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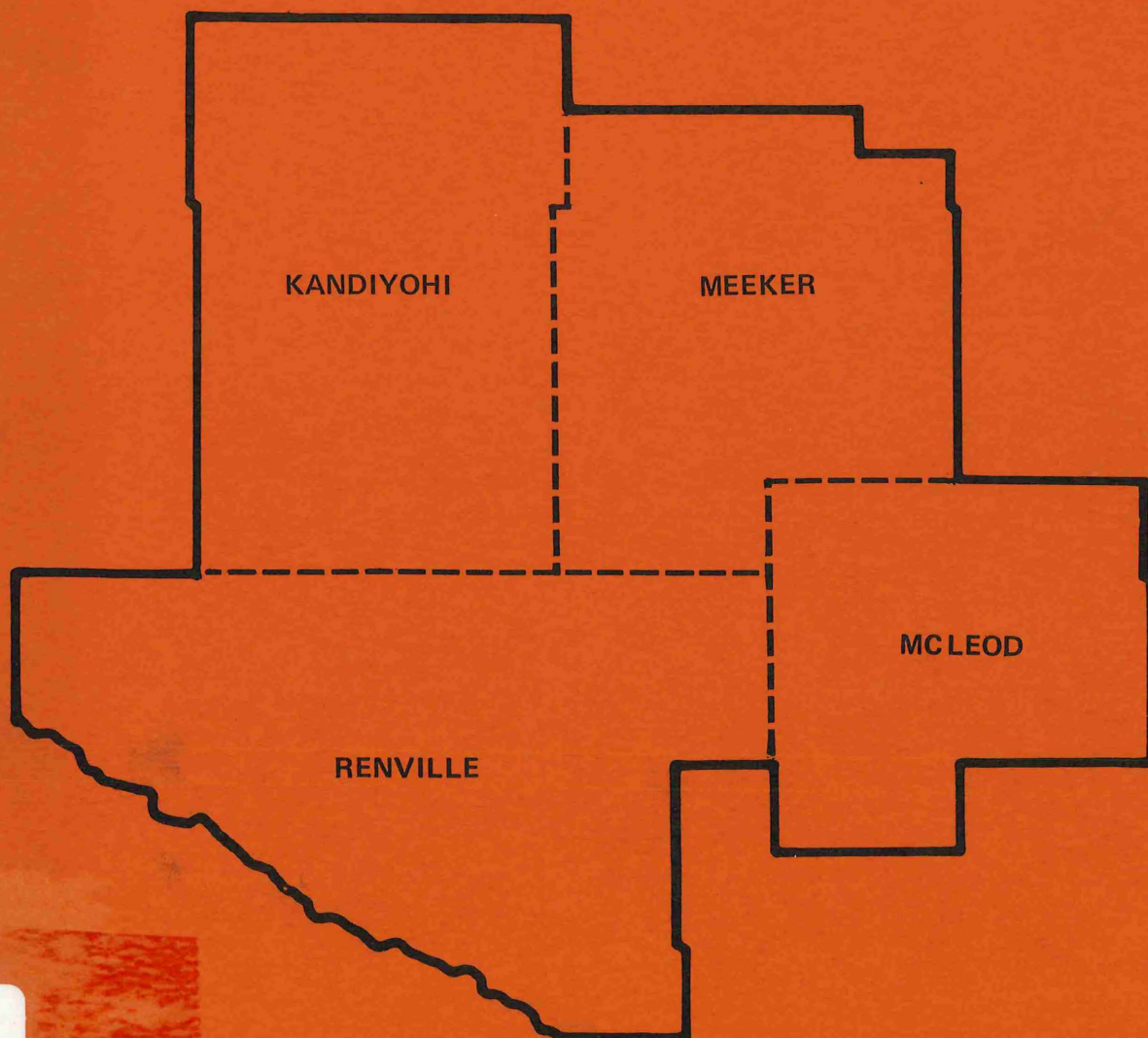


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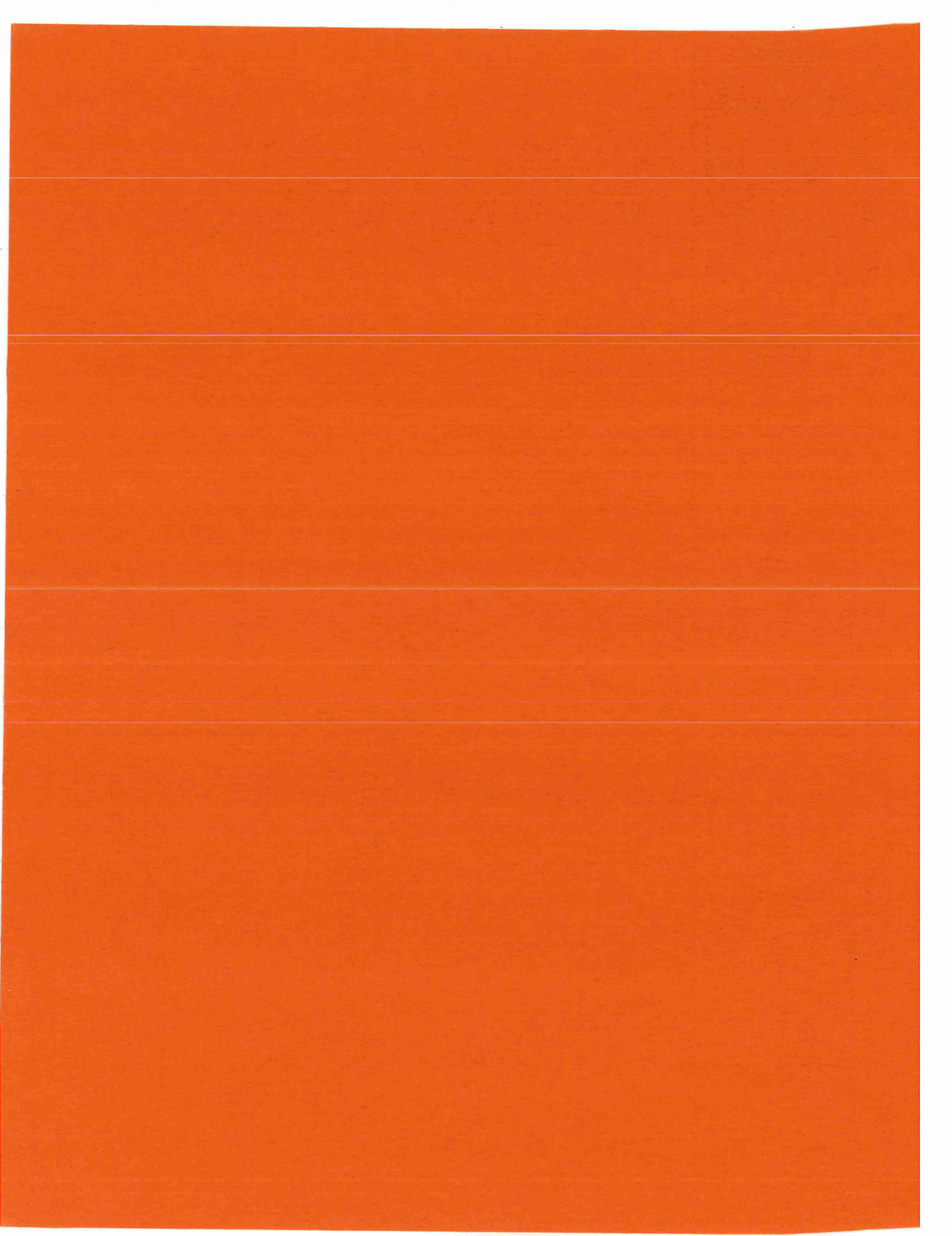


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Chairman's Message

The year 1978 will long be remembered by many as a year when people took an active interest in government. The reasons for the renewed interest are varied, but a general theme is the American public is looking for fiscal responsibility and individual accountability from its elected officials. I believe Region Six East has the kind of responsibility and accountability the public wants and deserves.

The nucleus of the Region Six East Commission is 15 locally elected officials selected according to state law. In addition, there are three public interest members on the commission. The elected officials plus the three public interest members make up the full commission which meets quarterly. Twelve of the elected officials are persons from each of the four counties and represent townships, municipalities and counties. They are appointed by their respective county township chairmen, county mayors or fellow county commissioners. Two school board chairmen

from the 26 school districts in the region are appointed to the commission by their fellow school board chairmen. The city of Willmar has a separate vote as a city with a population over 10,000 and they have appointed one of their city council members. One of the public interest members represents natural resource interests, one represents economic (employment) interests and one represents human service interests.

With this kind of local accountability, it is safe to say that the commission will be working for the best interest of the people in our area of the state. A considerable amount of our staff effort is devoted to providing technical assistance to local units of government. Our local units of government are small with limited resources at their disposal. Consequently, they often find it difficult to compete with larger, more urban units of government which have more resources with which to seek financial assistance programs and economic development.

Recently, I attended a meeting of the Minnesota Association of Counties. Some of us were informally discussing the merits of RDC's after one of the scheduled sessions. A county commissioner from the seven-county metropolitan area remarked that he wished his county had it as nice as outstate counties where the RDC's are made up of locally elected officials. He reminded us that the Metropolitan Council members are all appointed by the Governor but the twelve outstate RDC's all have locally elected officials as the majority of the commission and they are appointed by other locally elected officials.

I invite you to read this annual report and get to know your commission. The better we know you and the better you know us, the better we can serve you.

Earl Larson

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Commissioners and Staff

KANDIYOHI COUNTY

Dean Aarvig, Townships
Homer Bach, Municipalities
Earl Larson, County Board

MCLEOD COUNTY

** Ernie Bullert, County Board
Ed Duesterhoeft, Townships
* Clifford Popp, County Board
Chuck Warner, Municipalities

MEEKER COUNTY

* Eilert Flemming, Municipalities
** Marvin Holmquist, Municipalities
George Rice, County Board
Deb Thomas, Townships

RENVILLE COUNTY

** Wayne Cornwell, County Board
Ed Downs, Municipalities
* Pat Kubesh, County Board
Wesley Kuske, Townships

NONCOUNTY APPOINTMENTS

Al Christopherson, School Boards
Rene Marguth, School Boards
Irma Peterson, Councilwoman, Willmar
(Community over 10,000)

PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONERS

Carolyn Stevens, Minnesota Association of Voluntary Social Service Agencies
Leonard Pikal, Region 6E Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Dorothy Lindstrom, Chairperson, 6E Manpower Advisory Committee

* Commissioners appointed to the commission to begin in 1979

** Term completed in 1978

OFFICERS

Earl Larson, Chairman
Ed Duesterhoeft, Vice Chairman
Chuck Warner, Secretary-Treasurer

STAFF

H. Eugene Hippe, Executive Director
Shirley Brandt, Parttime Secretary
Richard Brouwer, Draftsman
Richard Carlstrom, Planner - Natural Resources/Economic Development
Lee Larson, Planner - Housing
Lorraine Patton, Financial Officer
Evelyn Peratt, Secretary/Receptionist
Catherine Petersen, Planner - Manpower
Joan Peterson, Planner - Aging
Tom Peterson, Planner - Natural Resources/Recreation/Transportation
John Walsh, Planner - Developmental Disabilities
Pam Wiegmann, Secretary

Committees and Appointments

EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Ed Downs - Morton
Ed Duesterhoeft - Stewart
Earl Larson - Willmar
Deb Thomas - Litchfield

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Wes Kuske - Olivia
Earl Larson - Willmar
George Rice - Watkins
Chuck Warner - Brownton

BUDGET & WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Irma Peterson, Chairperson, Willmar
Ed Downs - Morton
Ed Duesterhoeft - Stewart
George Rice - Watkins

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Homer Bach - Atwater
Wes Kuske - Olivia
Ernie Bullert - Glencoe
Marvin Holmquist - Litchfield

APPOINTMENTS

Ed Downs, Pioneerland, Inc.
H. Eugene Hippe, Environmental Education Council
Wes Kuske, Criminal Justice Planning Council
Dorothy Lindstrom, Regional Manpower Advisory Committee
Rene Marguth, Outdoor Recreation Planning Technical Advisory Committee
Irma Peterson, Governor's Rural Development Council
Leonard Pikal, Statewide "208" Task Force
Bernie Knutson, Health Systems Agency Six

* HOUSING COMMITTEE

Marvin Holmquist, Chairman - Litchfield
Richard Larson - Hutchinson
Donald Walgrave - Franklin
Norma Wilner - Litchfield
Michael Schmit - Willmar
J. Harold Beytien - Hutchinson
Millie Beneke - Glencoe
Bill Haggerty - Watkins
Clint Haroldson - Renville
Harold Cole - New London
Leroy Scharmer - Buffalo Lake

*HOUSING COMMITTEE DISBANDED IN MAY, 1978

MANPOWER COMMITTEE

Dorothy Lindstrom, Chairperson - Grove City
Pat Bonniwell - Dassel
Gary Erickson - Willmar
Barbara Gustafson - Litchfield
William Haggerty - Watkins
Joe Hobson - Litchfield
Gary Jorgenson - Willmar
Douglas Kirkeby - Glencoe
Mel Knutson - Willmar
Robert Kreigh - Willmar
Pat Kubesh - Olivia
Warren Macemon - Hutchinson
Vern Meyer - Hutchinson
Jim Mikes - Blomkest
Scott Nelson - Willmar
Tom Polansky - Olivia
Larry Schiller - Willmar
Martin Shockley - Olivia
Jerrel Sharpe - Cosmos
Don Werder - Willmar
Bill Zanin - Willmar
Byron Zuidema - Willmar

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dean Aarvig, Chairman - Willmar
Dwayne Buer - Atwater
Del Carlson - Grove City
Melvin Dose - Glencoe
Ron Erpelding - Willmar
Leo Grosam - Fairfax
Orlo Hagevold - Fairfax
Clint Haroldson - Renville
Ardis Hoversten - Stewart
Dale Johnson - Willmar
Philip Johnson - Pennock
Jeff Lovig - Olivia
Don Martens - Hutchinson
Lloyd Melvie - Dassel
Virgil Olson - Willmar
Willard Peterson - Willmar
Leonard Pikal - Brownnton
Clyde Ruebel - Olivia
Ed Reed - Silver Lake
Ernest Schafer - Buffalo Lake
John Taatjes - Raymond
Chuck Warner - Brownnton
Hugh Wagner - Watkins
Jerry Weldy - Franklin

AGING COMMITTEE

Irma Peterson, Chairperson - Willmar
Margaret Anderson - Grove City
Beverly Barker - Glencoe
John Doidge - Glencoe
Doris Ginsburg - Hector
David Klanderman - Willmar
Alpha Kragenbring - Atwater
Hilda Lawrence - Litchfield
Henriette Nielsen - Buffalo Lake

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chuck Warner, Chairman - Brownnton
Kenneth Agren - Litchfield
Reuben Barka - Litchfield
Jim Brazil - Morton
Harold Buscho - Morton
Verne Carlson - Willmar
Mel Fladeboe - Willmar
Roger Gustafson - Glencoe
Dick Hamilton - Willmar
Mike Kaczrowski - Olivia
Duane Klaustermeier - Glencoe
Henry Knief - Litchfield
Dean Oleson - Hutchinson
Bill Martens - Litchfield
Marlow Priebe - Hutchinson
Leonard Stulen - Spicer
Delbert Thomas - Litchfield

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

Mildred Paulsen, Chairperson - Steen
Bev Barker - Glencoe
Paula Brandt - Willmar
Janice Carlson - Spicer
Pat Crowe - Holland
Robert Dauenhauer - Marshall
Tom Emery - Marshall
Elayne Fahlgren - Ortonville
Joan Frank - Morton
Clark Guhin - Luverne
Bill Gulbrandsen - Willmar
Irene Holmquist - Worthington
James House - Worthington
Ray Jensen - Springfield
Kathryn Kelly - Jackson
Eleanor Larson - Hadley
Donna Laue - Worthington
Ludie Mannen - Montevideo
Addie Moonier - Redwood Falls
Frank Moore - Marshall
Louis Nelson - Fulda
Marian Rogge - Boyd
Dave Sams - Windom
Ernie Schafer - Buffalo Lake
Barb Schultz - Mankato
Norman Slagter - Montevideo
Norman Tempel - Willmar
Lois Welling - Atwater

Regional Profile

A Brief History of the Commission

The Six East Regional Development Commission became an official organization on July 25, 1973 when certain locally elected officials met together for an organizational meeting. At its November meeting that same year, 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 space and the commission accepted the offer. The commission officially opened its office doors with the employment of a Director on May 16, 1974.

In January the commission had appointed a goals and objectives committee. The committee held its first county-wide meeting at Hutchinson in February, 1974 and 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. Intergovernmental Relations |
| 2. Housing | 7. Education |
| 3. Public Services | 8. Communications |
| 4. Economic Development | 9. Research & Technical Assistance |
| 5. Environment | 10. People Building |

These ten areas of concern have undergone a slight expansion and transition and today form the backbone for the eighteen elements of the commission's Comprehensive Development Plan.

Statistical Background of the Region

The Six East 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. Some of the most productive agricultural land in the state can be found in the southern part of the region. About 85 percent 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, vegetables, sugar beets and sunflowers.

Approximately 104,000 people live in Region Six East. The urban-rural breakdown is 57,000 and 47,000 respectively. About 13 percent of the region's population have an income considered below the poverty level.

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 critically short supply with most of the communities under 1,500 population having a zero vacancy rate.

Comprehensive Development Plan Activities

Each year the commission prepares and adopts an annual work program. This work program details the commission's anticipated areas of involvement for the forthcoming twelve months and also gives an indication of involvement from a financial viewpoint for the following two years. The format of the work program for each category of involvement is to list previous work accomplished, show the objective for the area of operation, state some of the more obvious work elements, describe what the expected results are at the end of the fiscal year and describe what the final product will be after the commission has completed all work in a given program area. Each program area in the annual work program breaks down the funding sources as to federal, state and local funds and then show how the funds will be used. The expenditures show how many dollars are anticipated to be used for staff, direct costs, indirect costs and whether or not any consultant fees will be paid. In addition, the commission also makes a projection as to how many manhours will be needed in that given twelve-month period to accomplish the work outlined.

The commission has attempted to set up its work program along the lines or requirements in the State Statutes that require the commission to "prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, a comprehensive development plan for the region." State Statutes go on to say "The plan shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs and maps prescribing guides for an orderly and economic development, public and private, of the region. The comprehensive development plan shall recognize and encompass physical, social or economic needs of the region, and those future developments which will have an impact on the entire region including, but not limited to, such matters as land use, parks and open space land needs, the necessity for and location of airports, highway, transit facilities, public hospitals, libraries, schools, public and private housing, and other public buildings."

The commission recognizes that it cannot address all of these issues in depth in any given twelve-month period. However, it also recognizes that eventually these areas will be studied and, therefore, in its annual work program it has broken down eighteen different elements that will comprise the basis of a comprehensive development plan for the region.

Physical planning was the principal area of emphasis for the commission during its formative years. Even though social planning was not emphasized, there was a high level of awareness of the need for social planning. The following list of work program categories forms the basis for what will eventually be a comprehensive development plan for the region. Each category will be treated as a separate but integrated component of the plan.

Housing	Manpower
Public Facilities	Education
Economic Development	Human Services
Land Use and Natural Resources	Population
Transportation	Aging
Open Space/Recreation	Criminal Justice
Agriculture	Health
Water Resources	Developmental Disabilities
Energy	Arts and Humanities

Only those items scheduled for significant action in the overall work program or where significant action has occurred will be discussed in detail in this annual report.




LAND USE




AND RELATED NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee recommended adoption to the RDC of Phase I of the Land and Related Natural Resources Policy Plan. The commission accepted this report and directed staff to continue development of Phase II which deals with how state and federal regulations affect growth and development in the region.

An inventory of existing land uses was completed in 1975 and 1976 for the entire unincorporated area of the region and many of the small communities. This inventory was financed, in part, by the Development Commission and, in part, by the University of Minnesota which was the recipient of a three-year Title V Rural Development Act grant which was for the purpose of conducting research in the field of land use and transportation. Certain aspects of the inventory were conducted specifically to provide additional information for the university study in the analysis of the storage and transportation of agricultural commodities. Information on junk vehicles was collected, mapped and turned over to the individual counties for their utilization in county-wide junk vehicle removal programs. Other information that was collected is being utilized not only in putting together a land use and related natural resources plan, but also open space/recreation, housing and economic development reports. Certain parts of the land use inventory has been integrated into the Minnesota Land Management Information System (MLMIS). This computer data storage along with the computer's capability to produce computer maps is anticipated to be beneficial in the 208 Water Quality Nonpoint Pollution Source program as well as the region's own water resource program.




MANPOWER




The RDC is under contract with the Minnesota Department of Economic Security to provide assistance in the delivery and evaluation of manpower programs. Each year, the RDC, with the assistance of a Regional Manpower Advisory Committee, prepares an annual Manpower Plan which establishes local goals and guidelines for manpower programs and, specifically, recommends priority areas for the allocation of CETA funds. The committee recommends the plan to the RDC for adoption and the RDC holds a public hearing prior to adoption. The committee also recommends to the RDC the program deliverers of summer youth programs. The RDC and Advisory Committee had an impact on how \$3,296,345 of CETA funds were spent in the region in 1978.



HOUSING



Housing continued to be one of the commission's major concerns in 1978. During the year, the major responsibility of one of the staff planners was to complete a Housing Report and write a summary of the report for broad distribution.

Technical assistance to local government on housing related matters has occupied much staff time. They have continued to work with communities interested in the HUD Small Cities Program and also have made a special effort to keep municipalities, developers and financiers informed as to the many state and federal housing programs available.

The commission has continued to maintain liaison with HUD, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and Farmers Home Administration on current housing programs.



OPEN SPACE-RECREATION



A legislative mandate and a contract with the State Planning Agency precipitated the development of a report on Regional Park/Recreation Criteria. In this region, the local units of government affected were counties and, thus, it became a county determination of criteria and ranking of projects, but the report was coordinated, written and approved by the RDC.



WATER RESOURCES



The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has subcontracted with the RDC to provide citizen's input into the "208" Nonpoint Pollution Source Program. The commission is under contract also to the Minnesota Water Planning Board to provide citizen's input on all other aspects of water and water pollution. Both of these are being accomplished by utilizing the twenty-four member Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on water resources in the region. This encompasses both surface and underground water and addresses quality and quantity of water. One of the objectives of the commission in 1976 was to prepare a water resource work program proposal that could be funded, either by a single funding agency or be multi-agency funded, and which would in part generate base line information. The development of the proposal included coordination or contact with the following agencies or organizations: Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources, Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Environmental Science Foundation, Inc., Fresh Water Biology Institute, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Pollution Control Agency, Federal Soil Conservation Service, State Planning Agency (Environmental Section), Minnesota Land Management Information System (MLMIS), State Geological Survey, United States Geological Survey, University of Minnesota Department of Applied Agricultural Economics, Minnesota Water Resources Council (currently the Water Planning Board) and the University of Minnesota Limnology Research Center.

Results of past efforts began to bear fruit in 1978. The Minnesota Geological Survey expanded its data base of the region with over 6,000 verified well logs. CETA funds were used to hire two persons to verify the well locations so log information could be used to improve hydrological and geological data. During the same period, 25 water samples per county were obtained from 100 of the verified wells. These samples were analyzed by the Minnesota Health Department, and the information will improve the region's data base on such things as mineral content of water.



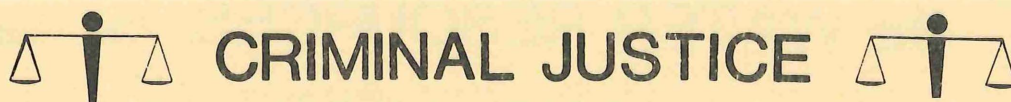
The commission held a public hearing on a Population Report for the region. Base information draws heavily on the 1970 U. S. Census and estimates and projections by the State Demographer. The report attempts to put into perspective the impact population change will have on land use, services and facilities provided by local units of government.



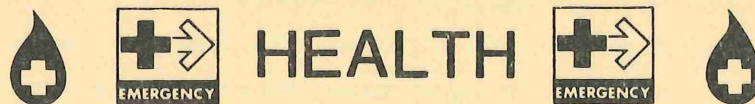
The Southwestern Area Agency on Aging formed by a Memorandum of Agreement between the RDC's of Six East, Upper Minnesota Valley and Southwest has been functioning for one year developing a coordinated service delivery system for older persons.

The formation of an Area Agency permits the allocation of Older American's Act money for direct service projects to this region. The major objective for direct service projects is to promote social and economic independence for the older person allowing them to remain active, productive members of society.

Transportation, in-home services, adult day care, multipurpose senior centers and coordination on aging are projects which have been identified as priority programs in 1978. The formation of this agency made possible the funding of these priority projects for a total cost of \$152,832 of which \$86,351 was federal funds.



Criminal justice planning is currently being accomplished through the Region E Criminal Justice Planning Council located in Marshall, Minnesota. This council covers the three-region area of Six East, Upper Minnesota Valley and Southwest. A Memorandum of Agreement is in effect with the Region E Council. The Southwest Regional Development Commission has assumed the financial responsibilities of being the recipient of the funds for the Region E Criminal Justice Planning Council. One member of the Region Six East Development Commission has been appointed to serve on the Region E Criminal Justice Planning Council. The Region E Criminal Justice Planning Council consists of a director, planner and office manager. The Criminal Justice Planning Council is responsible for planning and the ranking of projects scheduled for funding.



Health planning for Region Six East is the responsibility of Health Service Agency Six (HSA 6) located at Redwood Falls, Minnesota. The Region Six East Development Commission has appointed a representative to serve on HSA 6. Health Service Agency Six serves a twenty-seven county area and was established through federal legislation and is basically funded through the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It has a staff consisting of one director, one assistant planner, four associate planners and three and one-half clerical positions.



TRANSPORTATION



Transportation ranked as one of the leading concerns and problems discussed at citizen's input meetings in early 1974. In 1974, the University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Agricultural Economics, received a grant under Title V of the Rural Development Act and began a three-year transportation study in Region Six East. The commission worked with Mn/DOT in 1977 and 1978 to hold a series of meetings and solicit input for the Mn/DOT State Transportation Plan. Input was primarily accomplished with the aid of a twenty-member RDC Transportation Advisory Committee.

In the past, the commission completed public transit feasibility studies for both Hutchinson and the Greater Willmar Area. Both communities implemented the studies and are operating public transit systems. Presently, a survey of transportation equipment and programs is being conducted to help analyze the public transportation system of the region as related to the needs of the elderly.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Developmental Disabilities Council started the year with a resignation from its planner. Before a new planner began work in July, the council was dissolved and reorganized as a committee under the three RDC's of Six East, Upper Minnesota Valley and Southwest. Under the reorganization, the Six East Regional Development Commission took the lead role, and the new planner was physically located with the rest of the RDC staff rather than being officed in Redwood Falls as was the previous situation.

The committee is concerned with the problems and needs of persons handicapped with epilepsy, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and autism. Although advocates, they refer problems which are brought to their attention rather than becoming directly involved. They analyze the impact of proposed and existing regulations and work to make the public aware of problems and needs. They try to keep people informed about programs that offer solutions.



ARTS & HUMANITIES



The commission has agreed to have the Southwestern Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC) be its representative to meet the State Arts Board requirement that each region have an arts council. SMAHC has been in operation for several years. It operates not only by utilizing state funds, but also private foundation money and money from local membership in the council. Therefore, rather than forming a new arts council, the commission agreed to allow SMAHC be the recipient of funds from the state that normally would be allocated to the four-county region. SMAHC operates in the 18 counties of Six East, Upper Minnesota Valley and Southwest and has a staff consisting of a director, information coordinator, secretary and two part-time positions.

A-95 CLEARINGHOUSE PROCESS

On June 4, 1975, Governor Wendell Anderson designated the Six East Regional Development Commission as the official A-95 Clearinghouse Review Agency for the region. The commission has adopted, published and distributed an "A-95 Clearinghouse Review Procedural Manual."

Section 462.391, Subdivision 3 of the Regional Development Act states in part, "The commission shall review all applications of governmental units, independent commissions, boards or agencies operating in the region for a loan or grant from the United States of America or any agency, including state agencies and colleges or universities, for public facilities, studies, or any other purposes if the application clearly is related to the region, whether or not such review is required by the Federal Government." In 1976, the commission initiated a policy that it would review and process all applications but would comment only on those which have regional significance.

After the RDC is notified regarding an application, it notifies all local units of government, public agencies and semipublic agencies which may be concerned with or affected by the proposal. Also, the RDC notifies the State Clearinghouse which in turn notifies all applicable state agencies. The RDC does not have the authority to approve or disapprove applications. It acts as a coordinating agency for purposes of review and comment.

Ideally, the commission should base its review and comment on that element of an adopted comprehensive development plan that relates to the application. Where there is no adopted plan, the commission uses the goals and objectives in its Overall Program Design as a measure of consistency.

The following list of funding agencies and their acronyms are used in the list of 152 applications processed by the commission during the Calendar Year 1978:

ACTION

CSA	Community Services Administration
DOE	Department of Energy
DOL	Department of Labor
EPA/PCA	Environmental Protection Agency/Pollution Control Agency
FmHA	Farmer's Home Administration
GRDC	Governor's Rural Development Council
HEW	Health, Education and Welfare
HUD	Housing and Urban Development
LAWCON	Land and Water Conservation
LCMR	Legislative Committee on Minnesota's Resources
MDH	Minnesota Department of Health
MHS	Minnesota Historical Society
Mn/CCPB	Minnesota Crime Control Planning Board
Mn/DOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
NA	Not Applicable
SPA	State Planning Agency
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

A-95 Applications Processed

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Meeker County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	\$ 260,500	\$ 230,000	Pending
Lake Lillian	Streets and Storm Sewer	Local	Loan	FmHA	421,000	421,000	Withdrawn
MN DES	Youth Employment & Training (54 Counties)	Positive	Grant	DOL	1,708,965	1,708,965	\$1,798,911 (6E \$125,778)
Lester Prairie	Senior Citizen's Facility Equipment	Local	Grant	HEW	6,705	5,028	Not Funded
Spicer	Senior Citizen's Facility Equipment	Local	Grant	HEW	13,829	10,372	9,997
Kandiyohi County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	57,849	53,074	49,816
WesMin RC&D	Industrial Hydrocarbon Conversion	Positive	Loan Guarantee	USDA Commodity Credit Corp.	15,000,000	15,000,000	Pending
Willmar	Land Acquisition	Local	Grant	LCMR	30,000	15,000	15,000
Joseph Tisdell	12 Units Rural Rental Housing - Olivia	Local	Loan	FmHA	237,600	225,720	Pending
MN DES	Youth Community Conservation Improvement Project Modification (54 Counties)	Positive	Grant	DOL	26,396	26,396	Funded
Willmar	Transit Proposal	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	121,853	91,389	170,000
Buffalo Creek Players, Inc.	Acquisition/Restoration Historical Proposal	Local	Grant	MHS	75,000	37,500	20,000
McLeod County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	265,000	19,500	4,920
MN DES	Modification of CETA I	No Action	Grant	DOL	NA	NA	Approved
MN DES	Modification of CETA II	Positive	Grant	DOL	NA	NA	Approved
MN DES	Modification of CETA VI	Positive	Grant	DOL	NA	NA	Approved
MN ARC	Foster Grandparents Prog.	Positive	Grant	ACTION	803,993	769,023	774,023
6E CAA	Administration & Community Development	Positive	Grant	CSA	188,713	142,857	142,857
Willmar HRA	Community Develop. Block Grant	Local	Grant	HUD	326,000	326,000	326,000
Kandiyohi County	Phase II Develop. of Games Lake County Park #7	Local	Grant	LCMR	58,060	29,030	29,030
John Korngiebel	8-Unit Apartment Complex - Glencoe	Local	Loan	FmHA	150,000	142,500	169,160

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Watkins	Civic Park	Local	Grant	LCMR	\$ 29,886	\$ 14,943	\$ 14,943
Danube Public Schools	Multipurpose Recreation	Local	Grant	LCMR	22,500	11,250	Not Funded
McLeod County	Lake Marion Park	Positive	Grant	LCMR	79,750	39,875	39,875
MN ARC	Senior Companion Program	Positive	Grant	ACTION	471,376	145,716	145,000
Lyon County	SW MN Youth Worker Training FY 1978	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	17,376	16,230	16,230
	FY 1979	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	21,310..	20,246	20,246
Redwood County	Region E Drug Investigation FY 1978	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	35,706	33,920	32,632
	FY 1979	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	39,307	37,342	46,814
Willmar Police Dept.	Crime Prevention Unit	Local	Grant	MN CCPB	29,938	19,460	17,465
Meeker County	Chemical Dependency	No Action	Grant	MN CCPB	34,972	33,224	Not Funded
Renville County	Bridge Upgrade	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	29,900	24,100	23,220
Kandiyohi County	Grade Base, Surface	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	1,100,000	792,000	Not Funded
Renville County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	88,950	61,200	64,124
Olivia	Wastewater Treatment - Step 2	Local	Grant	EPA/PCA	75,600	67,140	Pending
West Central Industries	Developmental Skill Prog.	Positive	Grant	HEW	52,000	41,600	22,986
West Central Industries	Training Skills Project- Janitorial Skills	Positive	Grant	HEW	63,000	56,700	Not Funded
6E RDC	Growth & Development Plan	Positive	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6E RDC	Housing Plan	Positive	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
McLeod County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	184,900	160,000	Not Funded
Renville County	Upgrade Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	19,800	19,800	3,074
Roland Bosch	Multiple Housing Loan - Atwater	Local	Loan	FmHA	161,000	150,000	Pending
Kandiyohi County - S & WC District	Roadside Erosion	Local	Grant	USDA	76,760	62,160	63,600
John Korngiebel	Hutchinson Housing Proj.	Local	Loan	FmHA	221,500	210,000	Pending
MN HSA6	Full Designation as a Health Systems Agency	Positive	Grant	HEW	261,000	261,000	261,000

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Cardinal Rentals	Willmar-Low Rent Housing	Positive	Loan	FmHA	\$2,214,000	\$2,103,000	Pending
MN DES	Summer Youth Recreation	Positive	Grant	CSA	46,077	46,077	\$ 46,077
6E CAA	Women, Infants and Children	Positive	Grant	USDA	77,565	77,565	69,228
McCarthy Const.	Subdivision Feasibility - Glencoe	Local	Subd.App.	HUD	NA	NA	NA
Dennis Sigafoos	Subdivision Feasibility-Rural Kandiyohi County	Local	Subd.App.	HUD	NA	NA	NA
Ronald Carlson	Spicer, Rural Rental Housing	Local	Loan	FmHA	165,000	155,000	Pending
McLeod County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	145,500	155,000	Not Funded
MN DES	Prime Sponsorship Des.	Positive	Grant	DOL	NA	NA	Approved
Hutchinson Area Comm. Serv. Bd. for Elderly	Comm. Services Board for Elderly	No Comment	Grant	HEW	17,773	13,180	13,180
West Central C.S.C.	Adult Geriatric Day Care	Positive	Grant	HEW	85,300	45,700	45,700
SW State Univ.	Agri/Business Programming	Negative	Grant	GRDC	62,590	37,000	19,000
MN DES	Summer Program for Disadvantaged Youth	Positive	Grant	DOL	2,940,296	2,940,296	2,803,999 (6E-\$202,502)
SMAHC	1978-79 Reg. Block Grant	Positive	Grant	MN Arts BD.	66,137	66,137	66,137
Glencoe	Update Land Use Plan	Local	Grant	SPA	14,000	10,500	Not Funded
Renville & Redwood Co.	Health Services Plan	Positive	Grant	MDH	373,067	120,262	80,175
Sunburg	Water System	Local	Grant	HUD	350,000	350,000	Not Funded
MN DES	Modification of CETA Title I Grant To Governor	Positive	NA	DOL	NA	NA	Approved
Cosmos	Water and Street Improve.	Local	Grant	HUD	468,678	468,678	Not Funded
Kandiyohi County	Dev. Achievement Center & Food Center	Positive	Grant	HUD	985,000	325,000	Not Funded
Willmar	Housing & Econ. Dev. Activities	Positive	Grant	HUD	1,700,000	1,700,000	Not Funded
Platenburg & Son, Inc.	Groc. & Meat Process. Plant - Eden Valley	Local	Loan	USDA	360,000	290,000	Pending
John Korngiebel	Construction - 12 Unit Apt. - Silver Lake	Local	Loan	FmHA	240,000	228,000	Pending
6E CAA	Headstart/Home Base	Positive	Grant	HEW	247,618	190,446	221,562

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Meeker County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	\$ 91,630	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,274
Keltgen Seed Co.	Expansion of Facility and Refinance Loan	Local	Loan Guarantee	USDA	400,000	400,000	400,000
SMAHC	Arts and Humanities	Positive	Grant	GRDC	161,378	12,000	12,000
Kids, Inc.	Opportunities for Underprivileged	Positive	Grant	GRDC	35,561	25,955	Not Funded
SW St. Univ.	Ag.Computer Decision Aids	Positive	Grant	GRDC	77,143	23,663	18,000
Unive. of MN, Morris	Adzuki Bean Processing Demonstration	Positive	Grant	GRDC	46,931	37,130	37,000
Prof. Serv. Quality Council	Establishment of Prof. Services Quality	Negative	Grant	HEW	575,000	575,000	582,195
Green Thumb, Inc.	Older Workers	Positive	Grant	DOL	2,899,000	2,899,000	2,418,207
MN DES	HIRE	Positive	Grant	DOL	592,908	592,908	515,000 (6E - \$21,000)
6E CAA	Community Food & Nutrition	Negative	Grant	CSA	37,000	37,000	19,000
Willmar	Land Acq. - Ramblewood	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	90,000	67,000	69,000
Willmar	Tennis Courts	Local	Grant	LCMR	50,000	25,000	Not Funded
Willmar	Land Acquisition	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	60,000	45,000	Not Funded
Willmar	Trail Development	Local	Grant	SPA	10,000	4,000	4,160
Chuck Pinske	Subd. Feasibility Rural Kandiyohi	Local	NA	HUD	NA	NA	Not Approved
West Central C.S.C.	Consultation & Educ.	Positive	Grant	HEW	105,606	105,606	105,606
West Central C.S.C.	Staffing Growth Grant	Positive	Grant	HEW	133,837	133,837	109,942
Raymond	Tennis Courts-Raymond H.S.	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	25,200	18,900	Not Funded
Willmar School Dist.	4 Tennis Courts-Jr. High	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	66,000	49,500	Not Funded
MN Historical Society	Ness Church - Restoration and Preservation	Local	Grant	MHS	16,899	8,449	10,843
Danube	Outdoor Recreation	Local	Grant	LCMR	75,413	56,560	31,500
Sacred Heart	Park Playground Equip.	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	5,000	3,750	Not Funded

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Eden Valley	Tennis Courts	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	\$16,650	\$ 12,487	Not Funded
Silver Lake	Swimming Pool	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	80,000	60,000	Not Funded
Watkins	Sportsmen's Waterfront & Recreation Park	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	48,275	36,068	Not Funded
Grove City	Park & Campgrounds	Local	Grant	LCMR	44,185	33,138	\$ 13,760
Hector	Tennis Courts	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	25,200	18,900	Not Funded
Hutchinson	Park Extension	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	194,000	145,500	Not Funded
Plato	Tennis Courts	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	25,200	18,900	Not Funded
Kandiyohi County	Big Kandiyohi Lake Park #1 Acq. & Development	Positive	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	51,000	41,250	38,625
Kandiyohi County	Diamond Lake Acq. & Development	Positive	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	76,748	55,500	57,561
Prinsburg	Tennis Courts	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	22,200	16,650	Not Funded
Eden Valley	Senior Center	Local	Grant	HEW	15,423	11,567	Not Funded
Litchfield	Senior Center	Local	Grant	HEW	18,109	13,582	13,582
Franklin	Senior Center	Local	Grant	HEW	3,298	2,474	2,474
Fairfax	Senior Center	Local	Grant	HEW	28,264	16,895	Not Funded
Cosmos	Senior Center	Local	Grant	HEW	13,041	9,781	Not Funded
Fairfax	Community Park-Acq. & Development	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	97,901	73,426	23,796
Franklin	Softball Park	Local	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	13,500	10,125	Not Funded
McLeod County	Lake Marion Pk. Develop.	Positive	Grant	SPA	68,400	51,300	54,549
MN DES	Skill Training Improv. Program (54 Counties)	No Action	Grant	DOL	2,676,839	2,676,839	2,667,799 (6E-\$7,800)
Health Central, Inc.	St. Mary's Residence-Retirement Living	Positive	Loan	HUD	2,560,000	2,560,000	Not Funded
Lester Prairie/Winsted	Waste Water Treatment Facilities Plan	Positive	Grant	EPA/PCA	807,000	61,376	Pending

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Renville County	Township Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	\$ 58,710	\$ 48,960	Not Funded
Meeker County	Bituminous Trail	Positive	Grant	LAWCON/LCMR	13,000	11,700	\$ 12,150
Renville County	16 Rental Units-SMS Apts.	Local	Loan	FmHA	352,000	334,400	Pending
6E CAA	Retired Senior Volunteer	Positive	Grant	ACTION	29,643	19,460	19,460
6E CAA	Nutrition for Elderly	Positive	Grant	HEW	234,909	182,783	182,783
Hector Apt.	8-Unit Apt. Building	Local	Loan	FmHA	173,500	173,500	172,800
McLeod County	Upgrade Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	41,000	35,000	Not Funded
Crime Control Planning Bd.	Region E 1979 Planning Grant	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	61,631	61,181	61,162
6E RDC	Dev. Dis. FY79 Work Prog.	Positive	Grant	HEW	37,238	27,928	25,000
MN DES	CETA Title I Special Grant to Governor	Positive	Grant	DOL	491,235	491,235	491,235
West Central C.S.C	Bridge--Youth Intervention	Local	Grant	MN CCPB	33,430	10,000	10,000
6E CAA	Alcoholic Counseling/Refer. Center-Kandiyohi County	Positive	Grant	HEW	28,759	28,759	28,759
6E CAA/MN DES	Solar Utilization/Econ.	Tabled	Grant	DOE/CSA/DOL	448,925	448,925	Not Funded
MN DES	Comp. Employ. & Training Act - Title I	Positive	Grant	DOL	6,883,301	6,883,301	8,660,689 (6E-\$766,474)
MN DES	Youth Community Conserv. Improvement	Positive	Grant	DOL	370,876	370,876	318,146 (6E-\$42,074)
Supreme Court of Minnesota	MN Criminal Law & Advocacy Institute	Negative	Grant	MN CCPB	60,339	60,339	67,560
Meeker County Court Services	Meeker County Shelter Care	Positive	Grant	MN CCPB	16,416	14,774	14,132
Kandiyohi County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	27,543	25,543	Not Funded
Kandiyohi County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	59,202	54,052	Not Funded
Kandiyohi County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	30,532	27,702	Not Funded
MN DES	CETA Title II	Positive	Grant	DOL	1,245,036	1,245,036	4,087,907 (6E-\$316,205)
MN DES	CETA Title VI	Positive	Grant	DOL	5,512,608	5,512,036	18,196,372 (6E-\$1,041,430)

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RDC ACTION	LOAN OR GRANT	FUNDING AGENCY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
MN DES	CETA Title III YETP Fiscal Year 1979	Positive	Grant	DOL	\$2,072,987	\$2,072,987	Funds Not Allocated
Kandiyohi County	Community Health Services	Positive	Grant	MDH	276,291	81,259	\$ 81,296
Buffalo Lake Area Housing	Construction of 12-plex	Local	Loan	FmHA	244,800	240,000	Pending
McLeod County	1979 Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	776,800	559,296	Pending
McLeod County	Base & Bit. Surface	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	153,000	110,160	Pending
Meeker County	Bridge Replacement	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	185,000	133,200	Pending
Renville County	Intermediate Care Fac. Mentally Retarded	Positive	Loan	FmHA	236,250	236,250	Pending
McLeod/Sibley Counties	Health Services Plan	Positive	Grant	MDH	216,106	87,871	89,268
Mn/DOT	Trunk Highway Const.	Positive	Work Prog.	Mn/DOT	1,524,000	1,524,000	1,524,000
Mn/DOT	Bridge Improve. & Replacement	Tabled	Work Prog.	Mn/DOT	25,000	25,000	Withdrawn
Hutchinson	Comprehensive Plan	Local	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Litchfield	Land Use Planning	Local	Grant	SPA	?	?	Pending
Southern MN Beet Sugar Coop.	Refinancing	Positive	Loan Guarantee	USDA	11,450,000	11,450,000	Guarantee on \$9,450,000-\$2,000,000 Loan Pend.
Mn/DOT	Work Program	Positive	Work Prog.	Mn/DOT	3,996,241	3,996,241	3,996,241
Meeker County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	229,000	165,000	Not Funded
McLeod County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	205,000	144,000	Not Funded
Univ. of MN Morris	Interactional TV - Farm Related Families	Deny	Grant	GRDC	68,173	23,013	Pending
McLeod County	Land Use Plan	Local	Grant	SPA	?	?	Pending
MN Crime Prevention Center	Rural Crime Preven. Demonstration	Deny	Grant	GRDC	\$ 118,938	\$ 36,000	Pending
Meeker County	Replace Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	259,000	195,000	Pending
Renville County	Upgrade Bridge	Local	Grant	Mn/DOT	22,100	20,000	Pending

Technical Assistance

According to language in the Regional Development Act, the commission may offer technical assistance to local units of government. It is the purpose of the commission to increase the planning and programming capability of local units of government by working with them to help assess their needs, determine their problems and develop local strategies to meet those needs and overcome or avoid the problems. The existence of the commission has no affect on the authority or responsibility of local units of government to do their own planning and programming to meet the needs and desires of their citizens.

Requests for technical assistance are initiated by local units of government and public/semipublic agencies. The commission provides assistance on a time available basis. Examples of requests for technical assistance follow:

- Help develop zoning ordinances
- Help develop zoning maps
- Help develop subdivision regulations
- Help develop future land use maps
- Assist with Community Development Act preliminary and final applications
- Assist with Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (LAWCON) preliminary and final applications
- Assist with Legislative Committee on Minnesota Resources preliminary and final applications
- Assist with housing program applications
- Assist with water system applications
- Assist with applications oriented to human services
- Advise on applicable state/federal grant and loan programs
- Prepare county Overall Economic Development Plans
- Develop loan applications for economic development
- Prepare tax increment finance district applications
- Assist with applications for manpower program funds
- Assist with applications for aging program funds

Examples of technical assistance completed during the past year are (1) completion of the Meeker County Overall Economic Development Plan, (2) completion of the City of Renville Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, and (3) completion of a Tax Increment Finance District for Bird Island.

Comprehensive plans and ordinances are almost completed for the cities of Raymond and New London. Similar work was begun for the cities of Cosmos, Grove City, Atwater, Hector, Brownton, Olivia and the County of Meeker.

1978 Budget Summary

REVENUES

		Year Ending 12 - 31 - 78
FEDERAL		\$ 106,176.94
Housing and Urban Development "701"	\$19,033.50	
Governor's Manpower/DOL	26,766.68	
EPA Section 208	6,965.00	
HEW - Aging	13,509.00	
Comprehensive Employment & Training/DOL	14,902.76	
HEW - Developmental Disabilities	25,000.00	
STATE APPROPRIATION		66,620.00
STATE GRANTS		4,574.00
Park/Open Space	574.00	
Minnesota Department of Transportation	4,000.00	
LOCAL		53,920.42
OTHER		11,968.44
Renville County Agri-Energy Contract	3,906.25	
State Water Planning Board	1,000.00	
Interest	4,524.02	
Refunds	471.24	
Contributed In-Kind Services	2,066.93	
TOTAL		<u>\$243,259.80</u>

EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$159,734.78
SUPPLIES	8,798.61
OTHER SERVICES. communications, postage, etc.	23,118.71
OTHER CHARGES: insurance, professional services, etc.	4,001.13
CAPITAL OUTLAY	4,441.43
TRAVEL	13,582.62
COMMISSION TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	7,562.27
IN-KIND SERVICES	2,066.93
TOTAL	<u>\$223,306.48</u>

1979 Program Budget Summary

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

	SOURCE OF FUNDING				
	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL
100 GENRAL ADMINISTRATION					
101 General Office	-0-	\$29,022	-0-	-0-	\$29,022
102 Fiscal	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
103 Annual OPD	-0-	1,959	-0-	-0-	1,959
104 Annual Report	-0-	2,877	-0-	-0-	2,877
105 Public Information	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
200 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS					
201 Clearinghouse Review'	-0-	3,370	-0-	-0-	3,370
202 Legislative	-0-	1,047	-0-	-0-	1,047
203 Coordination	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
300 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE					
301 Municipal	\$7,293	-0-	-0-	-0-	7,293
302 County	3,460	-0-	-0-	-0-	3,460
303 Townships, School Districts, Semipublic Agencies	844	-0-	-0-	-0-	844
304 Special Projects	37,644	-0-	\$6,569	-0-	44,213
400 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN					
401 Housing	-0-	1,310	1,800	-0-	3,110
402 Public Facilities	2,321	-0-	3,400	-0-	5,721
403 Economic Development	3,093	-0-	4,000	-0-	7,093
404 Land Use/Related Natural Resources	-0-	2,990	3,600	-0-	6,590
405 Transportation	-0-	3,368	-0-	-0-	3,368
406 Open Space/Recreation	-0-	5,602	-0-	-0-	5,602
407 Agriculture	4,903	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,903
408 Water Resources	4,119	517	11,275	4,000	19,911
409 Energy	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
410 Manpower	-0-	455	25,000	-0-	25,455
411 Education	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
412 Human Services	838	-0-	-0-	-0-	838
413 Population	-0-	2,743	-0-	-0-	2,743
414 Aging	-0-	4,662	14,000	-0-	18,662
415 Criminal Justice	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
416 Health	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
417 Developmental Disabilities	-0-	6,364	25,000	-0-	31,364
418 Arts & Humanities	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	\$64,515	\$66,286	\$94,644	\$4,000	\$229,445

Summary of Studies - Reports - Plans

Overall Program Design

Each year the commission prepares and adopts an Overall Program Design (OPD) which sets forth the commission's work program in detail for the next twelve months, and in more general terms, for a two and three year period. The OPD outlines goals, objectives, proposed work activities and expected results.

An important part of the OPD includes the budgeting of staff time. There are four general program areas in the OPD which are herein listed along with their respective percentage of staff manhours: Administration 17.6 percent; Intergovernmental Relations 5.9 percent; Technical Assistance 24.4 percent; and Comprehensive Planning 52.1 percent. When the comprehensive planning areas of aging, manpower and developmental disabilities are considered as at least half-time technical assistance in their respective areas, this changes Technical Assistance and Comprehensive Planning to approximately 38 percent each of the budgeted manhours.

Housing: 1978 Analysis and Policies

The commission, as a recipient of Section 701 planning funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was required to "identify the housing needs of the current and prospective population . . . and provide for distribution of housing resources, including assisted housing, to meet the needs of all citizens in order to provide a choice of housing types and locations." The Housing Plan is a direct result of fulfilling this requirement.

The Region Six East Housing Plan is an analysis of housing needs in the region. The plan sets forth goals and policies, examines housing and housing related population data, discusses state and federal assisted housing programs available to residents of the region, and establishes an allocation methodology to be used by state and federal housing providers in allocating housing resources in the region.

The commission held a public hearing in July, 1978, adopted the plan and distributed 107 copies. All cities, counties and agencies that deliver housing programs or provide facilities and utilities necessary for housing development received a copy of this 168-page plan.

Housing Summary Report

The report is a summarization of the Regional Housing Plan, Housing: 1978 Analysis and Policies. Highlights from each chapter are presented along with a summary of the chapter. While the report is brief, a general overview of housing conditions and policies in Region Six East can be obtained.

This summary totals 25 pages as compared to the 168-page Housing Plan.. Over 500 copies were distributed to local units of government and locally elected officials.

Meeker County Overall Economic Development Plan

In the spring of 1978, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners requested the assistance of the RDC staff in preparing an updated Overall Economic Development Plan. A new Economic Development Planning Committee was formed. The committee held meetings during March, April, May and June. During these meetings, the committee studied the local economy and developed recommendations on how economic development should be promoted in the county. These recommendations were included in the updated plan which has been submitted to the Federal Economic Development Administration. After the updated plan is approved, municipalities and private entrepreneurs in Meeker County will be eligible for financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration.

Aging Plan

The RDC held a public hearing on the Aging Plan in September, 1978. This is an annual plan submitted to the Minnesota Board on Aging as a requirement for securing funding. As such, it is in reality only partially a plan with the remaining part being fiscal and programmatic contractual requirements.

The plan statistically analyzes the needs of the elderly in the four counties of Region Six East as part of an overall 18-county area. It also analyzes needs based on a survey of needs and desires. The plan established seven objectives: (1) transportation, (2) in-home services, (3) adult day care, (4) multipurpose senior centers, (5) coordination of nutrition programs, (6) establishing or revitalizing a county council on aging, and (7) conducting a comprehensive needs assessment. The plan also sets forth the funding formula for the three-region area, the staffing breakdown and the decision-making process.

Land and Related Natural Resources Report

Part I

Growth and Development

1978 Analysis and Policies

As part of its land use analysis and planning efforts, the commission prepared and adopted a Growth and Development Report.

The commission had earlier determined that growth and development was one of the major land use concerns in the region. The staff was requested to study the nature of the issue and to work with the Natural Resources Advisory Committee in developing preliminary advisory policy positions regarding where growth should and should not occur, how growth should occur, and what should be the best uses of the land. These advisory policies were then considered and adopted by the RDC. These final adopted policies are only advisory in nature. Local units of government may utilize them if they so desire.

Regional Park/Recreation Report

A law passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 1977 required the State Planning Agency to procure a list of existing and prospective sites and facilities considered as being "regionally significant" recreation areas. Region Six East received funds from the State Planning Agency to develop the list of regionally significant recreation areas. In order for the RDC to compile the listing as prescribed by the State Planning agency, the following products were produced:

- Criteria for the designation of regionally significant sites
- Prioritized list of regionally significant recreation sites for acquisition and development -- both existing and potential
- Maps indicating those sites considered as being "regionally significant"
- A brief description and justification for designated sites
- A letter from local units and the RDC approving the sites and priorities

These products were generated through meetings with the County Park Boards and the Six East Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

The information was assembled into a report, approved by the RDC, and forwarded to the State Planning Agency. Starting with the 1978 grant cycle, the State Planning Agency will utilize the information and priority list in making "regional" park funding decisions.

Manpower

1979 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLAN

This is an annual plan for which a public hearing was held in July and, after approval by the RDC, was submitted to the Minnesota Department of Economic Security. All local units of government and most public/semipublic agencies received copies of this plan.

This is the third year a manpower plan has been developed by the RMAC. This plan reflects the thoughts and energies of local people who were involved in designing it. The FY 1979 plan is an update of the previous two plans and contains an overview of the current manpower programs in the area. It also begins to identify the linkages between a variety of agencies in the region. As a result, the 1979 Manpower Plan has evolved from a review of several aspects of the economy and the services provided in this region.

SUMMER 1978 PROGRAM ASSESSMENT — GOVERNORS YOUTH PROGRAM/SUMMER PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

This report gives an overview and evaluates two youth employment programs conducted by the CETA Center during the summer of 1978. The report is primarily based on a survey of employed youth and their job site supervisors. Recommendations covered the areas of (1) application process, (2) follow-up of youth employees, (3) orientation of the youth and the job site supervisors, and (4) program assessment.

Multi-county Human Service Agencies Inventory

The perception of the need for this report was the result of two problems. The first problem was the confusion resulting from such common names as the Six East Regional Development Commission, Six East Community Action Agency, Six East CETA Center, and Six East Child Care Advisory Council. The other problem was a confusion as to the jurisdictional boundaries and program parameters encompassed by the various human service oriented agencies.

The real challenge of this report was brevity. Of the 18 agencies documented, information of 13 was condensed to one page or less and five agencies used between one and two pages. The report was distributed to the news media, certain governmental officials, cities, counties and human service oriented agencies.

Population Report

The commission held a public hearing in February on a Population Report of the region. The primary purpose of the report is to demonstrate the effect population growth and decline has on local units of government in particular and the entire population in general. The report discusses both past trends and future projections. It specifically addresses changes population can have on (1) housing, (2) outdoor recreation, (3) employment, (4) solid waste, (5) water use, (6) land use, (7) criminal justice, (8) education, and (9) energy.

The report is not intended to be used as a specific forecaster of needs; nor can it be used to assure the elimination of all potential problems. It is intended rather to stimulate thinking as to how population growth or decline can affect the various social, economic and environmental factors of any given area.

Commission Perspective State and Federal Programs and Administration

Each year the commission lists in its Annual Report, according to State Statute 462.393, recommendations regarding federal and state programs, cooperation, funding and legislative needs. Following is a list of relevant issues the commission addressed during 1978:

- The commission passed a resolution supporting the action of the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners to impose a moratorium on the acquisition of waterfowl production areas by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because the Fish and Wildlife Service had recommended to the Corps of Engineers it not grant the county a permit to fill Hubbard Slough with dredge material from Foot Lake.
- The commission supported a proposed state emergency medical planning bill with an appropriation of \$200,000 provided Region Six East could access the funds without having to be part of an 18-county, 3-region area for emergency medical service planning as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- The commission perceived the need to analyze the impact of government programs on agribusiness development in the region. A funding request to use EDA Section 302 funds was denied.
- A resolution was passed to strengthen the role of Regional Development Commissions in the transportation decision-making process at the state level with Mn/DOT.
- The commission registered objection with the Federal Office of Management and Budget regarding the proposed cutback of HUD "701" funds.
- The commission opted not to become involved in an 18-county, 3-region Emergency Medical Service Plan because of apprehension that federal and state requirements might interfere with existing services established by local medical personnel.
- A need was perceived to help educate local businesses - - especially agribusiness - - regarding the advantages and disadvantages of importing-exporting.

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