

Annual Report

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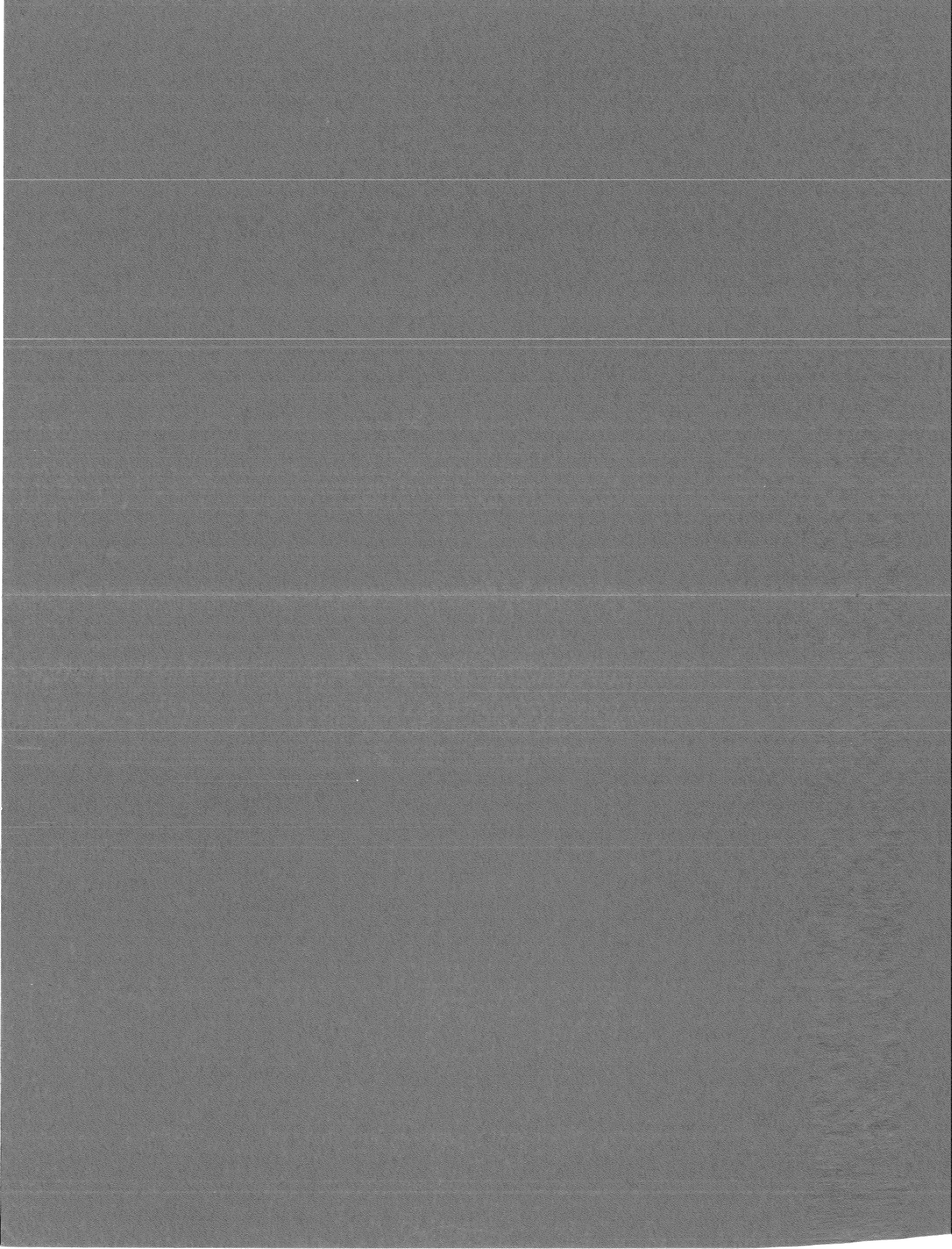
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Calendar Year 1975 has been a growth year for the Six East Regional Development Commission. In January, it increased its staff with a regional planner and in September it hired two more regional planners. In addition to helping carry out the responsibilities of administration and mandated areas of involvement for the Commission, these three people are assigned to developing plans in the areas of economic development, housing, open space-recreation and land use. The Commission also employed another secretary in September.

The addition of staff overcrowded the office space of the Commission which had been donated by the city of Willmar for the first three years. The city of Willmar offered additional spaces in the municipal auditorium which in order to be functional had to be remodeled. The Commission accepted the increased office spaces and negotiated a five year fixed rent lease and then accomplished the remodeling by utilizing its employees whenever possible. The new office facilities are located on the third floor of the municipal auditorium and are quite functional as well as allowing for flexibility of growth in the future.

Major accomplishments during the year included designation as the A-95 Reviewing Clearinghouse and increased activity in the area of technical assistance to local units of government. On several occasions the Commission became involved in reacting to both state and federal proposed legislation.

In summary, it can be said that the Commission has attempted to control both its staff and work activity growth in an effort to first become acquainted with the problems of the region and secondly to become comfortable in its role of functioning as a regional development commission. At the present time, the full Commission also acts as the entire Board of Directors and meets on a monthly basis rotating its meetings from one county to another. This is done for the convenience of the commissioners as well as to help generate public participation. Support of the Commission and its work program seems very favorable and we look forward to building on this foundation during Calendar Year 1976.

Ernie Bullock

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Homer Bach, Mayor, Atwater
Al Christopherson, School Board
Earl Larson, County Commissioner
Irma Peterson, Councilwoman, Willmar
(Community over 10,000)

MEEKER COUNTY

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

MCLEOD COUNTY

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

RENVILLE COUNTY

Wayne Cornwell, County Commissioner
Ed Downs, Mayor, Morton
Clifford Fischer, School Board
Wesley Kuske, Township

H. Eugene Hippe, Executive Director
Paul Borene, Planner - Housing
Richard Carlstrom, Planner - Land Resources/Environmental
Wayne Thompson, Planner - Economic Development
David G. Ward, Draftsman/Researcher
Carol Baker, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Sheryl Bredeson, Secretary

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

BYLAW COMMITTEE

D. J. Black, 6E Commissioner - Hutchinson
Wes Kuske, 6E Commissioner - Olivia
Earl Larson, 6E Commissioner - Willmar
Lyndon Nelson, 6E Commissioner - Dassel

BUDGET & WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Ernie Bullert, 6E Commissioner - Glencoe
Ed Downs, 6E Commissioner - Morton
Earl Larson, 6E Commissioner - Willmar
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

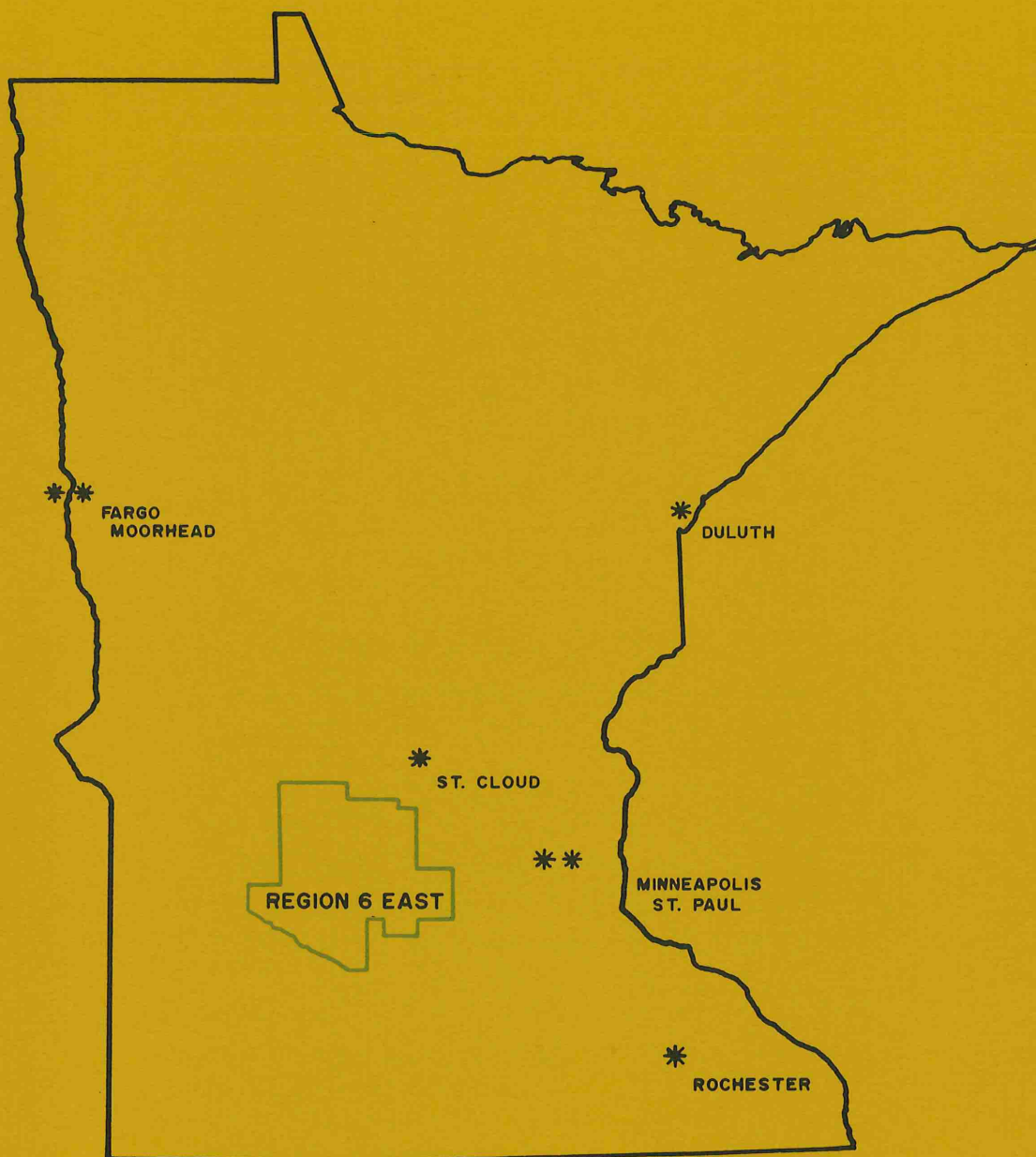
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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

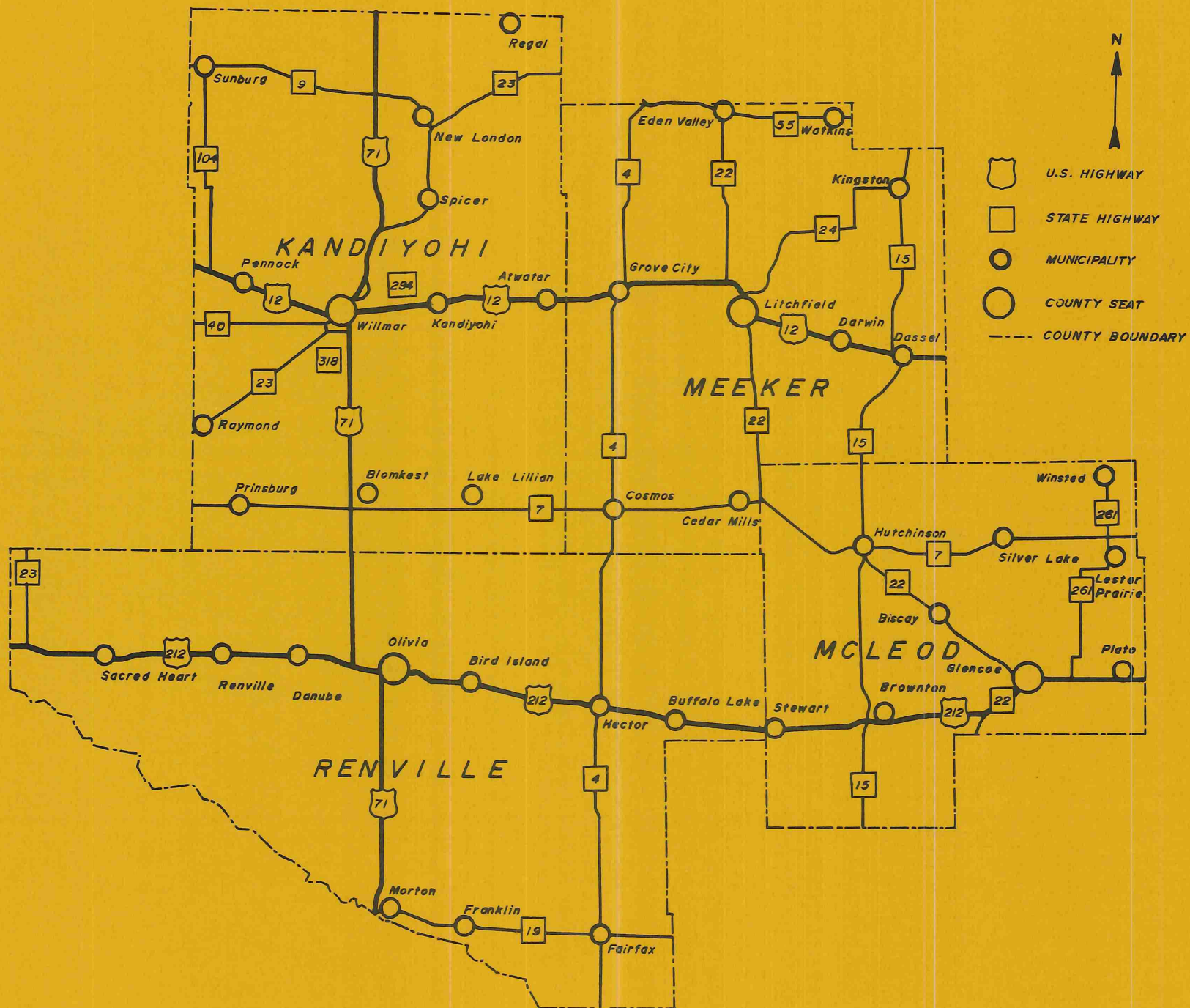
D. J. Black, Chairman, 6E Commissioner - Hutchinson
Dale Hultgren, Mayor - Dassel
Arvid Nelson, Elevator Operator - Buffalo Lake
Jack Lynch, Mayor - Willmar
Vince Ryan, McLeod County Engineer - Glencoe
Deb Thomas, Trucker - 6E Commissioner - Litchfield
Curtis Wood, Nursing Home Operator - Olivia

APPOINTMENTS

D. J. Black, Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee
Ernie Bullert, Alternate - Commission on Minnesota's Future
Wayne Cornwell, Regional Manpower Advisory Committee
Ed Downs, Pioneerland, Inc.
Hillard Graupmann, Alternate - Governor's Rural Development
Council
H. Eugene Hippe, Environmental Education Board
Wes Kuske, Criminal Justice Planning Council
Earl Larson, Commission on Minnesota's Future
Lyndon Nelson, Alternate - Statewide Transportation Advisory
Committee
Irma Peterson, Governor's Rural Development Council
Irma Peterson, Health Service Agency, Steering Committee
Staff, Environment Quality Council's Power Plant Siting
Committee



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BACKGROUND

A Brief History of the Commission

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

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 |

Statistical Background of the Region

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 and sanitary housing is in critical short supply with most of the communities with under 1,500 population having zero vacancy rate.

WORK PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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400 RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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500 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Physical)

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600 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Social)

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- 602 Education
- 603 Human Services
- 604 Population
- 605 Aging
- 606 Criminal Justice
- 607 Health

700 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING (Environmental)

- 701 Water Quality Management
- 702 Environmental Protection

WORK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

101 General Office

Three planners and one secretary were hired during 1975. Larger office spaces were remodeled during September and October and moved into in November. A rough draft of personnel policies and an affirmative action program have been prepared for review by the personnel committee.

102 Bookkeeping

The Commission's bookkeeping system is maintained in accordance with the balanced accounts principle of accounting. Bookkeeping and budgeting have been set up in accordance with OMB circulars 73-2, 74-4 and 74-7. These circulars established the guidelines to identify indirect costs and also to maintain a system of bookkeeping which will accommodate multi-agency funding. A request was made to the state auditor for an audit and this audit was accomplished in September with no discrepancies noted.

103 Commission Meetings

The full Commission which is also the Board of Directors met 11 times during the year and rotated the meeting locations among the 4 counties.

104 Annual OPD

The Commission's work program and budget committee developed a work program (OPD) for the year which the Commission adopted. Upon adoption, copies of the OPD were printed and distributed to the 152 local units of government in the region plus all the multi-county agencies and many other public and semi-public agencies and interested individuals.

105 Annual Budget

The work program and budget committee developed a budget to implement the proposed work program. The public hearing on the budget was held in July and was subsequently adopted and certified to the county auditors.

106 Annual Report

An annual report was written and distributed for the preceeding calendar year.

107 Commission Funding Source

In addition to the state appropriation and the federal "HUD 701" appropriation, the Commission has again levied a tax to support the work program effort. A local tax levy computes to be slightly less than one-sixth of a mill. The Commission has utilized Kandiyohi County's CETA Title II monies to employ a draftsman and a secretary. An \$8,000 contract was signed with the State Planning Agency utilizing Urban Mass Transportation Act funds to conduct a transit feasibility study in the greater Willmar area. An agreement was reached with the University of Minnesota to cost share part of the land use inventory effort. This was possible due to the fact that the University of Minnesota has a Title V Rural Development Act grant to conduct land use and transportation research in Region Six East.

108 Bookkeeping Computer Model

The Commission is purchasing time on the City of Willmar's NCR mini-computer which is conveniently located in a building adjacent to the Commission's office. The computer program accomodates revenue, expenditures and payroll. In addition, a special program was written for labor input which relates employee's monthly time sheets to the work program elements and the budgeted man-hour and monetary estimates.

201 A-95 Review

Sixty-nine applicants for A-95 Review were received since the Commission became operational as a clearinghouse in June. A breakdown of these applications can be found in another part of this report.

202 Comprehensive Plan Review

Although no comprehensive plans have been officially reviewed by the Commission, the staff has given assistance to several local units of government and public agencies on the development of their respective plans.

203 Coordinating Multi-county Agencies

Sixteen public or semi-public agencies have been identified as programers and providers of services within the region. In addition, several other state oriented agencies also carry out programs in the four counties. A close working relationship has been developed with most of these multi-county agencies in an effort to avoid duplication of effort, minimize expenditures and maximize service delivery. Memorandums of Agreement have been signed with two multi-county/multi-regional agencies.

204 News Letter

Although a news letter has not been established by the Commission, it has adequately kept the public informed because it enjoys excellent working relationships with the news media. During calendar year 1975 a total of 40 news releases were sent to the news media. In addition, many informational letters were directed to local units of government concerning a variety of state and federal programs.

205 Legislative Committee

The Commission has tried to keep abreast of proposed state and national legislation that is of interest to the local units of government and the residents of the region. The Commission scheduled one legislative day with local legislators, hosted a senate sub-committee hearing on regional development commissions and met with the Legislative Economic Development Sub-committee.

206 Information Center

Information continues to come into the region almost on a daily basis. A library area was created in the new remodeled office spaces and at the present time contains 84 categories of information on such varied subjects as population, solid waste, economic development and human services. Many maps have been assembled and the office now contains almost all of the 1970 Census information in a very usable format. The Commission uses a clear acetate overlay map program at a scale of 1 inch equals 4 miles. Presently over 30 overlay maps have been prepared and contain a wide variety of information that is being used by committees and the staff planners.

301 Municipal Technical Assistance

Most of the 40 municipalities in the 4 county region have utilized the Commission staff to help them prepare grant applications. The staff has assisted on preparing 43 preliminary Community Development Act applications, 9 final Community Development Act applications, 2 multi-municipal sewage treatment facility applications, 12 LAWCON preapplications and 2 final LAWCON applications. The aforementioned activity is representative but not all inclusive. A considerable amount of time was spent discussing various proposals with communities but never resulted in submittal of a formal application. One community is receiving assistance in preparing a future land use plan and updating existing land use regulations.

302 County Technical Assistance

Technical assistance on grant applications to counties included three preliminary and one final application on the Community Development Act, six preliminary and three final LAWCON applications. Other technical assistance included coordinating quarterly meetings of the county commissioners within the four county area. Discussion topics at these meetings have included use of soils mapping, community action agencies, nursing programs, transportation and federal surplus property.

303 Township Technical Assistance

Technical assistance to townships is limited because of a lack of state and federal programs in which townships can be involved. However, one county Association of Townships meeting was coordinated to explain soils surveys and the accelerated soils mapping process. Another meeting of county township officials was addressed concerning land use regulations as they relate to development pressures and the need for soils information.

304 School District Technical Assistance

The Commission took the lead role in preparing an application from the Willmar and Hutchinson Vo-Tech schools to the Rural Development Council for a grant proposal addressing the needs of young farmers in the area.

305 Public and Semi-public Agencies Technical Assistance

Technical assistance was given on the development of four grant proposals. A habitat handbook was developed for use by the Environmental Education Board. Several agencies have utilized maps and statistical information available in the Commission's office.

401 Housing

The Commission actively promoted the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Home Improvement Program. A joint seminar was held and letters endorsing the Home Improvement Program were sent to private contractors throughout the region. The Commission authorized hiring a planner who will specialize in housing. The staff has categorized and analyzed most Fourth Count Census population, economic and housing information by minor civil divisions.

402 Public Facilities

The Commission provided technical assistance for two different joint sewage treatment facility proposals. Assistance was provided on preparing successful grant applications for a well and water storage facility for Atwater and a community center for Pennock. The current progress in this program is being accomplished by giving technical assistance to municipalities on the Community Development Act. Familiarity with individual communities will eventually lead to compilation of total community needs. A regional meeting was coordinated with representatives from Farmer's Home Administration in regard to the availability of loan and grant programs.

403 Economic Development

The Commission passed a resolution requesting provisional designation as an economic development district per criteria of the Economic Development Administration. One of the staff planners is assigned to the task of developing an overall economic development plan. Several chapters of that plan are in rough draft form.

501 Land Use

The land use committee meets periodically to provide input for the University of Minnesota's Agriculture and Applied Economics Department which is conducting a three year land use and transportation research study of the region under a Title V grant of the Rural Development Act. An existing land use survey has been completed for 68 of the 82 townships and 33 of the 40 municipalities in the region. This survey was conducted by actually driving every road and field-checking properties as to how they are being used.

502 Transportation

One of the commissioners is appointed to serve on the Statewide Technical Advisory Committee. A committee on transportation meets periodically with staff from the University of Minnesota's Department of Applied Economics which is conducting a three year research effort on transportation and land use in the region. Upon request the Commission agreed to undertake a transit feasibility study for West Central Minnesota which encompasses 19 communities around Willmar. The purpose of this study was to explore transportation alternatives in the area. Negotiations have begun to conduct a similar study for the Hutchinson area.

503 Open Space and Recreation

A comprehensive outline has been completed for the open space and recreation study. The overlay mapping process has developed a variety of maps that can be used in this study and the existing land use inventory is producing information that will also be used in the study. One of the staff regional planners has a major assignment to conduct the research and develop an open space and recreation plan.

601 Manpower

One of the commissioners serves on the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee. The Commission studied and then rejected a proposal to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Governor's Manpower Office and to contract with that office to provide staff assistance to the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee. This action was taken because of the unavailability of the necessary funds to create a full-time rather than a part-time position.

602 Education

The Commission has programed very little activity for this area. The proposed activity is mainly to become acquainted with various educational administrators and to monitor programs and activities in an effort to prepare for a more detailed program in the future.

603 Human Services

The Commission is slowly developing a close working relationship with the many agencies involved in the delivery of human services. This relationship is being enhanced by supplying technical assistance and information on an as needed basis.

604 Population

Census information has been compiled and analyzed for most civil divisions in the region. Various population projections have been collected. The previously mentioned information was collected primarily for use in other studies but can now be summarized into a concise population report.

605 Aging

One of the human services agencies was supplied with statistical information on the elderly. The West Central Transit Feasibility Study gave considerable attention to the transportation needs of the elderly. Contact was made with the Governor's Council on Aging concerning funding for Region Six East but that request was not successful partially because of a federal regulation requiring a minimum of one full-time aging planner in each designated area.

606 Criminal Justice

One of the commissioners serves on the Region E Criminal Justice Planning Council. The Commission has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Criminal Justice Planning Council for the purpose of jointly carrying out and cooperatively supporting planning activities which will achieve the integration of criminal justice planning with other functional planning.

607 Health

The Commission engaged in conducting a generalized emergency medical study. It was thought that this information could then be utilized by the Southwest Health Planning Council. However, new national Health Planning Program legislation has all but eliminated any local health planning because of the need for new designation from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Therefore, this information will not be fully utilized until the new health planning agency is formed and in operation. The Commission assigned one of its members to be part of a steering committee to help form the new health planning agency. The executive director also has been requested to participate in the activities of the steering committee.

701 Water Quality Management

Information collected on water quality led directly to the Commission advising a community about a public water problem which eventually led to obtaining a grant to correct the problem. Presently the staff is developing a comprehensive data collection system proposal for grant discussion purposes. This proposal includes both underground and surface water and includes quality and quantity.

702 Environmental Protection

The Commission's library contains many of the county and municipal regulations related to environmental protection. In addition, the library contains both state and federal regulations concerning the environment. Discussions have taken place with many individual local units of government on an informal basis concerning the need for adequate environmental type regulations. These discussions not only concern the specifics of various regulations but also administrative and enforcement procedures.

A-95 Review Applications

Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
S.W. Development Disabilities Council	Comprehensive Planning & Coordination of Services	Approved	\$ 26,524		\$18,750
6E Community Action Agency	Employer-Employee Coordination	Approved	16,222	\$16,222	
City of Buffalo Lake	Community Center - FHA Loan	Approved	100,000		76,000
City of Stewart	City Park Improvement Project LAWCON	Approved	10,825		7,325
Heining & Larson, Atwater	Rural Rental Housing - FmHA	Approved	106,400		100,000
Kandiyohi County	Green Lake Swimming Beach Acquisition LAWCON	(Withdrawn)			
Kandiyohi County	Campground Dumping Stations LAWCON	Approved	10,000	5,000	5,000
City of Glencoe	Oak Leaf Park Project - LAWCON	Approved	40,000	10,000	20,000
Robert and Marcia Voronyah	Renville Rural Rental Housing - FmHA	Approved	225,000		225,000
City of Grove City	City Park and Campground and Environmental Classroom - LAWCON	Approved	94,444		94,444
James Sladek	Tender Years Retirement Center, Plato	Approved	62,500		52,500
Cities of New London-Spicer	New London & Spicer Outdoor Rec Project - LAWCON	Approved	31,810	7,952	31,810


Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
City of Watkins	Sportsmen's Waterfront and Recreation Park - LAWCON	Approved	\$ 81,000	\$81,000	
Meeker County Park Board	Lake Koronis Park Development LAWCON	Approved	64,150		\$ 64,150
City of Litchfield	Litchfield Nature Center and Legion Memorial Park Improvement - LAWCON	Approved	55,100	27,550	27,550
Renville County	Town & Country Park #2 - LAWCON	Approved	26,125	6,531	13,062
Renville County	Lake Allie Park #3 Development LAWCON	Approved	12,496	3,124	6,248
Renville County	Camptown Park #4 Development LAWCON	Approved	18,925	4,731	9,462
Renville County	Beaver Falls Park #5 Development	Approved	31,425	7,856	15,712
City of Hutchinson	West River Park and Picnic Area LAWCON	Approved	127,000	31,750	63,500
McLeod County	Lake Marion Park - LAWCON	Approved	109,600	54,800	54,800
City of Sunburg	City Park Improvement Project	Approved	12,700		11,700
Larson-Danielson, Cosmos	Rural Rental Housing - FmHA	Approved	117,000		117,000
Meeker County	Meeker County Roadside Erosion and Sediment Control	Approved	52,300		39,225

Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
Governor's Manpower	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act - Title II	Approved	\$2,527,178		\$2,527,178
Governor's Manpower	CETA Title VI	Approved	6,522,011		6,522,011
City of Litchfield	5 Year Federal Aid Urban Program	Approved	133,800	\$30,140	93,660
K. B. Mackechan and Associates, Inc., Redwood Falls	Wastewater Collection & Treatment Facilities, Sacred Heart	Approved	26,600	3,990	19,950
K. B. Mackechan and Associates, Inc., Redwood Falls	Wastewater, Bird Island	Approved	4,000	600	3,000
City of Olivia	Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities - EDA	Approved	38,000	5,700	28,500
City of Glencoe	Wastewater Collection	Approved	91,000	13,650	68,250
Watkins, Kimball, Eden Valley	Facilities Plan	Approved	31,672	6,335	42,229
City of Willmar	Facilities Plan	Approved	400,000	60,000	300,000
New London-Spicer	Facilities Plan	Approved	55,000	8,250	41,250
Winsted-Lester Prairie	Facilities Plan	Approved	46,500	6,975	34,875
6E RDC	Planning Grant Proposal - EDA	Approved	47,156		35,367

Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
Dept. of Natural Resources	Acquisition of 39.2 Acres - Sibley Park	Approved	\$ 22,540	\$ 11,270	\$ 11,270
Fairfax HRA	Rural Rental Housing	Approved	360,000		360,000
Aveyron Homes	Supervised Living Facility for Mentally Retarded	Approved	266,500		266,000
Governor's Manpower	Title 10 PWEDA	Approved	922,000		922,000
City of Willmar	CD Program and Budget Amendment	Approved	496,000		496,000
City of Willmar	Ambulance	Approved		50%	
Meeker County Park Board	Koronis/Crow River Park Acquisition and Development	Approved	400,000	200,000	200,000
City of Willmar	EMS Radio Communications Equipment	Approved		50%	
MN Association for Retarded Citizens	Foster Grandparent Program	Approved	444,667	61,696	382,971
Flynn Enterprises	Rural Rental Housing	Approved	191,800		182,000
City of Marshall/RE	RE Law Enforcement Training Seminars	Approved	26,154		17,000
McLeod County/RE	McLeod County Criminal Investigation Unit	Approved	42,631		40,500
Meeker County, Litchfield RE	Records Consolidation	Approved	15,789		15,000

Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
Marshall/RE	RE Inservice Corrections Training Program	Approved	\$ 7,737		\$ 7,350
Chippewa County/RE	Court Administration	Negative	30,526		29,000
St. Mary's Hospital and Home, Winsted	Loan for Community Hospital and Home	Approved	350,000		350,000
Meeker County Park Board	CDBG Program	Approved	400,000		400,000
MN Health Systems Agency Six	Health Agency Formation	Approved	200,000		200,000
City of Brownton	CDBG Program	Approved	240,000		240,000
City of Sacred Heart	CDBG Program	Approved	140,500		140,500
6E CAA	Alcoholic and Referral	Approved	28,759		28,759
City of Silver Lake	Site Acquisition	Approved	40,000		40,000
City of Glencoe	Site Acquisition	Approved	135,000		135,000
City of Eden Valley	CDBG Program	Approved	186,375		186,375
City of Lester Prairie	CDBG Program	Approved	375,000		375,000
Southwest and West Central Education	Computer Decision Aids for On-farm Education	Approved With Conditions	56,690	\$34,310	

Applicant	Project Discription	RDC Action	Project Cost		
			Total	State	Fed.
City of Hutchinson	CDBG Program	Approved	\$388,000		\$388,000
City of Franklin	CDBG Program	Approved	55,000		55,000
City of Hector	CDBG Program	Approved	700,000		500,000
City of Willmar	CDBG Program	Approved	240,840		240,840
City of Litchfield	CDBG Program	Approved	221,000		205,000
City of Willmar	CDBG Entitlement	To Be Acted On	496,000		496,000
State of Minnesota	Highway Improvement Planning Program	To Be Acted On	1170.4 (millions of dollars)		



COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A resolution of objection was sent to the Minnesota Congressional Delegation concerning the proposed deferral of HUD 701 funds.
2. A resolution of objection was sent to the President of the United States and the Minnesota Congressional Delegation concerning a proposed change in funding criteria which would decrease monies available in Minnesota for sewage treatment facilities.
3. Although the Commission has not officially acted by motion or resolution, there seems to be a consensus that state and federal agencies should strive to align programs and activities on an individual regional development commission basis. Examples of this concern are found in the administration of Criminal Justice Planning Councils, Developmental Disability Councils, Regional Libraries, Area Aging Agencies and Health Service Agencies.
4. The Commission sent a letter of objection to the Federal Communications Commission regarding the proposed change of radio frequencies which would affect some local law enforcement agencies in the region.

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REVENUES

	Year Ending <u>12-31-75</u>	Projected Year Ending <u>12-31-76</u>
Federal	\$ 9,455	\$ 12,171
State	64,750	70,000
Local	19,705	44,000
Other	<u>17,987</u>	<u>8,400</u>
Totals	<u>\$111,897</u>	<u>\$134,571</u>

EXPENDITUES

Personal Services & Burden	\$ 61,724	\$ 95,000
Indirect Expenses	11,231	7,500
Consultants	2,197	2,500
Printing & Publishing	2,847	6,000
Supplies	2,956	5,500
Travel, Staff	4,932	6,500
Commission Travel & Per Diem	<u>6,230</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 92,117</u>	<u>\$130,500</u>

