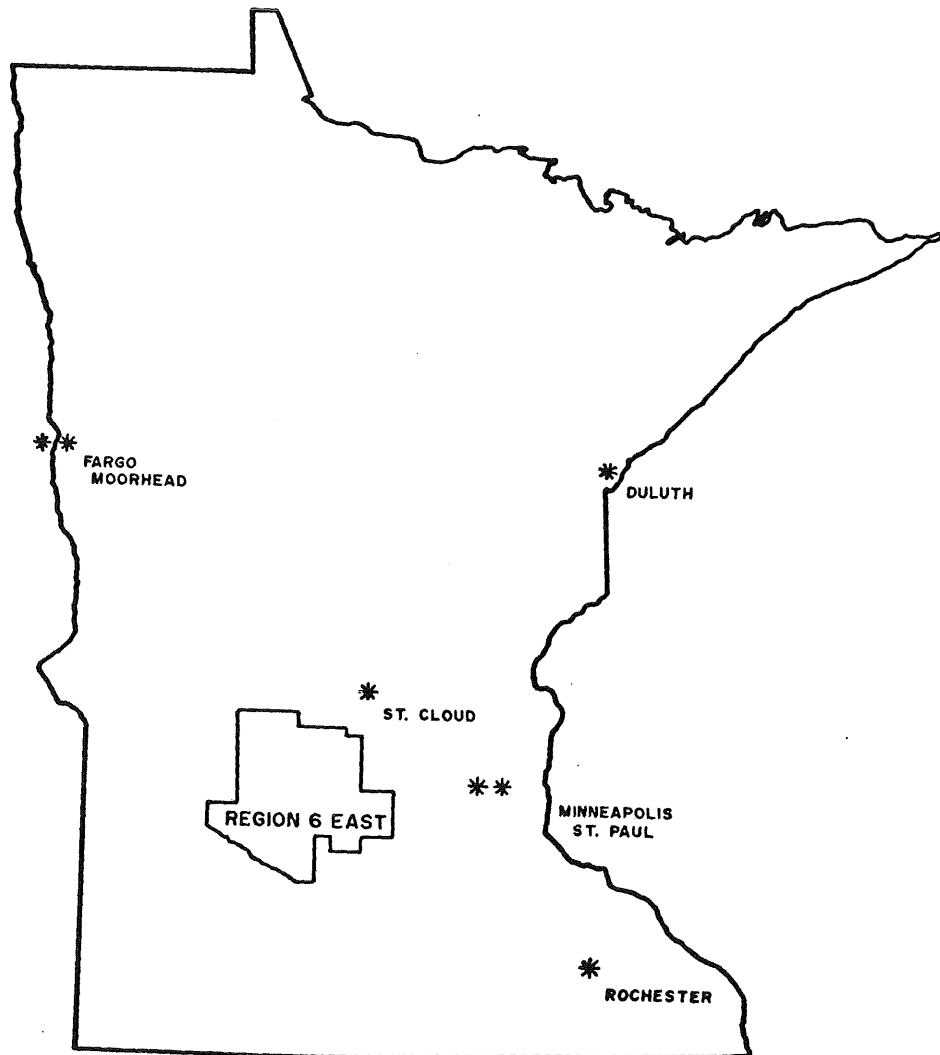
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# SIX EAST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CITY AUDITORIUM

311 WEST 6TH STREET

WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

H. EUGENE HIPPE  
Executive Director

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

612-235-8504

On July 25, 1973, the Commission held an organizational meeting in Litchfield. They met again on August 29th at Cosmos to begin drafting by-laws which were adopted on December 18th.

At its November meeting the Commission appointed two committees-- one to develop criteria for selecting an executive director and the other to locate an office for the Commission. The city of Willmar offered three years of free office space and the Commission accepted the offer. The Commission began advertising for a director in February.

In January, the Commission appointed a goals and objectives committee. The committee held its first county-wide meeting at Hutchinson in February. Upon completion of the meetings, the input was categorized into the following general categories, which are listed according to the committee's priority ranking:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Transportation       | 6. Inter-governmental Relations    |
| 2. Housing              | 7. Education                       |
| 3. Public Services      | 8. Communications                  |
| 4. Economic Development | 9. Research & Technical Assistance |
| 5. Environment          | 10. People Building                |

On May 16th, 1974, the Commission's Executive Director, H. Eugene Hippe, opened the office in Willmar. The first few months were spent refining work programs, developing regional identity and in general becoming operational.

Much of the ground work done in 1974 won't be fully realized until 1975-1976. The work program of the Commission is an on-going process that is not easy to measure in dollars or other material achievements. The Commission's progress will best be measured by its acceptance by the local units of government after it has been given a fair chance to perform according to its intended purpose.

As a Commission, we have no doubt that the existence of the Commission will be beneficial to the local units of government and to the people of the region. Our challenge is to be useful and effective in a manner that demonstrates the effectiveness of a cooperative approach to solving and resolving local problems and concerns.



Ernie Bullert, Chairman

# COMMISSIONERS and STAFF

## KANDIYOHI COUNTY

Dean Aarvig, Township  
Homer Bach, Mayor, Atwater  
Earl Larson, County Commissioner  
Irma Peterson, Councilwoman, Willmar  
(Community over 10,000)

## MCLEOD COUNTY

D. J. Black, Mayor, Hutchinson  
Ernie Bullert, County Commissioner  
(Commission Chairman)  
Ed Duesterhoeft, Township  
Hillard Graupmann, School Board

## MEEKER COUNTY

Marvin Holmquist, Councilman,  
Litchfield  
Lyndon Nelson, County Commissioner  
Delbert Thomas, Township

## RENVILLE COUNTY

Wayne Cornwell, County Commissioner  
(1975)  
Ed Downs, Mayor, Morton  
Clifford Fischer, School Board  
Wesley Kuske, Township  
Dr. A. O. H. Setzepfandt, County  
Commissioner (1974)

H. Eugene Hippe, Executive Director (5-16-74)  
Carol Baker, Secretary/Bookkeeper (6-17-74)  
Wayne Thompson, Regional Planner (1-27-75)  
David G. Ward, Research/Draftsman (9-9-74)

# COMMITTEES and APPOINTMENTS

## BUDGET & WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Earl Larson, Chairman - 6E Commissioner - Willmar  
Ed Duesterhoeft - 6E Commissioner - Stewart  
Clifford Fischer - 6E Commissioner - Buffalo Lake  
Deb Thomas - 6E Commissioner - Litchfield

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

Dean Aarvig, Chairman - 6E Commissioner - Willmar  
James Christenson - Willmar City Planning Commission  
Melvin Dose - McLeod County Planning Commission - Glencoe  
Duane Henkelman - Litchfield City Planning Commission  
Clyde Ruebel - Renville County Planning Commission - Olivia

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Hillard Graupmann, Chairman - 6E Commissioner - Glencoe  
Homer Bach - 6E Commissioner - Atwater  
Wayne Cornwell - 6E Commissioner - Morton (1975)  
Lyndon Nelson - 6E Commissioner - Dassel  
Dr. A. O. H. Setzepfandt - 6E Commissioner - Bird Island (1974)

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

D. J. Black, Chairman - 6E Commissioner - Hutchinson  
Dale Hultgren - Mayor - Dassel  
Arvid Nelson - Elevator Operator - Buffalo Lake  
Jack Lynch - Mayor - Willmar  
Vince Ryan - McLeod County Engineer - Glencoe  
Deb Thomas - Trucker - 6E Commissioner - Litchfield  
Curtis Wood - Nursing Home Operator - Olivia

## APPOINTMENTS

D. J. Black - Statewide Technical Advisory Committee  
Ernie Bullert - Criminal Justice Planning Council (1974)  
Ernie Bullert - Commission on Minnesota's Future (1974)  
H. Eugene Hippe - Environmental Education Council  
H. Eugene Hippe - Environment Quality Council's  
Power Plant Siting Committee  
Wesley Kuske - Criminal Justice Planning Council (1975)  
Earl Larson - Commission on Minnesota's Future (1975)  
Lyndon Nelson - Regional Manpower Advisory Committee  
(1974-75)  
Irma Peterson - Governor's Rural Development Council  
Dr. A. O. H. Setzepfandt - Regional Manpower Advisory  
Committee (1974)

## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The Six East Development Region lies in an area of conflicting land uses. The eastern edge of the four county area is adjacent to the twin cities metropolitan area and therefore is experiencing urbanization pressures. The northern portion of the area has a gently rolling topography and is interspersed with over 400 lakes. In most of the southern part of the region can be found some of the most productive agricultural land in the state. About 85% of the region's land area is used for agricultural purposes. Corn, hay, soybeans, dairy and beef operations are common, but of considerable importance are the raising or growing of turkeys, hogs, garden vegetables and sugar beets.

Approximately 100,000 people live in Region Six East. The urban-rural breakdown is 35,000 and 65,000 respectively. About 12%, or 2,950 of the 35,000 families have an income considered below the poverty level. This represents around 12,000 people affected with a poverty income situation.

The total number of housing units in the region is around 35,000. Of this figure, 1,682 owner occupied units and 852 renter occupied units lack complete plumbing facilities. These units lacking all or some plumbing facilities house nearly 6,000 people.

At the present time, housing of any type and especially safe, sanitary and decent housing is in critical short supply with most of the communities with under 1,500 population having a zero vacancy rate. This plus a high unemployment rate sets the stage for the Commission's work program emphasis for the forth coming year.

*H Eugene Hippe*

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H. Eugene Hippe, Executive Director

1974 BUDGET SUMMARY  
Statement of Revenue & Expenditures  
January 1 - December 31, 1974

Revenues:

State of Minnesota	\$30,000.00	
CETA Funds	2,971.60	
Interest Earnings	318.79	
Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>32.33</u>	
Total Revenue		\$33,322.72

Expenditures:

Regular Salaries	16,973.65	
Contribution for Pensions	1,828.31	
Contribution for Insurance	600.05	
Office Supplies	566.13	
Postage	228.54	
Misc. Meeting Expense	4.95	
Cleaning & Maintenance	3.40	
Drafting Supplies	374.62	
Communication	500.07	
Printing & Publishing	837.54	
Travel	603.59	
Per Diem	647.50	
Conference & School	3,483.95	
Insurance & Bonds	879.92	
Subscription & Memberships	96.45	
License	31.50	
Professional Services	595.00	
Car Lease	838.60	
Furniture & Furnishings	621.69	
Office Equipment	<u>921.60</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>30,637.06</u>

December 31, 1974 Checkbook, Investment and Petty Cash Balance	<u>\$ 2,685.66</u>
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## 1975 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

The 1976 fiscal budget will be approximately the same as fiscal 1975. The Commission has requested \$27,000 to be raised from local taxes and this together with Federal "701" money, CETA money and a state allocation is expected to maintain the present level of operation

### 1975 Fiscal Budget July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

#### Revenue

General Account Balance (July 1)	\$20,047
Petty Cash Balance	180
State of Mn. (close out 1974)	3,000
State of Minnesota	30,000
Federal "701" Funds	2,500
Investments	500
CETA Funds (Kandiyohi County)	<u>7,913</u>
	<u>\$64,140</u>

#### Expenditures

Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$43,550
Insurance	850
Vehicle Expense	2,715
Commission Per Diem & Travel	4,890
Communications	1,440
Office Supplies	750
Printing	2,410
Computer Time	360
Furniture & Equipment	4,520
Subscriptions & Memberships	490
Conferences, Schools & Seminars	600
Remodeling	250
Audit	200
Miscellaneous	<u>1,115</u>
	<u>\$64,140</u>

## WORK PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Following is a numerical and title breakdown of the Commission's adopted "Overall Program Design."

### WORK PROGRAM

- 100 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
  - 101 General Office
  - 102 Bookkeeping
  - 103 Commission Meetings
  - 104 Annual OPD
  - 105 Annual Budget
  - 106 Annual Report
  - 107 Commission Funding Sources
  - 108 Bookkeeping Computer Model
- 200 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
  - 201 A-95 Review
  - 202 Comprehensive Plan Review
  - 203 Coordinating Multi-county Agencies
  - 204 Technical Assistance
  - 205 News Letter
  - 206 Legislative Committee
  - 207 Information Center
- 300 RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
  - 301 Housing
  - 302 Public Facilities
  - 303 Economic Development
- 400 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Physical)
  - 401 Land Use
  - 402 Transportation
  - 403 Open Space & Recreation
- 500 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Social)
  - 501 Manpower
  - 502 Education
  - 503 Human Services
  - 504 Population
  - 505 Aging
  - 506 Criminal Justice
  - 507 Health
- 600 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Environmental Quality)
  - 601 Water Quality Management
  - 602 Environmental Protection

As mentioned earlier, much of the ground work accomplished in 1974 will be realized in the form of program accomplishment in 1975-1976.

The A-95 clearinghouse review process will be operational by April or May, 1975. No accounting of applications for state and federal monies is possible until this is accomplished.

Computerized bookkeeping is anticipated by August.

The entire area of "Rural Development" is progressing satisfactorily due to a staff technical assistance program to counties and municipalities.

An open space and recreation report is in progress and anticipated to be finished by May.

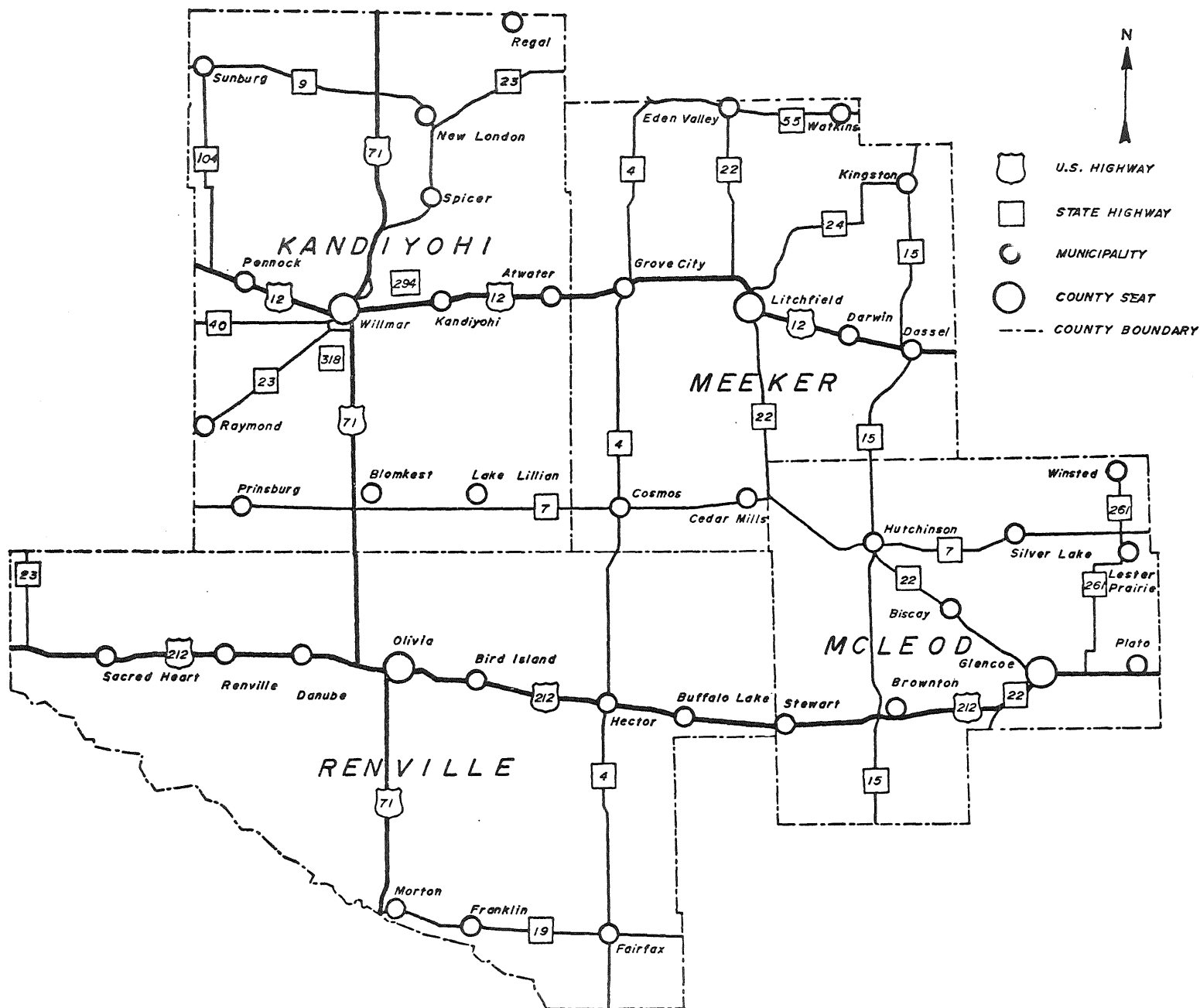
Considerable time has been spent in the area of "Comprehensive Regional Planning (Social)." Many of these areas are involved with other multi-county agencies and in some cases memorandums of agreement have to be finalized or developed.

The University of Minnesota is undertaking a three year land use and transportation research project for the region under Title V of the Rural Development Act. This has necessitated considerable time and effort to coordinate the input and output for the research.

The only comprehensive plan that has been submitted to date was by the multi-regional Criminal Justice Planning Council, Region "E".

In summary, the Commission believes that state agencies and state programs should be aligned to better reflect regional development commission boundaries. Administration and implementation of programs is usually easier to accomplish at the regional rather than a multi-regional level, and for this reason the Commission desires alignment of state agencies and programs to become co-terminus with regional boundaries when feasible.

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1970 U.S. CENSUS STATISTICS

<u>Kandiyohi</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>M. Leod</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Meeker</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Renville</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
Atwater	956	Biscay	105	Cedar Mills	81	Bird Island	1,309
Blomkest	172	Brownton	688	Cosmos	570	Buffalo Lake	758
Kandiyohi	295	Lester Prairie	1,162	Darwin	224	Danube	497
Lake Lillian	316	Plato	303	Dassel	1,058	Fairfax	1,432
New London	736	Silver Lake	694	Eden Valley	489	Franklin	557
Pennock	255	Stewart	666	Grove City	502	Hector	1,178
Prinsburg	448	Winsted	1,266	Kingston	115	Morton	591
Raymond	589	Glencoe	4,217	Litchfield	5,262	Olivia	2,553
Regal	44	Hutchinson	8,031	Watkins	785	Renville	1,252
Spicer	586					Sacred Heart	707
Sunburg	144						
Willmar	<u>12,869</u>		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
	17,410		17,132		9,086		10,834
Townships 24	<u>13,138</u>	Townships 14	<u>10,530</u>	Townships 17	<u>9,724</u>	Townships 27	<u>10,305</u>
Total Pop.	<u>30,548</u>		<u>27,662</u>		<u>18,810</u>		<u>21,139</u>