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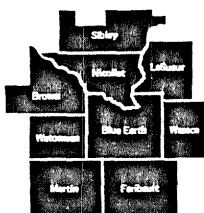
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I believe one of the Region Nine Development Commission's role is to strengthen the economic and human resource vitality of the nine-county area. We can do this by assisting in agency and organizations projects, which are of mutual benefit to communities. Our past activities have positively demonstrated strength.

This past year has proven that 'no man is an island', as we have seen an increased need for communication and efforts in problem solving, especially due to the depressed farm economy. I believe the RNDC has quickly adjusted to meet the current challenges facing all of us.

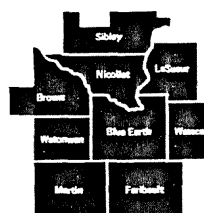
I'm proud of the RNDC and its staff and with the capabilities we have to rapidly structure our work program to provide the greatest benefit to the Region. Projects such as the ones involving the community of Madelia, the Mouser experience to increase retail sales, and the working relationship we have developed with private business and other agencies are only several of the highlights of our past year. We also have examples of our continued work in the areas of transportation, recreation, community and economic development.

The RNDC and its staff, I believe, have demonstrated the ability to successfully accomplish projects in the areas of aging, emergency medical services and arts, with less and less federal and state dollars being provided.

We are looking forward to serving the units of government and communities in the nine-county area during Fiscal Year 1987. We are committed to making this area of the state an even better place to work, live and raise a family.

With you sharing your time and skills with us, we can make a 'positive dent' in the issues facing our area. I urge each of you to become increasingly aware of our accomplishments and committed to active participation in meeting the challenges of today and tomorrow.

James E. Stangler
Chairman



region nine development commission

TO THE CITIZENS OF REGION NINE

Almost fifteen years ago the Region Nine Development Commission was organized by local units of government to address local problems and concerns through planning and intergovernmental cooperation. Throughout its history, the goal of the Commission has been to improve the quality of life for you, the citizens of Region Nine. We've worked together toward that goal in the areas of human resources, physical planning, economic development and community improvement.

I have been associated with the Commission since its inception as a citizen, commission member, commission chairman, and now, as executive director. I have watched our organization grow from its infancy to its present role as a leader in greater Minnesota. As the Region needs have shifted so too have our work programs and priorities. I am proud of our history and commitment to serve our people and local units of government.

The Commission staff takes its work seriously. We realize the needs are great and the resources few. Only by working together - commissioners, staff, governments and citizens - can we address our problems in a meaningful way.

The history of RNDC has been one of individual citizens and elected officials volunteering their time and expertise by serving on task forces, subcommission and councils. That support has been at the very heart of our success. In the future, the Commission will continue to ask for this assistance.

The Commission's first fifteen years have been good. Our successes have been many and our serious problems few. We are partners in progress with our local government and our citizens. I look forward to the future with anticipation.

Terence Stone
Executive Director

INTRODUCTION TO REGION NINE AND THE REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In 1972 the Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC) was organized by local elected officials as authorized by the Regional Development Act of 1969. Its purpose according to the legislation is "to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens." (Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.383; Subdivision 2.)

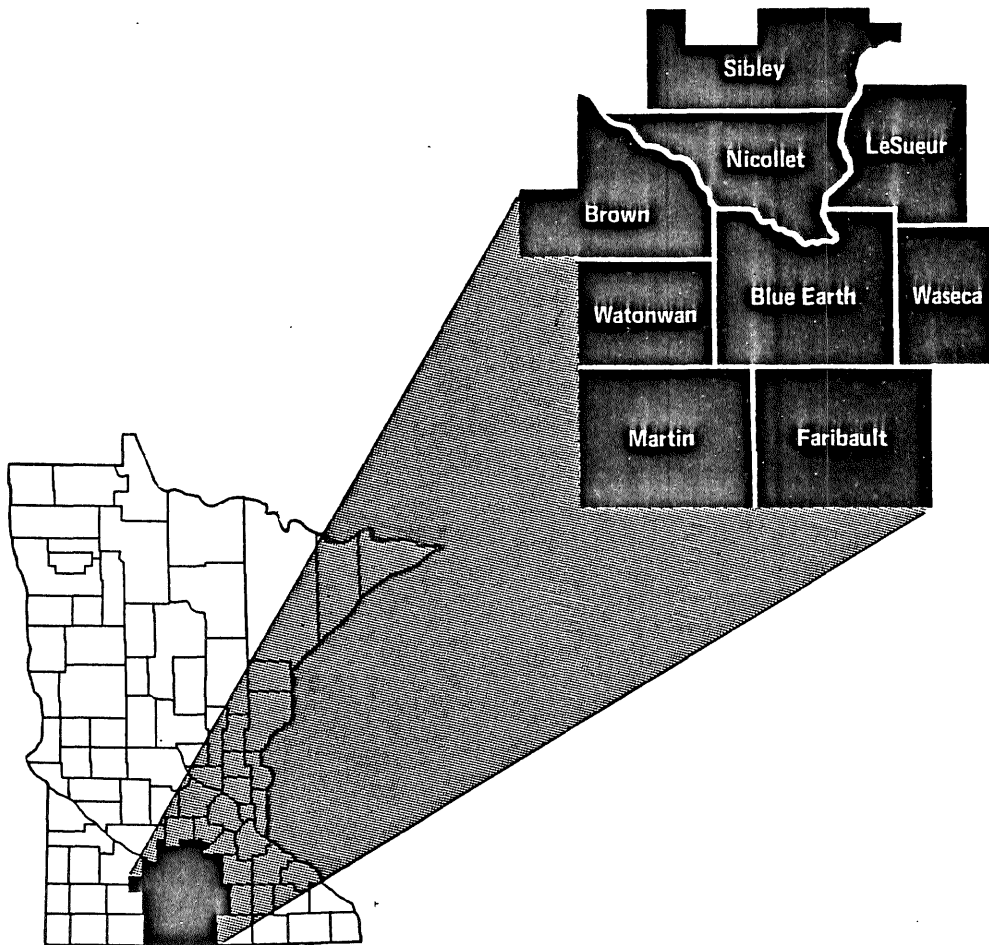
The nine counties that make up the Region Nine area, specifically Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan have a population of 204,010 of the state's 4,075,970 persons according to the 1980 census. There are three cities with populations over 10,000: Mankato, New Ulm and Fairmont.

The area's economy is centered around agriculture and agriculture-related industries, but diversification is seen as increasingly important. Facilities and services are available to support a varied business climate.

Serving on the RNDC are elected officials who represent 9 counties, 72 cities, 147 townships, 45 school districts, 9 soil and water conservation districts and the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments. They are joined by a representative of business and industry in the region.

The 35 member RNDC meets monthly to respond to the need for counties, cities, townships, school districts and other groups to work together on a regional basis to address economic, social, physical and environmental problems. About 300 citizens of Region Nine are actively involved in regional planning as advisory council, committee and subcommission members. Each year since 1972 has noted an increase in citizen and elected official participation as more people discover how they can best assist with the planning programs and be served by the RNDC.

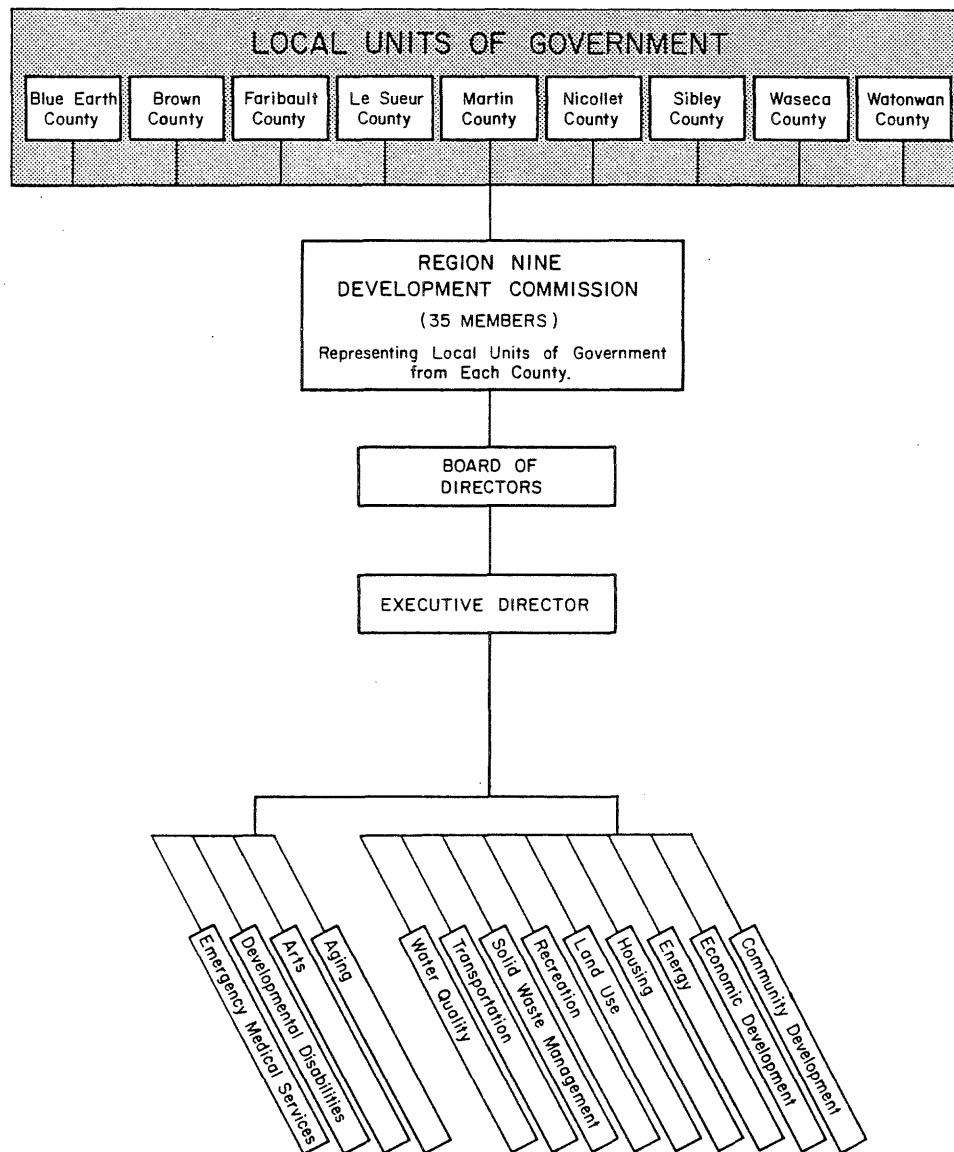
With its many planning functions, the RNDC has a professional planning staff to assist itself, subcommissions and committees in carrying out the activities they have defined. The staff consists of the executive director, deputy director and specialists in the fields of recreation, land use, community/economic development, housing, transportation, water quality, energy, solid/hazardous waste, cable television, aging, arts and developmental disabilities. They are assisted by an accountant, a public information coordinator, a bookkeeper, secretaries, a graphics coordinator and interns.



JULY 1986

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CANADA DAY	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	9 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	10 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	24 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Organizational Chart



Internal Works Committees

POLICY AND PROCEDURES REVIEW
LESTER ANDERSON
JACK FITZSIMMONS

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
KENNETH ALBRECHT
LESTER ANDERSON
ROBERT BARRETT
RAY ECKES
PAUL HADLEY
LARRY LLOYD
ALLAN SIGAFUS

PERSONNEL
KENNETH ALBRECHT
CARRIE HUFFER
ELMER KADING
HAROLD WUEST
CARL WYCZAWSKI

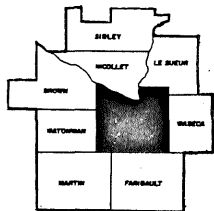
BUDGET
KENNETH ALBRECHT
LESTER ANDERSON
JACK FITZSIMMONS
JOHN PROSCH
BABE MILLER
ROLAND THIESSE
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CARL WYCZAWSKI
ADLOR OLSEN

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HERBERT MOCOL
KATY OLSON
CARL WYCZAWSKI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1986-87
KENNETH ALBRECHT
ELDO BRANDENBERG
WILTON SULFLOW
ELMER KADING
HERBERT MOCOL
ROGER OLDFATHER
ADLOR OLSEN
KATY OLSON
JEROME SCHLEIS
ERHART STANKE
VIRGIL WELLNER

AUGUST 1986

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Blue Earth County

Aging

Mapleton Town and Country Leisure Center - \$300 (McKnight)
 Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospice Program - \$13,521
 Share-A-Home and Housing Advocacy - \$11,179
 Adult Day Care Project - \$23,177
 South Central Minnesota Senior Federation - \$2,400 (McKnight)

Arts

Sts. Peter & Paul Church - \$650
 Leisure Education for Exceptional People - \$817
 Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$5,000
 Mankato Ballet Company - \$643

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Good Thunder Fire Department (\$500); Mapleton Fire Department (\$482.50); Pemberton Fire Department (\$500); Vernon Center Fire Department (\$500)

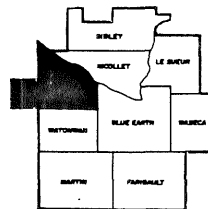
First Responder Training Grants - Good Thunder Fire Department (\$150); Mapleton Fire Department (\$150); Vernon Center Fire Department (\$70)

Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study
 Wrote a Small Cities Block Grant application for South Bend Township
 Began a Tax Increment Financing Plan for Lake Crystal
 Wrote a Small Cities Economic Development Grant application for Lake Crystal

Full Commission Members

LESTER ANDERSON, County Commissioner, Blue Earth County
 QUENTIN MARSH, Business & Industry, Blue Earth County
 HERBERT MOCOL, Mayor, City of Mankato, Blue Earth County
 ADLOR OLSEN, Cities Under 10,000, Blue Earth County
 ERHART STANKE, Township Board, Blue Earth County



Brown County

Aging

Brown County Chore/Home Maintenance - \$29,958
 Sleepy Eye Senior Center - \$18,000; \$738 (McKnight)
 Sioux Valley Mental Health Center; Peer Counseling - \$15,103

Arts

Original German Band of New Ulm - \$3,200
 George Marti Memorial Performing Arts Center - \$808
 New Ulm Notables - \$3,500

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Springfield Ambulance (\$500); Comfrey Fire Department (\$500)
 Emergency Nurses Grants - Sioux Valley Hospital (\$125)
 Training Activities - Radio Communications - Comfrey Hospital, Sioux Valley Hospital, Sleepy Eye Hospital, Springfield Hospital; Multiple Victim Triage - Sioux Valley Ambulance, Sleepy Eye Ambulance, Springfield Ambulance

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SEPTEMBER 1986

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	10 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	11 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	12	13 Auto/Farm Extrication Workshop, Mankato Technical Institute, North Mankato
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Annual South Central Minnesota Emergency Care Conference, Downtown Holiday Inn, Mankato
21	22	23	24 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	25 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	26	27
28	29	30				

(Brown County cont.)

Major Projects - provided county sheriff's office with ambulance primary service area map and information related to 9-1-1; provided Sioux Valley Hospital with ambulance primary service area map; obtained pricing information and assisted with the design for hospital radio communications equipment; prepared FCC license application for Comfrey Hospital.

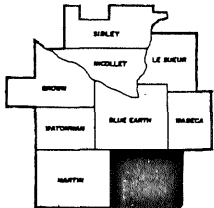
Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study

Completed a Housing Plan for Sleepy Eye

Full Commission Members

DENNIS MYERS, Cities Under 10,000, Brown County
ORVILLE OLSON, Township Board, Brown County
VIRGIL WELLNER, County Commissioner, Brown County
CARL WYCZAWSKI, Mayor, City of New Ulm, Brown County



Faribault County

Aging

Minnesota Lake Senior Center - \$500 (McKnight)

Frost Area Community Club - \$2,100 (McKnight)

Wells Senior Center - \$2,554 (McKnight)

Arts

Frost Community Club - \$1,125

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - United Hospital Ambulance (\$210)

Emergency Nurses Grants - United Hospital (\$125)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - United Hospital (Blue Earth), Wells Municipal Hospital

Major Projects - assisted Faribault County with 9-1-1 preparations; completed re-assignment of ambulance primary service areas.

Physical Development

Community Meetings - Winnebago

Community Meetings - Elmore

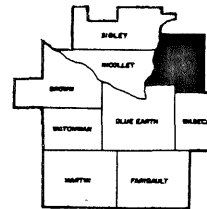
Road Jurisdiction Study

Planning/Growth Review - Wells

Completed an SBA 503 Loan in Blue Earth

Full Commission Members

THOMAS BROWN, County Commissioner, Faribault County
ROGER OLDFATHER, Cities Under 10,000, Faribault County
DONALD TOPPIN, Township Board, Faribault County



Le Sueur County

Aging

Waterville Community/Senior Center - \$12,095 (McKnight)

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OCTOBER 1986

FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 ROSH HASHANAH
5	6	7	8 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	9 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	10	11
12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED THANKSGIVING DAY (CANADA) YOM KIPPUR	14 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	23 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	24	25
26	27 - NADO -	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	NADO Annual Meeting, Mobile, Alabama - - - -

(LeSueur County cont.)

Arts

New Prague Historical Society - \$982

LeSueur Concert Association - \$2,000

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - LeSueur Ambulance (\$500); Montgomery Ambulance (\$500); New Prague Ambulance (\$500); Elysian Fire Department (\$500); Kilkenny Fire Department (\$452.50); Waterville Fire Department (\$500)

First Responder Training Grants - Elysian Fire Department (\$150); Kilkenny Fire Department (\$180); Waterville Fire Department (\$150)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - LeSueur Hospital, New Prague Ambulance

Major Projects - prepared specifications for purchase of Type II Ambulance for the LeSueur Ambulance Service, a Type II Ambulance for the LeCenter Ambulance Service, and a Type III Ambulance for the City of New Prague, assisted with the purchase process; obtained \$7,000 Pillsbury Foundation Grant for the Kilkenny Fire Department; conducted study for City of Waterville to resolve radio dispatching problems; developed ambulance vehicle and EMS equipment inspection records for New Prague Ambulance Service; conducted survey of ambulance charges and attendant salaries for the New Prague Ambulance Service.

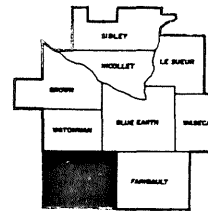
Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study

Completed the administration of a block grant project in Elysian

Full Commission Members

JOHN KING, Cities Under 10,000, LeSueur County
"BABE" MILLER, Minnesota Valley COG, LeSueur County
JEROME SCHLEIS, County Commissioner, LeSueur County
JAMES STANGLER, Township Board, LeSueur County



Martin County

Aging

City of Fairmont "Lifeline" Assistance Program - \$4,455 (McKnight)

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Sherburn Fire Department (\$500); Granada First Responder Squad (\$500).

First Responder Training Grants - Welcome Fire Department (\$450)

Emergency Nurses Grants - Trimont Community Hospital (\$125); Fairmont Community Hospital (\$125)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - Trimont Community Hospital

Major Projects - prepared radio equipment specifications for the Sherburn Fire Department and obtained license for additional local government frequency; provided information on radio communications equipment to the Granada Fire Department and Granada First Responder Squad; obtained physician medical advisor for the Ceylon Ambulance Service.

Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study

Wrote a Small Cities Economic Development grant application for Trimont

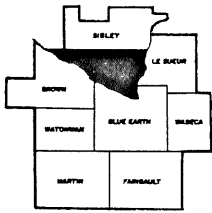
Assisted Ceylon in a Small Cities Economic Development grant application

Full Commission Members

BOB LEE, Cities Under 10,000, Martin County
ROBERT MALLIET, Mayor, City of Fairmont, Martin County
KATY OLSON, School Board, Martin County
PHIL THEOBALD, County Commissioner, Martin County
ROLAND THIESSE, Township Board, Martin County

NOVEMBER 1986

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11 VETERANS DAY Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	12 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	13 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	14	15
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Nicollet County

Aging

Nicollet County Direct Care - Hospice - \$4,701

Nicollet County Senior Citizen Health Screening Clinics - \$8,684

Arts

Fort Ridgely State Park - \$2,357

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Nicollet Fire Department (\$500); Lafayette Ambulance Service (\$500)

First Responder Training Grants - Nicollet Fire Department (\$135)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - Lafayette Ambulance Service

Major Projects - Assisted with the re-assignment of ambulance primary service areas

Physical Development

Plan a zoning ordinance for Nicollet

Comprehensive Strategic Plan - St. Peter

High Level Radio Active Waste Project

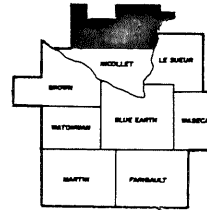
Road Jurisdiction Study

Worked with business on an SBA 503 Loan in Courtland

Prepared LAWCON/LCMR preliminary grant application for Nicollet County's Seven Mile Creek Park

Full Commission Members

KENNETH ALBRECHT, County Commissioner, Nicollet County
CARRIE HUFFER, School Board, Nicollet County
JOHN PROSCH, Township Board, Nicollet County
HARRY TIMM, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Nicollet County
WILLIAM WENTZLAFF, Cities Under 10,000, Nicollet County



Sibley County

Aging

Sibley County In-Home Respite Service - \$13,608

Sibley County Assessments and Service Coordination - \$6,061

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Henderson Fire Department (\$302)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - Gaylord Hospital

Major Projects - Assisted with the re-assignment of ambulance primary service areas

Physical Development

High Level Radio Active Waste Project

Park Plan

Road Jurisdiction Study

LCMR grant application/Park design

Administered a block grant project in Green Isle

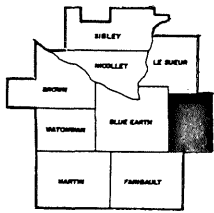
Worked with a business on an SBA 503 Loan in Winthrop

Full Commission Members

ROBERT BADE, County Commissioner, Sibley County
ELMER KADING, Cities Under 10,000, Sibley County
HAROLD WIEST, Township Board, Sibley County

DECEMBER 1986

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 HANUKKAH
28	29	30	31			



Waseca County

Aging

Waseca County In-Home Service Project - \$25,000

Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center - \$10,453

New Richland Senior Center - \$2,071 (McKnight)**

Arts

Waseca Arts Council - \$3,000

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - Neste Ambulance Service (\$500); Janesville Fire Department (\$500)

First Responder Training Grants - Janesville Fire Department (\$150); Waldorf Fire Department (\$70)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - Waseca Memorial Hospital

Major Projects - prepared FCC license application for Neste Ambulance Service

Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study

Ag Preservation grant application

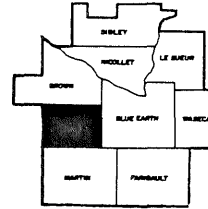
Worked on an SBA 503 Loan in Janesville

Completed a Development Plan for T.I.F. financing in Janesville

Assisted a business on financing in New Richland

Full Commission Members

ELDO BRANDENBERG, Township Board, Waseca County
JACK FITZSIMMONS, County Commissioner, Waseca County
AVERY HALL, Cities Under 10,000, Waseca County



Watonwan County

Emergency Medical Services

Equipment Grants - St. James Ambulance Service (\$400)

Advanced Trauma Life Support Grant - Dr. Thomas Koehnen (\$200)

Training Activities - Radio Communications - Watonwan Memorial Hospital, Madelia Community Hospital

Major Projects - assisted LaSalle Fire Department with DNR Fire Grant application process which resulted in a \$1500 grant; provided Sheriff's Department with Radio Console Operating instructions

Physical Development

Road Jurisdiction Study

Completed an SBA 503 Loan in St. James

Completed a Community Meeting in Butterfield

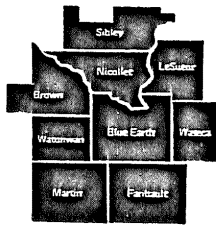
Wrote a Small Cities Economic Development grant application for Madelia

Full Commission Members

ART KUNZ, Township Board, Watonwan County
WILTON SULFLOW, Cities Under 10,000, Watonwan County
ED WENTZLAFF, County Commissioner, Watonwan County

JANUARY 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	9	10
11	12 Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council - 1:30	13 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	14 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	15	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	20	21	22 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	23	24
25	26	27	28 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	29	30	31



Region - Wide or Multi-County

Aging -----

Southcentral Area Ombudsman Consortium - \$26,806

Legal Advocacy for Older Americans - \$65,500

SMILINE - \$22,442

Share-A-Home and Housing Advocacy - \$11,179

Nutrition for the Elderly - \$279,215

Home Delivered Meals - \$79,280

Senior Health Care Advocacy - \$2,400

Sioux Trails Mental Health Center Peer Counseling - \$15,103

Arts -----

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota - \$550

Mankato Ballet - \$1,190

Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$2,500

Summit Center - \$1,500

New Sounds Music Ensemble - \$1,000

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$2,705

KMSU Radio - \$1,500

Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$3,500

Mankato Ballet Company - \$2,300

Physical Development Planning

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMISSION

The Physical Development Subcommittee was established to assist the Commission in a variety of program areas including land use, housing, community development, economic development, transportation and recreation. To this end the Physical Development Subcommittee provides input to region-wide plans, prepares statements of goals, policies and priorities and reviews and comments on grant applications.

The Physical Development Subcommittee consists of fourteen persons including one representative from each county of the nine counties, one representative from each of the cities of Mankato, Fairmont and New Ulm and a representative from the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Region Nine. The Subcommittee is chaired by Jack Fitzsimmons, Waseca County Commissioner and Region Nine Commission member.

In FY '86, the Subcommittee addressed a variety of issues. It reviewed grant applications for Small Cities Development grants, outdoor recreation grants and, proposals to the Governors Council on Rural Development. In addition, the Subcommittee work staff in establishing regional goals and priorities in the areas of transportation, high level radioactive waste repository and land use.

During FY'87, the Physical Development Subcommittee will remain most involved with the physical development process. The Subcommittee will continue to review and comment on grant applications pertaining to its issue area.

Physical Development Subcommittee Members

HARRY TIMM, Nicollet County
JACK FITZSIMMONS, Waseca County
HAROLD WIEST, Sibley County
ERHART STANKE, Blue Earth County
DAVE SCHNOBRICH, City of New Ulm
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PHIL THEOBALD, Martin County
ROY NELSON, Department of Natural Resources
LARRY HANSEN, LeSueur County
DON LORSUNG, City of Fairmont

FEBRUARY 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 NARC Federal Briefing, Washington, D.C. -----	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	11 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	17	18	19	20	21
22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23	24	25 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	26 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	27	28

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The Regional Development Act, the legislative authority for the regional development commissions, mandates the Commission to "prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and after such hearings as may be necessary, a comprehensive development plan for the region". The Region Nine Development Commission has responded by conducting a variety of studies and preparing plans on issues and problems that cross county boundaries. These studies and plans are used as a basis for action by the Commission and by county and municipal governments. Listed are elements of Comprehensive Planning which are currently being addressed by Region Nine.

RECREATION

The Region Nine Recreation Program is focused primarily on the development and promotion of the area's outdoor recreation resources. Development is achieved through grant programs such as the LAWCON/LCMR program which provides matching grant monies to local jurisdictions for parks and open space. Promotion of the area's outdoor recreation facilities is accomplished primarily through tourism advertising.

Recreation Grants

The Department of Energy and Economic Development offered matching grant money to local units of government in the form of the LAWCON/LCMR grant program. (LAWCON stands for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Act and LCMR stands for the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.) RNDC staff advertised the program, provided technical assistance to many of the grant applicants, and completed an application for Nicollet County.

Recreation Promotion

Region Nine continues to explore new sources of funding and new ways to promote the area's fine outdoor recreation base. Sources such as the Minnesota Joint Venture Tourism Marketing Fund and the Southeastern Minnesota Initiative Fund could supply funds for a variety of tourism promotions.

High transportation costs coupled with increasing pressure on our existing outdoor recreation areas is a recreation problem of regional significance. Region Nine will continue to promote the addition of facilities in this area through grant programs such as LAWCON/LCMR while promoting our local parks and culture through various tourism methods. This will not only reduce pressure on heavily used areas by alerting people to lesser used facilities, but will decrease the amount of travel out of the Region for outdoor recreational activities which duplicate similar activities existing here in our own backyard.

Communication with such agencies as the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Department of Tourism will continue and technical assistance will be provided where needed or requested.

LAND USE

Region Nine has traditionally assisted local governments with land use issues on an as needed basis. Technical assistance takes the form of advice on land use plans and zoning ordinances and assistance with grant applications for sewer and water facility expansions. The Commission also provides mapping assistance to local governments.

In FY'85 and FY'86, the Commission has continued to assist with zoning advice and mapping on numerous occasions. In addition, specific land use planning projects are being for St. Peter, Wells and Nicollet. The Commission also provided representation on the State Selection Committee which included Waseca County as one of seven pilot counties for Agricultural Preservation Study Grant funds. Following selection, assistance was provided by developing the required project work plans. In the area of water management planning, the Commission is involved with the current effort to develop a local watershed plan as authorized by state legislation in 1985.

HOUSING

In FY'86, the RNDC staff completed the Region Nine Housing Analysis and Policy Plan, which was approved by the Full Commission. The Plan reviews population, housing unit and household characteristics in order to complete a housing needs analysis and resulting goals and policies. The information will be useful to developers and other housing providers in addition to housing regulators.

RNDC staff continues to work closely with public agencies concerned with housing issues including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and the state Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED). The staff completed a FmHA Housing Market Study in St. James and a Housing Plan in Sleepy Eye that was associated with a Municipal Housing Revenue Bond.

SOLID/HAZARDOUS WASTE

The environmentally sound disposal of solid and hazardous waste is an increasing problem in Minnesota. The Commission can provide technical and coordination assistance on an as needed basis and is currently involved in the effort of the South Central Joint Powers Board to complete county solid waste plans. The last half of FY'86 is slated for most area counties for a joint planning project. In addition to solid/hazardous waste, the issue of nuclear waste reoccurs from time to time. In FY'86 RNDC staff assisted with the effort to remove an area covering Sibley, Nicollet and Renville counties from consideration as a national high level radioactive waste site. Numerous meetings as well as written documentation and mapping were needed.

MARCH 1987

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8	9	10 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	11 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	12 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	13	14
15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21
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TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee assists the Commission by reviewing funding requests (12372) and engaging in transportation related planning. In addition to developing and maintaining a Regional Transportation plan which addresses priorities, classifications and market needs, the Committee works on current transportation issues on a continuing basis. In FY'86 the Commission contracted with MN/DoT to conduct a Regional Road Jurisdictional assignments for all roads, estimate impacts and facilitate agreeable transfers.

Transportation Committee

DON LINDLEY, At-Large
EARL CUNNINGHAM, Brown County
LES ANDERSON, Blue Earth County
WILTON SULFLOW, Watonwan County
TOM BROWN, Faribault County
HAROLD WIEST, Sibley County
DOC HALL, Waseca County
PAUL HADLEY, Nicollet County
ROLAND THIESSE, Martin County
BABE MILLER, LeSueur County
MIKE WAGNER, LeSueur, Nicollet, Sibley
JERRY ENGSTROM, Blue Earth, Brown, Watonwan
BOB MCPARTLIN, Martin, Waseca, Faribault
KEN SAFFERT, Municipal Engineers

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Perhaps the most pressing problem in Region Nine today is the need for increased economic development in our cities. Throughout their history, Region Nine's communities have been dependent on farm-produced income. As farmers spent their earnings locally on supplies, equipment and machinery, towns prospered and grew. Much of the local industry was likely to be agriculture-oriented - food processing or machinery manufacturing.

Now the number of farms and farm families is declining. With farm prices low, the amount of money spent by farmers in the local economy is also declining. Communities must look to other sources for the jobs and wages necessary to provide prosperity and growth.

The RNDC has a strong commitment to assist communities in economic assistance. A two pronged approach is used - assistance to communities and direct assistance to individual businesses. Various types of assistance are given, but all have the common goal of increased economic vitality.

Listed are several of the tools used by the RNDC staff to promote economic/community development.

Small Cities Development Grant - RNDC staff prepares grant applications for communities in need of improvements in their public facilities including sewer, water and streets. In FY'86, an application was prepared for the community of LeHillier for a project that combined sewer, water, street and flood improvements. In addition, the RNDC staff administered two grant projects, one in Elysian and the other in Green Isle. Three Small Cities Economic Development Grant applications were prepared for the communities of Trimont, Lake Crystal and Madelia, which provides grants for future economic development revolving loan funds. All applications were successfully approved by the state, summarized as follows:

LeHillier (sewer, water, streets)	\$500,000
Trimont (Pertech, Inc.)	\$250,000
Lake Crystal (Crysteel, Inc.)	\$200,000
Madelia (Golden Pantry, Inc.)	\$150,000

Business Assistance Program - RNDC staff offers assistance to persons who own successful businesses and wish to expand or who have technical knowledge and wish to start a business. This assistance is provided on an individual basis. Although the specific types of help vary, the most common are marketing studies, business plans or financing searches. If RNDC staff lack the specific knowledge needed, business persons are referred to other governmental programs or educational institutions.

Tax Increment Financing - Tax increment financing is a tool used by communities to generate public funds needed to enhance private business expansion. For example, TIF generated money can be used for sewer, water and street improvements necessary for the expansion of an industrial plant. The increased taxes on the industrial plant are used to pay off the funds on the public improvement. In FY'86, RNDC staff assisted several communities in the TIF planning and administration process.

Business Loan Packaging - In order for a business to expand, long term financing at reasonable rates is necessary. Often local lending institutions are not in a position to offer acceptable terms and rates. The Small Business Administration, the State of Minnesota and other government agencies seek to alleviate this problem by offering loan guarantees for sound businesses. The RNDC staff works with local business owners to prepare and package loan proposals to meet the criteria of the guaranteeing agencies and lending institutions. In FY'86 staff assisted businesses obtain loans from the SBA 7(a) and direct loan programs, Farmers Home Administration guaranteed loans, and Industrial Revenue Bonds.

Miscellaneous Studies and Reports - The Region Nine Development Commission stands ready to assist communities and businesses on as needed basis with research studies and reports necessary for community and economic development projects. In FY'86 staff prepared housing studies. Communities having problems getting specific projects off the ground should contact the staff for assistance.

APRIL 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

In December of 1986, the U.S. Department of Energy released its Area Recommendation Report listing portions of Nicollet, Sibley, Renville and McLeod counties as a possible site for the nation's second high level radioactive waste repository. Area residents were unanimous in their opposition to the placement of this facility in our area. The RNDC staff coordinated the efforts of local citizens and elected officials in their opposition. As a result, over 800 persons attended the public hearing in Winthrop on April 8, 1986.

Due to the overwhelming response at potential sites throughout the country, DOE announced on May 28, 1986 that it was suspending plans to site a second facility.

In FY'87, the RNDC staff will continue to monitor DOE activities and be ready to respond should efforts to locate a second site be reactivated.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

With the agricultural crisis, most communities in the region are experiencing a downturn in economic activity. Businesses have closed or are experiencing a decline in sales and profits. Reduction in state and federal grant programs means fewer outside resources from which communities can draw.

In response to this problem RNDC has initiated a community assessment program. Program RNDC staff meet with community leaders, chambers of commerce and interested citizens. A group process is used to ascertain a community's strengths and weaknesses and devise a program to meet the most pressing needs. Once a strategy has been implemented, citizens can work together to achieve community goals.

Response to this program has been outstanding. In FY'86 staff worked with 15 communities. It is expected that even more community meetings will be held in FY'87.

CENSUS - DATA CENTER AFFILIATE

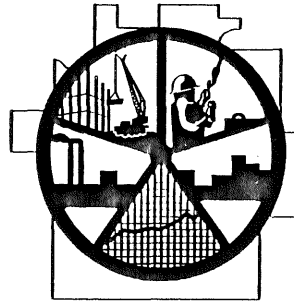
In October, 1982, the Region Nine Development Commission was designated an affiliate of the Minnesota State Data Center, as part of a national Census Bureau program to increase access by the public to census information.

As an affiliate, Region Nine receives printed census documents upon release by the Census Bureau, and makes this information available to anyone needing information from the 1980 or past censuses.

The Region Nine office has access to DATANET through its IBM computer system. DATANET provides ten different databases containing facts, figures, and information for Minnesota. The

DATANET system is a part of the State Planning Agency's Planning Information Center. DATANET is frequently used by various users of public data including many governmental jurisdictions and private individuals.

Region Nine will continue to provide census data and assistance to users throughout the nine county area. Frequent users of this service include cities, students and developers. The staff will also analyze census data as it relates to various planning issues such as housing and transportation. The staff will be available for local training and speaking engagements related to census data and trends from one period to another.



SBA 503 LOAN PROGRAM

The SBA's Section 503 Certified Development Company Loan Program is one of the most exciting loan programs to be developed for the 1980s. Evolving from the Section 503 Local Development Company Program, the 503 program's roots date back over two decades to the enactment of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

The SBA 503 Program is the first federal financing tool which recognizes the importance of small and medium sized businesses in the job creation process through physical plant expansions. Recognizing the inherent inability of a small business to tap into this nation's long-term capital markets, the 503 program permits a community to initiate its own economic development activities to overcome this structural dysfunction in our economy. Also recognizing the scarcity of public sector resources, the 503 program is designed to attract and supplement, not supplant, private sector financing from conventional financial institutions.

The essence of the program is to make available long term (15-25 years), low down payment (10%), reasonably priced financing (long term T Bond rates) by providing 503 second mortgages subordinated to conventional first mortgages from traditional lenders. The 503 mortgage will carry a maturity

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MAY 1987

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10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12 Human Resource Subcommission - 9:30	13 Physical Development Subcommission - 2:30 (as needed) RNDC Board - 4:00 Full Commission - 7:15	14 EMS Advisory Committee - 7:00	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
17 NARC Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada - - - - -	18 VICTORIA DAY (CANADA)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED	26	27 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - 9:30 Arts Council - 7:00	28 EMS Joint Powers Board - 3:30	29	30 MEMORIAL DAY
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which matches the term of the loan to the life of the assets. By overcoming the long term financing gap faced by small and medium sized businesses, the 503 program permits the small business community to better realize its full growth potential.

Within FY'86, the Region Nine Development Corporation has approved five loans as the 503 certified development company for the nine counties of Region Nine:

Central Graphics, Inc. - Blue Earth
B & M Trailers, Inc. - North Mankato
Detoy's Family Restaurant - St. James
Kato Sanitation, Inc. - Mankato
Drs. Bowers, Germundson, Kanyaski, and Wiemers, P.A. -
Mankato

The total loans approved by SBA to date is sixteen for a total 503 loan amount of \$1,781,000. This money is used to leverage a total dollar amount of both private and public financing that totals \$4,317,450. This effort has resulted in creating or retaining 220 jobs and increasing the tax bases of many cities and counties in Region Nine.

Region Nine Development Corporation Board of Directors

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ROGER NYGAARD, Blue Earth County
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RICHARD SALVATI, Brown County
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EARL HENDERSON, Watonwan County
SUE MILBRATH, Watonwan County

Human Resource Planning

HUMAN RESOURCE SUBCOMMISSION

The Human Resource Subcommittee is advisory to the RNDC in planning and policy development related to human resources. In this capacity, the Subcommittee reviews plans and policies recommended by the advisory councils on aging, arts, developmental disabilities and emergency medical services. Membership consists of 12 citizens, one from each county and one from each city of 10,000, who are appointed by the RNDC.

The HRS has been assigned responsibility for coordination of planning efforts in human resources. As part of this responsibility, HRS members regularly attend meetings of the aforementioned advisory councils, as well as the meetings of organizations providing human services in the region, such as Human Service Boards and mental health boards. Specific activities conducted in FY'86 under this coordinative role included: review of all plans and recommendations developed by RNDC advisory councils in human resources; other grant reviews, i.e., Community Health Service Plans and community action agency grants, as well as recommendations on appointments to RNDC advisory councils.

Human Resource Subcommittee Members

AUDREY ANNIS, Blue Earth County
MYRTLE TURBES, Brown County
DONNA DUFFEY, City of Fairmont
LORNA MONTZKA, Faribault County
BEVERLY BLASCHKO, LeSueur County
CAROLYN SHREWSBURY, City of Mankato
JANE JACOBSEN, Martin County
BETTY MARTINKA, City of New Ulm
CAROL MENK, Nicollet County
BERNARD MCLAIN, Sibley County
MARGARET ZIMMERMAN, Waseca County
RICHARD BRANDT, Watonwan County

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Region Nine Developmental Disabilities Program serves as a bi-annual forum for issues of concern to consumers and providers of service to developmental disabled people. In January the Council hosted Dr. Edward Skanulis who spoke on trends in the DD population, a June Planning Forum to discuss multi-county issues and cooperative methods of serving the DD population.

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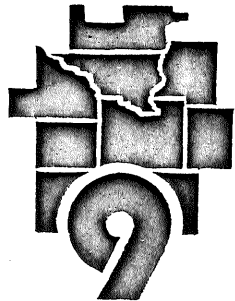
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Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

PAUL BERGQUIST, Consumer
SANDY BOHNEMBLUST, Parent
PAMELA BROWER, Rehabilitation Center
DALE ELSE, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
CAROLYN ENGQUIST, Developmental Achievement Center
LOUISE FOLEY, Minnesota Department of Health
PAT HALLIDAY, Faribault County HSC
GINNY HANEL, Parent
SARAH HASS, Minnesota Valley Social Adaptation Center
TOM HENDERSON, Welfare Director, Brown County
KAREN KASTENS, Special Education
CAROL LEE, Harry Meyering Center
HAROLD LYNCH, Parent
JEAN MUELLER, Region 7 & 10 Association for Retarded Citizens
ANNE NEWMAN, Parent, Developmental Achievement Center
DAVID SCHAEITZKE, Sioux Trails Mental Health Center
CAROLYN SHUETTE, Parent
DOTTIE SPENCER, Parent
MARY STEVENS, Parent
LORI UFKIN, Parent
KAREN WALLIN, Parent
CINDY YESS, Parent



ARTS

The Region Nine Arts Council is a volunteer group of citizens representing a broad base of regional arts interests from each county and from each city of 10,000 in the region. The Council reviews grant applications submitted by arts organizations within the region and forms arts policies, goals and priorities in the region. The Council members also provide technical assistance to those local arts organizations and serves as advocates for local and regional arts development.

The regranting of funds allocated by the Minnesota State Legislature was again the major activity of the Arts Council in FY'86. Two production and sponsorship grant rounds and one

McKnight grant round were conducted. The grant applications were judged on the artistic merit of the project, the ability of the applicant to carry out the project and the need for the project within the designated area.

Production and Sponsorship Grants

Applicant	County	Amount
*Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota	Blue Earth	\$ 550
Frost Community Club	Faribault	1,125
Original German Band of New Ulm	Brown	3,200
*Mankato Ballet	Blue Earth	1,190
*Minnesota Valley Chorale	Blue Earth	2,500
*Summit Center	Blue Earth	1,500
*New Sounds Music Ensemble	Blue Earth	1,000
Sts. Peter and Paul Church	Blue Earth	650
*Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra	Blue Earth	2,705
*KMSU Radio	Blue Earth	1,500
New Prague Historical Society	LeSueur	982
LeSueur Concert Association	LeSueur	2,000
*Mankato Symphony Orchestra	Blue Earth	3,500
*Mankato Ballet Company	Blue Earth	2,300
George Marti Memorial Performing Arts Center	Brown	808
New Ulm Notables	Brown	3,500
Leisure Education for Exceptional People	Blue Earth	817

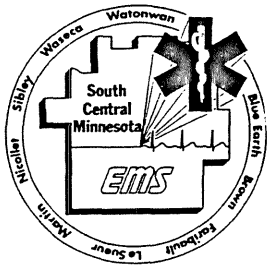
*Projects that are regional or multi-county.

McKnight Arts Development - The Arts Council received a grant from the McKnight Foundation to promote arts development in the region.

Applicant	County	Amount
Fort Ridgely State Park	Nicollet	\$2,357
Mankato Symphony Orchestra	Blue Earth	5,000
Mankato Ballet Company	Blue Earth	643
Waseca Arts Council	Waseca	3,000

Region Nine Arts Council

KATHLEEN GATES, Blue Earth County
SANDRA WALWORTH, Brown County
NOLIE KAPPLINGER, Faribault County
THOMAS ENGQUIST, LeSueur County
VIVA JEAN BOSSHART, Martin County
STEVEN GRIFFITH, Nicollet County
DR. ARLEN SNETJES, Sibley County
PAT BECHMANN, Waseca County
JOHN BAERG, Watonwan County
CHARLES DRAPER, City of Fairmont
DALE BROWER, City of Mankato
SYLVIA SALVATI, City of New Ulm
CAROLYN SHREWSBURY, HRS Liaison



SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The South Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board contracted with the RNDC in December, 1982, for technical assistance and staffing to plan and implement a regional emergency medical services system in the nine county area. The first phase of implementation began in April, 1984, with the second phase beginning in July, 1985.

The Joint Powers Board is comprised of one county commissioner from each of the nine counties, and is responsible for the use of EMS implementation funds available from the Minnesota Department of Health. The source of those funds include Federal Preventative Health Block Grants and the Minnesota EMS Systems Support Act.

To advise it in its activities, the Board has established an EMS Advisory Committee which is composed of a broad cross section of EMS personnel representing each county in the region. Represented in the membership of this committee are ambulance services, first responder/rescue squads, dispatchers, physicians, nurses, CHS agencies, citizen consumers, city administrators, hospital administrators, law enforcement and civil defense.

Major projects undertaken during the 1985-86 grant period included:

- * The development of a regional multiple victim incident triage training program.
- * The provision of EMS radio communications training to more than 225 ambulance, rescue squad and hospital personnel.
- * The implementation of regional ambulance and first responder run reporting systems which serve more the 50 EMS agencies in the region.
- * The provision of training assistance grants totaling \$1,815 to ten first responder/rescue squads, training 49 people.
- * The provision of EMS equipment grants totaling \$9,347 to 20 ambulance services and first responder/rescue squads.
- * The establishment of two new first responder squads in communities formerly without local pre-hospital EMS services.
- * The training of ten physicians in Advanced Trauma Life Support care.
- * Securing a \$7,000 Pillsbury Foundation Grant for the Kilkenny Fire Department to assist with the purchase of a rescue squad vehicle.
- * The distribution of 35,000 Emergency Care Guides throughout the region.

Numerous forms of technical assistance have also been provided, including the preparation of ambulance purchase specifications for five ambulance services, completion of

several FCC radio communications license applications and renewals, reassignment of ambulance primary service areas in three counties, and a variety of other consulting services.

The 1986-87 implementation plan is now being prepared, which will identify the tasks to be completed during the next phase of the project.

Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board

BILL MAHER, Blue Earth County
CHARLES GRIEBEL, Brown County
CHUCK PINGRY, Faribault County
BABE MILLER, LeSueur County
STEVAN ZOELLER, Martin County
KEN ALBRECHT, Nicollet County
JOHN BACH, Sibley County
CALVIN CONDON, Waseca County
GERALD GIDEON, Watonwan County

The Joint Powers Board meets the 4th Thursday of each month, in the Region Nine Development Commission office.

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

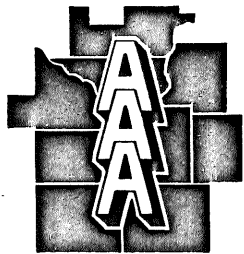
GLEN GABRIEL (law enforcement), Blue Earth County
JEAN JAVENS (nurses), Blue Earth County
KEVIN PAAP (rescue squads), Blue Earth County
JIM SINKBEIL (training), Blue Earth County
ANITA HOFFMANN (CHS agencies), Brown County
DUANE LARSON (radio), Brown County
JERRY ANDERSON (law enforcement), Faribault County
FRANK LAWATSCH (hospitals), Faribault County
SANDY SPRENGER (nurses), Faribault County
HAROLD CHRISTIANSON (rescue squad), LeSueur County
BRIAN SMITH (CHS agencies), LeSueur County
PETE FRIEDERICH (city administration), Martin County
NANCY MILBRANDT (dispatchers), Martin County
LES ENNIS (law enforcement), Nicollet County
TED WILCOX (ambulance services), Nicollet County
DR. WILLIAM SHORES (physicians), Nicollet County
MARY NELSON (dispatchers), Sibley County
RANDY TIEGS (rescue squads), Sibley County
MAXINE ZELLMAN (city administration), Sibley County
DR. JAMES DEY (physicians), Waseca County
JOE FRITZ (radio), Waseca County
JOHN BAERG (ambulance services), Watonwan County
COLLEEN OLSON (civil defense), Watonwan County

The Advisory Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, in the RNDC office.

EMS Proposed Conference Schedule

Regional Emergency Care Conference: September 20, 1986
Auto/Farm Extrication Workshop: September 13, 1986 (Tent)
Emergency Nurses Training: Fall, 1986
EMS Radio Operator's Workshop: Fall, 1986

Other workshops and training programs to be scheduled include triage tag training and pediatric advanced life support.



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Region Nine Development Commission has been designated as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the nine counties of southcentral Minnesota since 1976. The Area Agency receives its funding from the federal Administration on Aging under the Older Americans Act as administered through the Minnesota Board on Aging.

The Area Agency on Aging is expected to fulfill the many responsibilities outlined in the Older Americans Act:

- to serve as a focal point on aging
- to disseminate information on aging in the nine county area
- to coordinate and co-locate services to older people
- to seek private financial and human resources
- to provide training to the aging network
- to advocate on behalf of older people
- to plan for services by identifying needs and matching resources to those needs
- to make grants for new expanded services
- to ensure the maintenance of priority services in region

1984-1986 Area Plan

The Region Nine Area Agency on Aging is required under the Older Americans Act and by the Minnesota Board on Aging to regularly assess the needs of older persons in the region. The assessment of these needs and the plan for action that addresses them is known as the Area Plan on Aging. The Plan acts as a guideline for the Area Agency's activities.

Under the priorities of the 1984-86 Area Plan on Aging (amended annually), the following grants were awarded by the Region Nine Development Commission:

Grantee	Service	Amount
Southern MN Regional Legal Services, Inc.	Southcentral Area Ombudsman Consortium	\$26,806
Southern MN Regional Legal Services, Inc.	Legal Advocacy for Older Americans	\$65,500
Southcentral MN Inter-Library Exchange	SMILINE	\$22,442
Waseca County Welfare and Social Services	Waseca County In-home Services Project	\$25,000
Sibley County Public Health Nursing	Sibley County Assessments and Service Coordination	\$ 6,061
Brown County Family Service Center	Brown County Chore/Home Maintenance	\$29,958
Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center	Volunteer Coordinator	\$10,453

Lutheran Social Services	Share-A-Home and Housing Advocacy	\$11,179
Mankato Lutheran Home	Adult Day Care Project	\$23,177
Nicollet County Public Health Nursing	Nicollet County Senior Citizens Health Screening Clinics	\$ 8,684
Immanuel-St. Joseph's	Hospice Program Development	\$13,521
Nicollet County Hospice	Direct Care Volunteer	\$ 4,701
Sioux Trails Mental Health Center	Peer Counseling	\$15,103
Sibley County In-Home	Respite Service	\$13,608

Title III-B Older Americans Act

Grantee	Service	Amount
Sleepy Eye	Senior Center	\$18,000

Title III-C-1

Grantee	Service	Amount
MN Valley Action Council	Nutrition for the Elderly	\$279,215

Title III-C-2

Grantee	Service	Amount
MN Valley Action Council	Home Delivered Meals	\$79,280

McKnight Foundation

Grantee	Project	Amount
Frost	Senior Center Renovation	\$ 2,100
Minnesota Lake	Equipment	\$ 500
New Richland	Senior Center Renovation	\$ 2,071
Mapleton	Popcorn Machine	\$ 300
Sleepy Eye	Equipment	\$ 738
Waterville	Senior Center Renovation	\$12,095
Wells	Senior Center Renovation	\$ 2,554
Southcentral MN Senior Federation	Senior Health Care Advocacy	\$ 2,400
Fairmont	Emergency Response System	\$ 4,455

Region 9 Advisory Council on Aging

SANDRA ALLAIRE, Public Agency: U of M Technical College
 EDGAR ANDERSON, Watonwan County
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 RAY ECKES, At-Large
 LILLIAN HANSEN, At-Large
 FRANK V. HECK, Brown County
 DAVID L. JANOVY, At-Large
 BETTY KING, LeSueur County

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ARTHUR MUESING, Nicollet County
ROSEMARY B. MURPHY, Martin County
CARL OSLUND, Waseca County
GLORIA PEARSON, Public Health Nursing
ROBERT L. PETERSON, County Social Service Agency
BEN PORTNER, Sibley County
T.R. SCHAFFLER, At-Large
MICHAEL SHEA, County Social Service Agency
MARY UTERMOHLEN, At-Large
CALVIN WARD, Private, Non-Profit Agency-Mapleton Community Home
*AUDREY ANNIS, HRS Liaison
*REV. BERNARD MCLAIN, HRS Liaison
**ERHART STANKE, RNDC Liaison
LILLIAN HANSEN, At-Large
GLORIA PEARSON, Public Health Nursing
MARY UTERMOHLEN, At-Large
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Studies / Documents

Madelia Report - completed at the request of U.S. Senator Dave
Durenberger to analyze the impact of the rural economic crisis
on the total community, specifically Main Street, southern
Minnesota.

Directory of Senior Clubs and Centers - update

Directory of Home Delivered Meals - update

Area Plan on Aging 1984-1986 - Revised 1986

Profile of the Older Population In - Blue Earth, Brown,
Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and
Watsonwan Counties

Profile of the Older Population in Blue Earth County

Profile of the Older Population in Brown County

Profile of the Older Population in Faribault County

Profile of the Older Population in LeSueur County

Profile of the Older Population in Martin County

Profile of the Older Population in Nicollet County

Profile of the Older Population in Sibley County

Profile of the Older Population in Waseca County

Profile of the Older Population in Watsonwan County

Housing Status Report of the Aging Population in Blue Earth,
Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca
and Watsonwan Counties

Workshops / Seminars / Special Events

The Mouser Experience - internationally recognized marketing
consultant Charlie Mouser presented workshop relating to retail
promotion, October 1985.

Creating A Love Affair Between You and The Buying Public -
Presented in St. James, St. Peter, LeSueur, New Prague, Waseca
and North Mankato for community and business leaders. The
Mankato Technical Institute assisted in co-sponsoring this
series of workshops relating to retail/community promotions with
internationally recognized marketing consultant Charlie Mouser,
May 1986.

Workshops for RNDC Members - offered program and agency
information to new commission members, September 1985.

Workshops for Region Nine Legislators - provided updated
information and presented legislative concerns to legislators
serving nine-county area, November 1985.

Surviving the Challenges - workshop for small business
owners/city staff co-sponsored with Mankato Technical Institute,
September 1985.

Small Business Administration Workshop - provided information to
areawide bankers, community officials and businesses related to
SBA loan program; held April 10, 1986.

Learning Is For Life - the Sixth annual conference on aging,
offered to older people, professionals, students and the general
public; October, 1985

Adult Day Care "Consumer Forum" - for interested persons to
review and comment on the Dept. of Human Services' draft rule
for govern adult day care centers; August 29, 1985.

Long-Term Care: Assembling the Pieces of a Complex Puzzle
Conference - November 7 & 8, 1985

Legislative Issues in Aging - an informational program presented
as an Aging Network Meeting; April 22, 1986

Defensive Driving Course for Seniors - developed by the National
Safety Council; course approved for senior auto insurance
discount; one course was held in each of the nine counties

Tax Help Workshop for Seniors - information on filing
requirements, taxability of social security, pensions, estimated
tax payments; one workshop was offered in each of the nine
counties

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APPLICANT	PROJECT	AGENCY	FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
Mankato Rehab. Center	1-over 30 passenger wheel chair lift and tie down bus	U.S. Dept. of Transportation	\$ 26,460 (80%) 6,615 (20%) local contrib.	Staff-A RNDC-
T.A. Mayberry Realty - St. James	FmHA 515 Rural Rental Housing	FmHA	\$ 672,600	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County	Bridge Replacement L-5252	MN/Dot	\$ 56,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County.	Bridge Replacement L-5292	MN/Dot	\$ 68,400	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County	Bridge Replacement L-5340	MN/Dot	\$ 45,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County	Bridge Replacement L-8878	MN/Dot	\$ 70,000	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Good Thunder	FmHA-Loan for construction of a new well	FmHA	\$ 100,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Watonswan County	MN/Dot Bridge Replacement	MN/Dot	\$ 38,750	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Fairmont	Transit	Mn/Dot	\$ 71,142	Staff-A RNDC-
MN Dept. of Education	State Plan for Adult Education	U.S. Dept.	\$ 1,500,000	Staff-A RNDC-
City of LeSueur	MN/DOT Section 18		\$	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County	MN/DOT Bridge Replacement	MN/DOT	\$ 450,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Sibley County	MN/DOT Bridge Replacement	MN/DOT	\$ 130,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Sibley County	MN/DOT Bridge Replacement	MN/DOT	\$ 61,500	Staff-A RNDC-
Sibley County	MN/DOT Bridge Replacement	MN/DOT	\$ 70,000	Staff-A RNDC-

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AGENCY	FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
City of Sleepy Eye	Housing Plan & Program - Revenue Bonds	City Housing	\$ 2,700,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services	Mn. Dept. of Health Family Planning Special Project	Mn. Dept. of Health	\$ 28,740 FY'86 & 87	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Springfield	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 2,044,310	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Amboy	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 68,500	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Sleepy Eye	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 1,154,715	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Cleveland	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 921,905	Staff-A RNDC-
City of LeSueur	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 1,558,250	Staff-A RNDC-
City of New Ulm	Wastewater Treatment Study	MPCA	\$	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Wells	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant Application	MPCA	\$ 1,537,150	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Winnebago	MPCA Step 2 Wastewater Grant	MPCA	\$ 998,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Sibley County	Bridge Repair #1356	MN/Do	\$ 61,500	Staff-A RNDC-
Sibley County	Bridge Replacement #L-2672	MN/Do	\$ 71,000	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Mankato	Housing Revenue Bond	MIHA	\$ 8,500,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Gerald E. Hendricks	FmHA Rural Rental Housing	FmHA	\$ 220,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota	Arts Grant Production		\$ 1,300	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Frost Area Community Club	Arts Grant Sponsorship		\$ 1,125	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Blue Earth County Historical Society	Arts Grant Production		\$ 1,980	Arts-D HRS-D RNDC-
Original German Band of New Ulm	Arts Grant Production		\$ 3,200	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Mankato Ballet Company	Arts Grant Production		\$ 1,190	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Minnesota Valley Chorale	Arts Grant Production		\$ 3,039	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
St. Peter Community Choir	Arts Grant Production		\$ 1,600	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Summit Center	Arts Grant Sponsorship		\$ 1,870	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Mankato Community Theater	Arts Grant Production		\$ 3,500	Arts-D HRS-D RNDC-
New Sounds Music Ensemble	Arts Grant Production		\$ 1,000	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Sts. Peter & Paul Church	Arts Grant Production		\$ 650	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-
Minnesota Valley Action Council-Nutrition For The Elderly	Title III-C-1 Older Americans Act Nutrition (Congregate)	HHHS/AoA	\$ 884,643 Total 279,215 Fed. 49,273 Match	ACA- HRS-A RNDC-
Minnesota Valley Action Council - Home Delivered Meals	Title III-C-2 Older Americans Act Nutrition	HHHS/AoA	\$ 128,704 Total 13,991 Match 79,280 Fed.	ACA- HRS-A RNDC-
Southern MN Regional Legal Services	Title III-B-OAA South Central Ombudsman Project	HHHS/AoA	\$ 31,687 Total 150 Other 4,731 Match 26,806 Fed.	ACA- HRS-A RNDC-
City of Mankato	Housing Revenue Bond	MIHA	\$12,500,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Martin County	Bridge Replacement #96192	MN/DoT	\$ 50,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Martin County	Br.dge Replacement #46562	MN/DoT	\$ 70,000	Staff-A RNDC-

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AGENCY	FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	APPLICANT	PROJECT	AGENCY	FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
Martin County	Bridge Replacement #46563	MN/DoT	\$ 80,000	Staff-A RNDC-	City of Elysian	FmHA Loan/Grant for Water Systems	FmHA	\$ 874,020	Staff-A RNDC-
Martin County	Bridge Replacement #96193	MN/DoT	\$ 55,000	Staff-A RNDC-	City of Waterville	FmHA Loan/Grant for Wastewater Systems	FmHA	\$ 989,500	Staff-A RNDC-
Martin County	Bridge Replacement #95909	MN/DoT	\$ 40,000	Staff-A RNDC-	MN Dept. of Jobs & Training	Senior Community Service Employment Program	Employment & Training Adm.	\$ 1,486,685 165,200	Staff-A HRS-
Martin County	Bridge Replacement #46564	MN/DoT	\$ 170,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Green Thumb, Inc.	Senior Community Service Employment Program	Employment & Training Adm.	\$ 1,651,885 3,531,226 388,434	RNDC- Staff-A HRS- RNDC-
City of Lafayette	MPCA Step 2 Allowance Application	MN/DoT	\$ 97,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Health Systems Agency Six	Health Planning/ Health Systems Agency	U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services	\$ 122,210	Staff-A HRS- RNDC-
City of New Prague	MPCA Step 2 Allowance	MN/DoT	\$ ---	Staff-A RNDC-	Henderson	Very Small Cities Economic Recovery Fund	DEED	\$ 50,000	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Mankato	Section 18 Transit Operating	MN/DoT	\$ 304,500	Staff-A RNDC-	Winnebago	Very Small Cities Economic Recovery Fund	DEED	\$ 20,440	Staff-A RNDC-
Minnesota Valley Action Council-Nutrition For The Elderly	Title III-C-1 Older Americans Act Nutrition (Congregate)	HHS/AoA	\$ 884,643 Total 279,215 Fed. 49,273 Match	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-	Courtland	Very Small Cities Economic Recovery Fund	DEED	\$ 50,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Minnesota Valley Action Council-Home Delivered Meals	Title III-C-2 Older Americans Act Nutrition HDM	HHS/AoA	\$ 128,704 Total 13,991 Match 79,280 Fed.	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-	Ceylon	FmHA Loan/Grant for Wastewater Systems	FmHA	\$ 1,967,500	Staff- RNDC-
Southern MN Regional Legal Services	Title III-B-OAA South Central Ombudsman Project	HHS/AoA	\$ 31,687 Total 150 Other 4,731 Match 26,806 Fed.	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-	Waseca County	Small Cities Development Grant	DEED	\$ 462,250	Staff-A RNDC-
Blue Earth County	Bridge Replacement	MN/DoT	\$ 57,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Brown County	Small Cities Development Grant	DEED	\$ 579,700	Staff-A RNDC-
Faribault County	Bridge Replacement	MN/DoT	\$ 74,000	Staff-A RNDC-	City of Fairmont	Small Cities Development Grant	DEED	\$ 368,779	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Henderson	Flood Control Plan	Army Corp of Engineers	\$ ---	Staff-A RNDC-	South Bend Twp.	Small Cities Development Grant	DEED	\$ 1,483,130	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Trimont	Small Cities Economic Development Grant	DEED	\$ 250,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Leavenworth Twp. (Brown County)	Federal Aid-Highway	Mn/DoT	\$ 375,000	Staff-A RNDC-
City of Lake Crystal	Small Cities Economic Development Grant	DEED	\$ 250,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Fort Ridgely - DNR	Arts (Sponsorship)		\$ 3,500 -0-	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
City of North Mankato	Housing Revenue Bond	MHFA	\$ 1,500,000	Staff-A RNDC-	New Ulm Notables	Arts (Sponsorship)		\$ 3,500	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Watonswan County	Bridge Replacement #6527	MN/DoT	\$ 300,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Merely Players	Arts (Production)		\$ 2,650 -0-	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Faribault County	Base, bit surfacing with grading & drainage	MN/DoT	\$ 828,000	Trans. Committ.-A RNDC-	District 77 (Mankato)	Arts (Production)		\$ 2,000 -0-	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
LeSueur County	Bridge (culvert) replacement	MN/DoT	\$ 60,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Circle 8 Square Dance Club	Arts (Production)		\$ 3,020 -0-	RNAC-A HRS- RNDC-
Waseca County	Bridge widening	MN/DoT	\$ 40,000	Staff-A RNDC-	Mankato Symphony Orchestra	Arts (Production)		\$ 3,500	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
MN/DoT Trunk Highway 14 Nicollet County	Highway Improvement (Change in 1986 Hwy. Impr. Prog.)	MN/DoT	\$ 440,000	Trans. Comm.-A RNDC-	Mankato Ballet Company	Arts (Production)		\$ 2,300	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Mankato Summit Center	South Central MN Retired Senior Volunteer Program	RSVP ACTION HHS/AoA	\$ 32,778	Staff-A RNDC-	New Prague Historical Society	Arts (Production)		\$ 982	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, MN (Brown County)	Senior Companion Program	ACTION HHS/AoA	\$ 13,280	Staff-A RNDC-	LEEP	Arts (Production)		\$ 940 (817)	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Sibley County	Bridge Replacement	MN/DoT	\$ 130,000	Staff-A RNDC-	KMSU Radio	Arts (Production)		\$ 1,500	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services	Legal Advocacy for Older Americans	HHS/AoA	\$ 16,375* 65,500**	Staff-A ACA-A (only \$16,375 amount) HRS-A (only for \$16,375) RNDC-	LeSueur Concert Association	Arts (Production)		\$ 2,000	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
	* three month grant - 4/1/86-6/30/86				Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra	Arts (Production)		\$ 2,705	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
	** twelve month grant - 7/1/86-6/30/87				George Marti Memorial Performing Arts Center	Arts (Sponsorship)		\$ 1,207 (808)	RNAC-A HRS-A RNDC-
Fort Ridgely State Park-DNR	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 4,850 (2,357)	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-	City of Truman	Wastewater Treatment System	FmHA	\$ 1,100,000	Staff-A RNDC-
Mankato Symphony Orchestra	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 5,000	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-	Catholic Charities	LeSueur County Volunteer Service Coordination	HHS/AoA	\$ 20,175	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
MN Ag Interpretive Center	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 1,185 (0)	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-	Mapleton Community Home	Adult Day Care Program	HHS/AoA	\$ 3,132	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Mankato Ballet Company	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 643	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-					
Waseca Arts Council	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 3,000	Arts-A HRS-A RNDC-					
CCTV	McKnight Arts Development	McKnight	\$ 5,767	Arts-D HRS-D RNDC-					

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St. Peter Community Hospital and Health Care Center	Geriatric Assessment and Treatment Center	HHS/AoA	\$ 30,001	ACA-D HRS-D RNDC-
Waseca Area Hospice, Inc.	Hospice Service	HHS/AoA	\$ 9,120	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Partners In Care	Blue Earth County Intergenerational Day Care	HHS/AoA	\$ 19,898	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	Volunteer Program Coordinator	HHS/AoA	\$ 8,262	ACA-D HRS-D RNDC-
Mankato Lutheran Home	Adult Day Care	HHS/AoA	\$ 17,166	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Brown County Family Services	Chore/Home Maintenance Service	HHS/AoA	\$ 28,800	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Lutheran Social Service	Share-A-Home	HHS/AoA	\$ 9,530	ACA-D HRS-D RNDC-
Southcentral MN Inter-Library Exchange	SMILINE Information and Referral	HHS/AoA	\$ 23,000	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services	Sibley County In-Home Respite Service	HHS/AoA	\$ 9,568	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Sioux Trails Mental Health Center	Senior Peer Counseling	HHS/AoA	\$ 15,100	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Immanuel-St. Josephs Hospital	Hospice Program Development	HHS/AoA	\$ 16,706	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Nicollet County Public Health Nursing Service	Nicollet County Senior Health Screening Clinics	HHS/AoA	\$ 7,900	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
Nicollet County Public Health Nursing Service	St. Peter Hospice Direct Care Volunteers	HHS/AoA	\$ 5,040	ACA-A HRS-A RNDC-
MN/DoT Aeronautics Division	Pavement Management System	Federal Aviation Admin.	\$ 111,112	Staff-A RNDC-

Budget

Region Nine Development Commission Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

	FY1985 Actual =====	Budget FY1986 Rev. 6/86 =====	Budget FY1987 Proposed =====
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$212,143	234,101	234,428
State General Support	50,162	48,194	43,586
Contracts & Services	25,319		
Procurement Project			20,000
Physical Planning Projects	10,326	20,000	30,000
Transportation	10,000	20,000	21,000
Small Cities Tech. Asst.	10,000		
Arts	19,998	21,000	20,000
Emergency Medical Services	95,085	105,000	90,000
Aging Administration	124,599	120,000	120,000
Developmental Disabilities	39,381	3,170	
McKnight Developmental Disabilities	6962		
Rural Development Council	2,566	7,434	
Interest & Misc.	47,375	32,000	32,000
Charge for Services	2,500	1,876	
Total Revenues	\$656,416	612,775	611,014
Expenditures:			
Salary	\$346,581	348,911	359,687
Burden	63,425	65,420	64,744
Printing & Copying	36,255	30,500	26,000
Public Notice	3,823	2,000	2,000
Office Space	25,447	25,764	26,207
Postage	11,684	14,000	14,000
Telephone	17,745	16,500	16,500
Membership & subs.	3,699	4,500	4,500
Insurance	747	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous	326	1,500	1,500
Travel Staff	36,064	35,680	32,900
Travel Other	41,633	37,900	37,900
Registration	13,177	9,000	9,000
Supplies	12,279	11,500	11,500
Publications	875	2,000	1,800
Equipment Maintenance	970	4,500	4,500
Legal		1,000	1,000
Audit	6,465	8,200	8,200
Consultant	30,798	12,500	5,200
Depreciation	3,573	5,200	5,200
Equipment	3979		
Total Expenditures	\$659,545	637,775	633,538
Excess Revenues Over (under) Expenditures	(\$3,129)	(25,000)	(22,524)

INTRODUCTION

The Region Nine Development Commission has always supported the concept of self-evaluation. Before the Regional Development Act of 1969 was amended to require self-evaluation, Region Nine was on record as supporting the concept of self-evaluation and was well on its way to completing such an examination as evidenced by the Fiscal Year 1980 Overall Program Design.

This is the second evaluation performed for the Region Nine Development Commission. The 1986 evaluation follows basically the same format as the 1981 evaluation, using both open-ended and forced choice questions. Unlike the first evaluation, only current commission members were asked to complete the evaluation. This can be expected to give a picture of the attitudes and intentions of the working group of the commission, rather than including the positions of those who are no longer centrally involved. At the same time, increased optimism and higher ratings might be due to the effect of this selection, since disaffected members are not likely to remain on the commission.

Thirty-five questionnaires were distributed to commission members in July, and twenty questionnaires were completed and returned. This is a 57% return rate, slightly less than in 1981. The questionnaires were evaluated by the Urban and Regional Studies Institute at Mankato State University. Because of the small sample size, differences of as much as 5% between the 1981 and 1986 evaluations could be due to "indivisibility" problems (e.g., an item can score 60% or 65%, but nothing in between).

Overall, the evaluation turned out to be extremely positive and a number of helpful recommendations were generated. The basic conclusion of the Com-

mission was that Region Nine was indeed successful in fulfilling the purposes of the Regional Development Act of 1969 and its continued existence is in public welfare and interest.

Significant Findings

1. The following table compares Commissioners' interest in various areas in 1981 and 1986, and the direction of change (if any). Items are listed by the 1986 ranking; 1981 ranking is in parentheses.

	<u>Change</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1981</u>
1. (6) Transportation	+	100%	84%
2. (6) Strengthen Local Govt	0	85%	83%
3. (13) Employment	+	95%	72%
4. (14) Economic Development	+	95%	72%
5. (2) Intergovernmental Cooperation	+	95%	88%
6. (7) Energy	+	95%	81%
7. (5) Community Development	0	90%	86%
8. (3) Water Quality	0	90%	86%
9. (4) Land Use	0	90%	86%
10. (11) Aging	+	85%	74%
11. (15) Traffic Safety	+	85%	70%
12. (8) Community Improvement	0	80%	81%
13. (16) EMS	+	80%	67%
14. (10) Housing	0	75%	77%
15. (17) Human Services	+	75%	65%
16. (9) Parks	-	70%	79%
17. (12) Comprehensive Planning	-	65%	74%
18. (18) Criminal Justice	0	65%	63%
19. (19) Resource Recovery	0	65%	63%
20. (20) Developmental Disabilities	0	55%	51%
21. (21) Child Care	0	55%	51%
22. (22) Arts	0	35%	37%
23. (23) Cable TV	-	25%	33%

There has been a marked increase in the interest in employment and economic development, with transportation, traffic safety, energy and aging coming up rapidly as well. Parks, comprehensive planning, and cable TV have lost some of their interest.

2. Program usefulness:

The programs rated most useful were:

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1981</u>
Aging	1	5
Transportation	2	2
Housing	3	3
Intergovernmental Cooperation	4	not ranked
Strengthening Local Government	5	not ranked

Land use, the highest ranked in 1981, was well down in the middle of the pack in 1986. There is increasing attention to working with various units of government.

The programs rated least useful were:

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1981</u>
Cable TV	1	1
Energy	2	not ranked
Water Quality and Land Use	3	not ranked

There has been little interest or little use for cable TV programs. There is growing dissatisfaction with physical planning issues like land use and water quality.

3. Future involvement:

The commission wanted more involvement in:

Water Quality

Community Development.

Economic Development

and less involvement in:

Cable TV

Arts

Criminal Justice

None of the focus areas from 1981 were carried into 1986. Community and economic development are national priorities and a focus on them comes as no surprise. Water quality programs were rated as particularly low in usefulness in 1986--suggesting that this focus may be a local issue of particular salience. Cable TV and the Arts were slated for less involvement in 1981 also (but notice that the Arts rate fairly in program usefulness!).

4. Evaluation of Commission/Agency performance:

- 80% rated community support of the commission as good to excellent (excellent ratings jumped from 7% to 35% from 1981 to 1986).
- 95% rated commission effectiveness as good to excellent (excellent ratings jumped from 14% to 35% from 1981 to 1986).
- 100% rated quality of work as good to excellent (75% rated it as excellent).
- All other ratings, already quite strong in 1981, showed additional improvements in 1986.

5. Assessment of operations and strategies:

- 70% of the commissioners felt the Commission was very useful in communicating local concerns to State and Federal agencies (up from 40% in 1981), although the greatest number (45%) felt the State was only somewhat responsive (unchanged from 1981).
- 40% of the commissioners felt the Commission was very knowledgeable about local needs (up from 19% in 1981).
- While the greatest number (70%) were only "satisfied" with the amount of assistance to Commission offers (up from 42% in 1981), 55% were very satisfied with its quality (up from 15% in 1981).

- 80% of the commissioners felt the Commission should be serving both the State and local governments (up from 35% in 1981).

The commissioners seem to be satisfied with the quality of the service they are providing, but frustrated with the attention and support they have been able to get at the State level.

6. 75% of the commissioners expressed a willingness to get involved in new programs (a reversal of the position in 1981), although few specific suggestions were made:

- In the open-ended questions, commissioners expressed considerable confidence in their staff and in the quality of Commission programs. The most commonly mentioned weakness was Commission relation with smaller units of government and the general public.

7. Board members are less interested in social programs (like criminal justice, developmental disabilities, and employment) than other commissioners, and more interested in parks, land use, and intergovernmental cooperation. Arts and cable TV have very little support among Board members.
8. Board members are more concerned about the level of community support and State responsiveness than other commissioners, but evaluate Commission effectiveness and service more highly.
9. Areas of highest interest for various group representatives were:
 - Township officials: Transportation, Water Quality, Energy, Strengthening Local Government
 - Municipal Officials: Employment, Transportation, Economic Development, Strengthening Local Government

- County Officials: Employment, Economic Development, Community Development, Strengthening Local Government
- Public Interest Groups: Employment, Transportation, Traffic Safety

Recommendations

1. The commissioners appear to be pleased with the performance of the Commission over the last five years. The scores are consistently high, and the few lower scores from 1981 showed significant improvement in 1986.

2. The pattern of responses indicates strong and consistent support for a core of services/programs, while also showing flexibility to respond to (perhaps through programming with sunset provisions).

This one should be defined, maintained, and protected and a system institutionalized for providing flexible response to current needs (perhaps through programming with sunset provisions).

3. There is continued concern about the Commission's relations with smaller local units of government, and increased concern about the type and level of support from the State and Federal governments. This is not simply an "information" problem, since new programs have been developed in this area and were judged to be working.

Service must be expanded to townships and smaller units of government --perhaps in spite of fewer resources from the State.

4. Cable TV and the Arts continue to receive little support from the commissioners, followed by child care and developmental disabilities. These programs should be strengthened or else cut loose.
5. While these evaluations have proven useful to the Commission, the evaluation process could be strengthened:
 - Commissioners' perceptions could be tested against clients' perceptions
 - Evaluation could be used to tune programs and build commissioner consensus (including increased participation in the evaluation).The Commission may wish to consider an extended evaluation process, including a measurement of effectiveness in reaching explicit goals.

Summary of Frequency Run

- Average years of service was 6.75 years
- 20 individuals completed the questionnaire
- Delineation of officials - 5 Township, 4 County, 2 Public Interest, and 8 municipal officers
- Committee Membership:
 - A. 3 Physical Development
 - B. 0 Comprehensive Planning
 - C. 0 Recreation Advisory Council
 - D. 4 Transportation
 - E. 0 Human Resources
 - F. 1 Aging Advisory
 - G. 0 Employment Training

- H. 0 Child Care
- I. 0 Criminal Justice
- J. 0 Emergency Medical Services
- K. 0 Arts
- L. 0 Developmental Disabilities
- M. 4 Budget

TABLE I

Summary of Level of Interest in Program Areas

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Interested</u>	<u>Interested</u>	<u>Interested</u>
Employment	1 (5%)	0	4 (20%)	15 (75%)
Aging	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	10 (50%)	7 (35%)
Transportation	0	0	4 (20%)	16 (80%)
Criminal Justice	2 (10%)	5 (25%)	9 (45%)	4 (20%)
Economic Development	1 (5%)	0	6 (30%)	13 (65%)
Arts	1 (5%)	12 (60%)	7 (35%)	0
D.D.	1 (5%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	4 (20%)
Housing	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)
Parks	1 (5%)	5 (20%)	7 (35%)	7 (35%)
Comp. Planning	1 (5%)	6 (30%)	6 (30%)	7 (35%)
Water Quality	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	6 (30%)	12 (60%)
Land Use	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	9 (45%)	9 (45%)
EMS	1 (5%)	3 (15%)	10 (50%)	6 (30%)
Human Services	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	10 (50%)	5 (20%)
Energy	1 (5%)	0	11 (55%)	8 (40%)
Cable TV	1 (5%)	14 (70%)	4 (20%)	1 (5%)
Community Improvement	1 (5%)	3 (15%)	6 (30%)	10 (50%)
Community Development	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	5 (25%)	13 (65%)
Child Care	1 (5%)	8 (40%)	8 (40%)	3 (15%)
Resource Recovery	1 (5%)	6 (30%)	12 (60%)	1 (5%)
Traffic Safety	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	10 (50%)	7 (35%)
Intergovernmental Coop.	1 (5%)	0	9 (45%)	10 (50%)
Strengthen Local Gov't.	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	18 (90%)

TABLE II

Summary of Ratings in Certain Areas

<u>Programs</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Advisory Comm. Input	0	0	8 (40%)	12 (60%)
Commitment	0	0	7 (35%)	13 (65%)
Information Dissemination	0	0	12 (60%)	8 (90%)
Representation	0	0	10 (50%)	10 (50%)
Community Support	0	4 (20%)	9 (45%)	7 (35%)
Effectiveness	0	1 (5%)	12 (60%)	7 (35%)
Quality of Work	0	0	5 (25%)	15 (75%)
Decision-Making Process	0	1 (5%)	10 (50%)	9 (45%)
Service	0	0	8 (40%)	12 (60%)
Staff Capability	0	0	7 (35%)	13 (65%)
Management	0	0	8 (40%)	12 (60%)

Tabulation of Questions 61-69A. ~~Usefulness of Commission in Communicating Local concerns to State and Federal agencies.~~

<u>Program</u>	<u>Very Useful</u>	<u>Useful</u>	<u>Somewhat Useful</u>	<u>Not Useful</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Local-Federal Liaison	14 (70%)	5 (25%)	1 (5%)	0	0

B. Responsiveness of State government to local needs as expressed by Region Nine.

<u>Very Responsive</u>	<u>Responsive</u>	<u>Somewhat Responsive</u>	<u>Not Responsive</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
3 (15%)	8 (40%)	9 (45%)	0	0

C. Commission's knowledge of Local Needs

<u>Very Knowledgeable</u>	<u>Knowledgeable</u>	<u>Somewhat Knowledgeable</u>	<u>Not Knowledgeable</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
8 (40%)	8 (40%)	4 (20%)	0	0

D. Is the Commission fulfilling a necessary role?

<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
1 (5%)	19 (95%)	0

E. Local government and organizations satisfaction with amount of Commission Assistance.

<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2 (10%)	14 (70%)	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	0

F. Local governments and organizations satisfaction with quality of Commission assistance.

<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
11 (55%)	7 (35%)	2 (10%)	0	0

G. Which level of Government should the Commission try to assist in terms of meeting their respective needs?

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>State and Federal</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Neither</u>
3 (15%)	1 (5%)	16 (80%)	0	0

H. Usefulness of State and Federal Agencies to the Commission in its efforts to assist local governments carry out their function.

<u>Very Useful</u>	<u>Useful</u>	<u>Somewhat Useful</u>	<u>Not Useful</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
7 (35%)	9 (45%)	4 (20%)	0	0

V. Summary of Future Involvement in Commission Programs

<u>Programs</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Not Useful</u>	<u>Somewhat Useful</u>	<u>Very Useful</u>
Employment	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	12 (60%)	4 (20%)
Aging	2 (10%)	0	4 (20%)	14 (70%)
Transportation	2 (10%)	0	6 (60%)	12 (60%)
Criminal Justice	4 (20%)	3 (15%)	11 (55%)	2 (10%)
Economic Development	4 (20%)	1 (5%)	9 (45%)	6 (30%)
Arts	3 (15%)	0	11 (55%)	6 (30%)
D.D.	3 (15%)	0	10 (50%)	7 (35%)
Housing	2 (10%)	0	8 (40%)	10 (50%)
Parks	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	5 (25%)	11 (55%)
Comp. Planning	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	8 (40%)	8 (40%)
Water Quality	2 (10%)	4 (20%)	7 (35%)	7 (35%)
Land Use	2 (10%)	4 (20%)	8 (40%)	6 (30%)
EMS	3 (15%)	2 (10%)	4 (20%)	11 (55%)
Human Services	3 (15%)	0	8 (40%)	9 (45%)
Energy	3 (15%)	5 (25%)	9 (45%)	3 (15%)
Cable TV	3 (15%)	7 (35%)	9 (45%)	1 (5%)
Community Improvement	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	8 (40%)	8 (40%)
Community Development	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	7 (35%)	9 (45%)
Child Care	3 (15%)	2 (10%)	6 (30%)	9 (45%)
Resource Recovery	4 (20%)	2 (10%)	12 (60%)	2 (10%)
Traffic Safety	3 (15%)	2 (10%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)
Intergovernmental Coop.	3 (15%)	0	9 (45%)	8 (40%)
Strengthen Local Gov't.	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	9 (45%)	8 (40%)

V. Summary of Future Involvement in Commission Programs

<u>Programs</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>More</u>
Employment	2 (10%)	0	10 (50%)	8 (40%)
Aging	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	15 (75%)	1 (5%)
Transportation	2 (10%)	0	9 (45%)	9 (45%)
Criminal Justice	3 (15%)	3 (15%)	12 (60%)	2 (10%)
Economic Development	2 (10%)	0	8 (40%)	10 (50%)
Arts	2 (10%)	6 (30%)	12 (60%)	0
D.D.	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	13 (65%)	3 (15%)
Housing	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	13 (65%)	3 (15%)
Parks	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	14 (70%)	2 (10%)
Comp. Planning	2 (10%)	0	11 (55%)	7 (35%)
Water Quality	2 (10%)	0	6 (30%)	12 (60%)
Land Use	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	12 (60%)	4 (20%)
EMS	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	12 (60%)	5 (25%)
Human Services	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	15 (60%)	2 (10%)

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Community Development	2 (10%)	0	8 (40%)	10 (50%)
Child Care	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	16 (80%)	1 (5%)
Resource Recovery	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	11 (55%)	5 (25%)
Traffic Safety	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	12 (60%)	5 (25%)
Intergovernmental Coop.	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	9 (45%)	8 (40%)
Strengthen Local Gov't.	2 (10%)	0	9 (45%)	9 (45%)

VI. Summary as to Whether the Commission Should be Involved in New Programs

<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
4 (20%)	1 (5%)	13 (75%)

Question 51) Should the Commission be involved in any additional programs?

If yes, specify which programs: Only to the extent that new programs are initiated.

- Getting a movement to curb high lawsuit claims reduced so our liability rates are lower
- Yes, as programs arise

Question 52) What do you consider to be the strengths of the commission?

- Helping units of government (answer questions and give assistance) (ii)
- Dedicated staff
- Excellent attendance of commission members (ii)
- Listen to advisory commissions well
- I like the way they look at planning and development
- Dedicated members
- Helping local government apply for grants
- Getting small business started with 503 programs
- Continuity of direction and representation of various groups in RNDC
- Sharing ideas between local units

- Sharing cost of professional planners
- Good management
- Willingness of members (full commission) to engage in dialogue
- I appreciate the hearing a person is given when he has something to say

Question 53) What do you consider to be the weaknesses of the Commission?

- It still seems we have a perception problem with the township and possibly small community governments. The township people I contact feel the commission isn't necessary; is going to replace county and township government; is just there to make sure that all the federal tax money gets spent even if it isn't well used.
- Lack of citizen understanding
- Competition between counties for money
- Having too many projects going on at the same time, thereby spreading staff too thinly--you cannot be everything to everybody
- Changeover of staff
- The Commission as a whole isn't aware of its limitations. Many of the problems of this area have national origins and can only be solved at a national level (Federal Deficit, Balance of Trade, Monetary Policy)
- Public awareness of good done
- Not entirely equitable
- Lack of information to smaller communities
- Lack of visibility

0. Specific Suggestions

Question 54) Relationship with local governments

- Doing a good job
- Improve and make more frequent contact with City Councils
- Probably workshops

Question 55) Public information and newsletter

- Doing a good job

- Keep publicizing the assistance provided to small towns

Question 56) Relationship with state and federal government agencies

- Good. Do so whenever necessary but don't "bug" them
- Keep tabs on new laws
- Good relationship

Question 57) Staff

- Good job
- Good and cooperative staff
- Staff has good reputation for excellence among all levels of government I talk with

Question 58) Decision making process

Good

Question 59) Information provided to you (at meetings and in the mail)

- Good

Question 60) Legislative contact

- Good
- More
- Could be better--invite 1 to each meeting 1 time a year

Question 61) Board and Commission meetings

- Excellent
- Get a better microphone

Question 62) Advisory committees

- Excellent

Question 63) By-Laws

No comments

Question 64) Work Programs

- Good

Question 65) Personnel Policies

- Should be reviewed at least annually by personnel committee
- Excellent

Question 66) Other

- My assessment of the commission and staff is that all work and try hard, it's just a long tough battle
- Getting too much pay and mileage for meetings. Meetings should be \$20-\$25, mileage should be 15¢-20¢ a mile
- Apparent inconsistency in small business loan for a liquor store and other social issues that government promotes