SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2022
3:30pm

MADO members at the NADO Conference in Pittsburgh in October 2022

Pizza Ranch Meeting Room
2306 Broadway Ave, Slayton, MN

Southwest Regional Development Commission—Full Commission

* Board of Directors

Commissioner	Representing
Rick Anderson	Lyon County Commissioners*
Carrie Bendix	Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council
JoEllen Benson	Rock County Townships
Kristie Blankenship	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership
Bob Byrnes	City of Marshall & RLF Committee Chair*
Miron Carney	Murray County Municipalities & Legislative Committee Chair*
Elliot Christensen	Lower Sioux Community
(Tabia Goodthunder)	(Alternate: Lower Sioux Community)
Pam Cooreman	Lyon County Municipalities
Bill Crowley	Murray County Townships
Keith Elbers	Rock County Municipalities*
Lori Grant	Lyon County Townships
Donna Gravley	Cottonwood County Commissioners*
Eric Hartman	Region 8 School Boards*
Chris Hollingsworth	Pipestone County Commissioners
Dennis Klingbile	Lincoln County Municipalities*
Tiffany Knott	Redwood County Townships
Myron Koets	Pipestone County Municipalities, SRDC Chairman*
Mike Kuhle	City of Worthington, Immediate Past Chair*
Paul Langseth	Nobles County Townships, SRDC Vice-Chair*
Jeff Moen	Lincoln County Townships
See Moua-Leske	Cultural Diversity
Bob Paplow	Nobles County Commissioners
Richard Peterson	Jackson County Townships, SRDC Secretary*
Jenny Quade	Cottonwood County Municipalities
Terry Quiring	Cottonwood County Townships
Stephen Schnieder	Region 8 School Boards
Sherri Thompson	Rock County Commissioners
Mic VanDeVere	Lincoln County Commissioners, Transportation Committee Chair
Bob Van Hee	Redwood County Commissioners*
Don Wachal	Jackson County Commissioners
Carol Wagner	Jackson County Municipalities
Dennis Welgraven	Murray County Commissioners, SRDC Treasurer*
Beth Wilms	Health and Human Services

SRDC Full Commission Membership

One (1)	County member from each of the nine counties.
One (1)	Township member from each of the nine counties.
One (1)	Mayor/Council member from each municipality over 10,000 in population.
One (1)	Mayor/council member for each of the nine counties representing cities under 10,000.
Two (2)	School Board members.
One (1)	Lower Sioux Indian Community member.
Five (5)	Public Interest Groups

SRDC Board of Director Membership

SRDC Chairman & a regional commissioner from each county elected by the regional commissioners from each county and:

One (1)	Elected commissioner from each city over 10,000 in population.
One (1)	Elected commissioner from any county with a population of more than 20,000 but without a city over 10,000 in population nominated by the regional commissioners of that county.
One (1)	School board member selected by the Commission as a whole

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AGENDA

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1	3:30pm	**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**	
2	3:32pm	**Introductions**	
3	3:35pm	**Commissioner Appointments** • Appointment of Kristie Blankenship representing Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership **Action Needed: Approve Commissioner Appointment**	
4	3:37pm	**Additions to and Approval of Agenda** **Action Needed: Approve Agenda**	
5	3:38pm	**Consent Agenda Items**	
		• September 8, 2022 FC Meeting Minutes	5-13
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		• September Receipts & Expenditures Report	17-21
		Action Needed: Approve of Consent Agenda Items	
6	3:40pm	**Finance Reports**—*Treasurer Welgraven & Finance Director Swart*	
		• Treasurer's Report, including bank accounts & investments	*Handout*
		Action Needed: Approval of Treasurer's Report	
		• Administrative Report through October 2022	*Handout*
		Action Needed: Approval of Administrative Report	
		Committee & Staff Reports	
7a	3:45pm	**Budget & Personnel Committee Report**—*Committee Chair Welgraven* • Review topics discussed by Committee **Action Needed: Approve Committee Recommendations**	
7b	3:55pm	**Deep Dive—***Executive Director Trusty* • Regional Development Act	*Handout*
7c	4:15pm	**Economic Development Report**—*Deputy Director Weis*	22-23
7d	4:25pm	**Revolving Loan Funds Report**—*Committee Chair Byrnes & Deputy Director Weis*	24-25
7e	4:30pm	**Physical Development Report**—*Development Planner Walker*	26-27
7f	4:35pm	**Community Development Report**—*Communications Specialist Welu*	28-29
7g	4:40pm	**Transportation Report**—*Committee Chair VanDeVere & Development Planner Walker*	30-32

7h 4:45pm **Executive Director's Report**—*Executive Director Trusty*
- Election Results

7i 4:55pm **Chairman's Report**—*Chairman Koets*

8 5:05pm **Reports from SRDC Commissioners Representing Local Units of Government & Public Interest Groups**
- Bob Van Hee, Redwood County Commissioner
- Terry Quiring, Cottonwood County Townships
- Elliot Christensen, Lower Sioux Community

9 5:20pm **Unfinished Business**

10 **New Business**

11 **Other Issues**

12 **Announcements**
SRDC Commissioner vacancies exist from the following representation: Nobles County Municipalities, Pipestone County Townships, and Redwood County Municipalities.

- 2023 Meeting Calendar is in the mailing, and in the meeting packet 33
- SRDC Office is closed November 11 in observation of Veteran's Day Holiday
- SRDC Office is closed November 24-25 in observation of Thanksgiving Holiday
- SRDC Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, December 8 at 3:30pm at the SRDC Office
- SRDC Full Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 12 at 3:30pm at Pizza Ranch in Slayton

13 5:30pm **Adjourn**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Myron Koets, Commissioners Rick Anderson, Carrie Bendix, Bob Byrnes, Miron Carney, Pam Cooreman, Bill Crowley, Keith Elbers, Lori Grant, Donna Gravley, Eric Hartman, Dennis Klingbile, Myron Koets, Mike Kuhle, Paul Langseth, Jeff Moen, Richard Peterson, Jenny Quade, Steve Schneider, Sherri Thompson, Mic VanDeVere, Bob Van Hee, Carol Wagner, and Dennis Welgraven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners JoEllen Benson (excused), Elliot Christensen, Chris Hollingsworth, Tiffany Lesmeister-Knott, See Moua-Leske (excused), Bob Paplow, Terry Quiring, Don Wachal (excused) and Beth Wilms (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jay Trusty, Rosemary Bruce-White, Kathy Schreiber, Justin Schroyer, Brooke Swart, Robin Weis, Jason Walker, and Jessica Welu

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Myron Koets called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL
Agenda approved with one addition: ATP-7 and ATP-8 handout under the transportation report.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner Cooreman to approve the agenda with addition. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner VanDeVere and seconded by Commissioner Welgraven to approve July 14, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, July & August Receipts and Expenditures Reports and the GMRPTC Contract Amendment. Upon vote taken: Ayes-22, Nays-0 with Commissioner Anderson abstaining as he sits on the GMRPTC board. Motion Carried.

FINANCE REPORT
SRDC Treasurer Dennis Welgraven referred Commissioners to the Treasurer's Report, showing bank accounts and fund designations. There were no questions.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner Gravley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

Finance Director Brooke Swart reported on the Administrative Report through the end of July 2022. Swart highlighted several line items that had one time expenses. There were no questions.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Langseth to approve the Administrative Report as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PROJECT REVIEWS

Development/Transportation Planner Rosemary Bruce-White reported on a USDA Rural Development project review for the City of Windom on the purchase of Police and Fire Department radios and a project review for the City of Windom on the purchase of a small pumper truck, a 6-wheeler and a fire rescue boat for the Fire Department.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner VanDeVere and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve project reviews as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Budget & Personnel Committee Report

Committee Chair Dennis Welgraven reported that Development/Transportation Planner Rosemary Bruce-White will be on maternity leave starting the end of October. The committee is recommending allowing Bruce-White to go in the hole on her leave balances. If she leaves employment and is still in the hole, she will repay those hours.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner Van Hee to approve to allow Bruce-White to go in the hole while on maternity leave. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

B. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Executive Director Trusty reported that the Commission's By-Laws state there can be up to 8 public interest groups represented on the full commission. Currently we have 4: Southwest Center for Independent Living, Health and Human Services, Southwest Private Industry Council, and Higher Education. They are recommending the following 8 public interest groups be represented on the Commission: Health and Human Services, Southwest Private Industry Council, Higher Education, Minnesota Area Agency on Aging, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, Economic Development, Southwest CEO/Youth and United Community Action Partnership.

The committee is also recommending trying a new format to Commission Meetings. All meetings will still have written staff reports. At Commission meetings, staff will give an oral report with a more in-depth discussion of something the staff person is currently working on. Staff reports at Board meetings will be written only unless there is a specific need.

Commission meetings will contain an educational component, either from staff or commission members on a specific topic area. Commissioners are welcome/encouraged to request topic areas to be covered, including bringing in outside speakers to address regional issues where the RDC is not the primary agency/provider involved, but especially those areas where RDC staff and commissioners are members or part of a team of resources for a particular topic area.

Board meetings will include a more detailed discussion for the programs of the SRDC, what staff are involved in and how it integrates into the broader regional/statewide/national picture. Again, board members are welcomed/encouraged to bring forward topics for discussion at the next meeting. There will be time on the agenda at the beginning of each meeting for Commissioners to give input on topics for the next meeting. Discussion of any other meeting dynamics the commissioners want to bring forward can be held too.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Carney and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to approve the proposed addition of commission members and the proposed meeting format changes. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

C. Economic Development Report

Deputy Director Weis reported that the Minnesota Association of Development Organizations' (MADO) Develop MN site that is used to help with projects that spread across regions is looking for some grant money to update the site. MADO staff is working on showcasing some of the accomplishments to make it easier to apply for grant funds as they can show how the site is helping staff. Friends of the Field will meet October 12 and will focus on Women in the Economy. Staff helped write and submit a grant proposal to the DEED Childcare Economic Development grant program for a 3-pod family childcare building in the City of Hills. Staff will be facilitating the "Career is Right" segment of the Career Expo taking place on October 4 at Minnesota West in Worthington and on October 5 at SMSU in Marshall.

Development/Transportation Planner Bruce-White updated the commissioners on the Regional Economic Resiliency Plan. The plan is done and is being reviewed for ADA accessibility to be put on the SRDC website. The Plan is due December 31, 2022.

D. Revolving Loan Fund Report

Weis updated commissioners on the loan funds available.

COVID-19 RLF (C-RLF): There is approximately $165,000. One Pipestone County loan as been approved for $50,000 but has not yet closed.

RLF: There is approximately $70,000 in the account. After the September 1 loan payments a previously committed $75,000 Jackson County loan will close.

Weis noted that one Redwood County business is in the process of selling and another Redwood County business is looking into options for selling as opposed to closing.

Weis reported that all three contracted revolving loan funds (Jackson County RLF, Heron Lake RLF and Falcon Development RLF) are active at this time. Jackson County RLF has 5 active loans, including a loan for $100,000 that closed in early September. Heron Lake RLF had a loan close in June and one in July. They have another loan to consider this month. Staff have been assisting with GMS entry and amortizing a loan after payments are received. Falcon Development Corporation has funds available and these funds are defederalized so Davis Bacon does not apply to construction projects. One loan closed in June and another loan will close in September.

PACE

Deputy Director Weis referred Commissioners to their meeting packet for an update on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. Funds are currently available in the approximate amount of $77,000 (PACE ARRA Funds) and $267,000 (PACE SEP Funds). Weis continues to have businesses complete energy audits and assessments. Re-Tap now has funds available to resume 1 on 1 assessments. The interest rates on PACE loans is as low as 3%.

E. Physical Development Report

Development/Energy Planner Walker reported the Rural Minnesota Energy Board met on July 25. Guest Speaker was Senator Weber. The Senator stated that there is no doubt that the transmission system needs to be updated and he assured board members that there has not been any committee discussion regarding the taking of the production tax away from the counties. MISO board members unanimously approved their long-range transmission plan and their "tranche 1" projects.

Staff manned the booth at FarmFest in August for CERTs. Discussions on energy and efficiency topics were held with over 500 people that stopped at the table.

As part of the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), staff assisted World Mart food truck with a feasibility study grant with the RSDP to have a student research options for making the bus more energy efficient, including looking at the option of solar. This study of best practices could be used for other food trucks. CERTs was approved for 7 AmeriCorp positions. One of those positions would be in the Slayton office or within a 45-minute radius of Slayton. Applications are due October 5 to start in October and December 14 to start in January. An Electric Vehicle (EV) event was held in Windom on August 10. People could ride and drive electric vehicles. Over 100 people attended. This event was made possible by a seed grant from CERTs.

Development/Transportation Planner Bruce-White has finished writing the City of Tracy Comprehensive Plan and the executive summary. All plan contents have been handed over to the city for their edits.

Bruce-White informed the board the Solid Waste Commission will be proposing dues to cover the contract to update the Regional Solid Waste Plan. The update will be finished in 2024. Bruce-White is working with Planning Assistant Justin Schroyer to take over the Solid Waste Commission duties.

Bruce-White toured the Wilmarth Waste to Energy facility with the RMEB and the SWC in August. This facility, by Mankato, burns refuse derived fuel (RDF) collected by haulers that is dried and shredded into pieces less that 6" in any direction. Roughly 50% of the material that comes into the facility are railroad ties and the other half includes municipal solid waste, such as debris collected by tree services and left-over materials from local cabinet services. Nearly 32 truckloads of RDF is brought in daily. The material turns into about 4 truckloads of ash after the RDF is utilized to create electricity.

F. Community Development Report

Communications Specialist Jessica Welu updated commissioners on the Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail activities. The group last met on August 25. Much of the meeting's discussion was about the regional trail connection from Pipestone to Luverne along Highway 75. LCCMR funding has been received in the amount of $800,000 for rehabilitation of the south segment of the Currie loop. This funding is on top of the $840,000 secured from the 2021 LCCMR to rehabilitate the north segment of the Currie loop. $700,000 was secured from Legacy funding to complete paving of the final 2 miles to the City of Woodstock. A request for $75,000 has been submitted to LCCMR which would finish the rehabilitation of the Currie loop. The Friends are also working on a bonding request for the development of the trail. Members will be meeting with Senator Weber and Representative Schomacker on September 12. Seed collection event will be held on September 10. The next meeting will be September 22nd.

Staff continue to meet with the Explore SW Minnesota Branding and Website Committees. Work continues on the website with content being provided by counties on a monthly basis. Logo and branding were approved at the beginning of August. The next full meeting will be September 7.

Staff have been working all summer on the GMRPTC Campground Surveys. Surveys have been collected from 7 regional campgrounds. They surveys are being used to analyze camping expenditures and identify economic impact. Survey collection will close September 12 and staff will start the development of individual campground reports. The project will be completed by the end of October.

Staff will attend the Cultivating Communities Summit September 19-20 in Baxter.

Staff attended a meeting on August 26 for the RSDP Resilient Communities workgroup at the Lower Sioux Agency. Members toured the agency and visited with Lower Sioux staff about projects funded by RSDP.

The quarterly SRDC newsletter will come out later this month. Staff are working on content for the updated website also.

G. Transportation Report

Committee Chair VanDeVere reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee met on July 18 and were presented with statewide and district updates. The statewide updated included the fact that the state legislature failed to pass a bonding and transportation bill, the state will miss

out on additional federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). To access these funds at the state level, it would have been required to increase the budget authority to use as a match to access these funds. It is estimated that the state has lost tens of millions of dollars that could have gone to projects. The state was expected to receive $4.5 billion dollars from IIJA funds over the next four years. Although four billion of these funds were already programmed into the state portion of the federal targets. IIJA still led to an overall increase of 30%. If the governor does not call a special session and pass a transportation bill, this year's funding will go untouched.

Bruce-White had a handout showing the Active Transportation and Transportation Alternatives information for ATP-7 and ATP-8. ATP-8 will meet on October 8 and the City of Marshall will host. The meeting will be on the Freight Plan.

Staff coordinated with the Southwest Minnesota Rural Transit Coordination Council (RTCC) to conduct a focus group with transit riders and their representatives. Staff will be presenting these findings and a draft of the plan to the RTCC at their September 21 meeting. Staff is also working with the RTCC on finding a way to work on drivers for JBS staff in Nobles County. There is a great need for transportation services in Nobles County.

Development/Energy Planner Walker reported that the City of Marshall and Jackson County were awarded planning grant dollars for projects under the Active Transportation Planning grant. Solicitations for Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants will kick off this month. The City of Lakefield is investigating the different funding sources available to pursue a trail development to connect to the south side of town.

SRTS planning for Tracy Area School will kick off in September. Solicitation for SRTS planning grants for next school year will open in October. Windom and Red Rock Central have expressed interest in applying. SRTS boost grants will also open in October. There is no SRTS infrastructure grants available this year.

Staff will begin working on the EDA Regional Trails grant. This work will take place over the next two years. Two pedestrian counters have been received. The kick off meeting of the steering committee will be September 29.

H. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Trusty gave a shout out to Planners Jessica Welu and Rosemary Bruce-White. Jane Wildung-Lanphere with Travel Southwest praised Jessica for her work with this group. Darla Waldner, Executive Director at NWRDC, praised Rosemary for her work on the MADO all state staff retreat. The MADO all state staff retreat will be November 2-3 in Mankato. Jay will be a speaker at the event talking about the history of the Regional Development Act. MADO executive directors met in Evansville/Alexandria August 31-September 1 and toured a self-serve grocery store. It is open 3 days a week but accessible 24/7 to those that have a membership. The Rural MN Broadband Coalition will receive $613 million to add to their $170 million they already have. The coalition will be meeting to figure out their next

steps to get broadband to those underserved areas. The next meeting will be September 20. Trusty will be attending the Redwood County Township Association meeting after the full commission meeting. Region 5 RDC, Energy Foundation and Region 8 RDC will be receiving $20,000 to do energy resiliency planning. Trusty and Walker will be meeting with Great Plains Institute and the Department of Commerce to try and coordinate between the RDOs and bring in those that haven't been involved in the energy/climate discussion.

I. Chairman's Report
Chairman Koets' report was part of his Commissioner Report. See below.

REPORTS FROM SRDC COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

A. Rick Anderson, Lyon County Commissioners
Commissioner Anderson reported that with Cares Act money the county will be replacing the roof on the Law Enforcement Center portion of the courthouse and they will be working with Johnson Controls to update the HVAC. The county held a meeting with the sheriff to look for a simulcast system and change out the locks and cameras in the jail. A JPB met with the St. Paul Port Authority for a PACE project in Block 1. Work is starting on $1.1 million of updates to Garvin Park. There could possibly be a joint housing project in Marshall between the City and County. Lyon (and Murray) Counties will have no premium increase to the BCBS employee insurance. The county took Cares Act money and split out money for all 10 cities based on population for projects. Six of the 10 cities have asked for their money.

B. Miron Koets, Pipestone County Municipalities
Commissioner Koets reported the City of Jasper plans to re-align their sewer lines instead of replacing them. The former Jasper school is now a nursing home and they are working on opening the clinic back up. The City of Edgerton is waiting approval for their sewer/water project. They applied to DNR for a grant to update their parks. The bids came in twice as much as expected. The city is looking for a contractor to construct another townhome. The City of Woodstock wants to upgrade their streets. They have installed new water meters so they do not have to read meters anymore. The community is looking at how to get a gas pump in town. The City of Pipestone is working on some infrastructure updates. Their library has been a combined library with the city and the school for 47 years. The school board no longer wants to have a joint library so the city is looking at options for a city library. There is a need for affordable housing in Pipestone. The for-profit Community Development Corporation along with the non-profit Economic Development Authority are working together to tap additional resources. Caring Hands Dental opened in Pipestone. This business serves Medicaid patients and is a non-profit organization. The dental office is not on the tax roll. There are 8-10 employees at the clinic and 2 of them live in Pipestone. The clinic sees around 11,000 patients a year. A new Dollar Tree opened in Pipestone. It is important for communities to have amenities in order to attract residents.

C. Mike Kuhle, Mayor, City of Worthington
Commissioner Kuhle reported that in 2018 Worthington residents approved a $20 million sales tax increase to fund city projects. The extra sales tax is half way done. Projects benefiting from the increased sales tax are: JBS field house, 10th Street Pavilion, park improvements, outdoor aquatic center opening in May 2023. Lake Okabena water quality and restaurant is still left to be done. The City has a tax levy increase of 22%. A large part of this is wages and insurance, the need to continue projects and pay for them. The city is working on getting that amount down- they per-certified the levy at 17%. The new movie theater has opened. JBS has started a housing initiative where they purchased 6 lots and will build a house on each lot and sell them to their employees. They had 30 applications for the 6 houses. King Turkey Day celebration is September 10-11. This is the 50th anniversary of the turkey race. Memorial Auditorium has been upgraded and Kuhle provided everyone with a copy of the scheduled events at the Auditorium.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

OTHER ISSUES
Commissioner Byrnes thanked Commissioners Kuhle and Koets for their service to the Commission and their respective communities. Both will be done as mayor at the end of the year. Discussion was held regarding the moratorium cities have put on the sale of cannabis products. The moratorium is in place for 1 year. There is a lot of unknowns when it comes to taxing and regulating of the industry as there is nothing in place. The League of Minnesota Cities is looking at recommending to the legislature policy items that have not been addressed such as: manufacturing, ordering, distribution, zoning (where products can be sold), placement (where in the store it needs to be kept), enforcement, testing (laboratory and quality control), and the current lack of licensing or taxing. The cities with moratoriums want the state to have guidelines even though cities can make their own guidelines, they would like them to be consistent. Greater Minnesota Cities Coalition is looking into taxing cannabis to fund daycares.

Executive Director Trusty reported that the Minneapolis Star Tribune is doing a story on the low unemployment rate in Rock County. The unemployment rate in the Southwest Region is 2.3%, Rock County unemployment is under 1%.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chairman Myron Koets referred Commissioners to the announcements included on the agenda.

SRDC Commissioner vacancies exist from the following representation: Nobles County Municipalities, Pipestone County Townships, Redwood County Municipalities, Southwest Center for Independent Living and SW MN Higher Education.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Koets adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Van Hee and seconded by Commissioner Langseth to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote taken: Ayes-23, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Minutes prepared by Kathy Schreiber, Administrative Specialist.

Reviewed by:

Richard Peterson
SRDC Secretary

Approved by:

Myron Koets
SRDC Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Myron Koets, Commissioners Rick Anderson, Bob Byrnes, Miron Carney, Donna Gravley, Mike Kuhle, Paul Langseth, Richard Peterson, Bob Van Hee and Dennis Welgraven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Keith Elbers (excused), Eric Hartman (excused) and Dennis Klingbile

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jay Trusty, Rosemary Bruce-White, Kathy Schreiber, Justin Schroyer, Brooke Swart, Robin Weis, Jason Walker, and Jessica Welu

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Myron Koets called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner Carney to approve the agenda as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

FUTURE DEEP DIVE TOPICS
Discussion was held as to what topics the Commissioners want to learn more about. Jane Lanphere from Explore SW will present at the December board meeting. Other topics mentioned for Full Commission meetings were Buffalo Ridge Rail Authority, Infrastructure, Childcare, Housing, Regional Fire Department collaborations. Topics mentioned for Board of Directors were land use planning and food production.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Langseth to approve the August Receipts and Expenditures report, SW MN Housing FY23 contract, SW Regional Solid Waste Commission Planning contract for technical assistance and SHIP Active Living 2023 technical assistance contract with SW Health and Human Services. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

FINANCE REPORT
SRDC Treasurer Dennis Welgraven referred Commissioners to the Treasurer's Report, showing bank accounts and fund designations. There were no questions. Discussion was held on taking out 2 CDs that are at a very low interest rate and put them back in at the now higher interest rates. Finance Director Swart will look into this.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Gravley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

Finance Director Brooke Swart reported on the Administrative Report through the end of August 2022. Swart highlighted several line items that had one time expenses. There were no questions.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner VanHee to approve the Administrative Report as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PROJECT REVIEWS

Planning Assistant Justin Schroyer reported on a USDA Rural Development project review for the Tracy Ambulance Service, on the purchase of a new ambulance.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner VanHee to approve the project review as presented. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Written staff reports were included in the meeting packet for commissioners to read.

Executive Director Trusty and Development/Energy Planner Walker gave a deep dive power point presentation on the history and impact of the Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB). The presentation is attached.

Executive Director's Report

Trusty attended the Certs XD meeting in person. At the Redwood County township association meeting in September, they voted to dissolve Honer Township and combine with Paxton Township. Brie Maki from MN Representative Tina Smith's office is now the head of the MN Office of Broadband. Rock Co has asked the SRDC to participate in on-going discussions where the county invites all cities with EDAs, county staff, Lisa Hughes from DEED, and Sioux Valley Energy to talk about economic development. The hope is this would be a quarterly meeting. Trusty and Chair Koets will be attending NADO on October 15-22 in Pittsburg. MADO all staff retreat will be November 1-3 in Mankato. Trusty will lead the broadband panel at the retreat. Deputy Director Weis will be attending the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) for continuing education on November 2-4 in Denver, CO. Trusty and Planner Walker toured the Buffalo Ridge wind tower project.

Chairman's Report

Chair Koets talked about Magellan Pipeline has a transmission pipeline for petroleum from Sioux Falls that feeds Watertown and Willmar. The pipeline to Willmar goes through the Pipestone National Monument. They have been operating without a permit and are now in the process of updating their permits. During the permitting process there are 23 native American

tribes that can make comment on the permit. Magellan is looking in to moving the pipeline to go around the monument instead of through it. The pipeline will no reopen until September or October of 2023 so this could affect prices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Koets adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

M/S/P Motion made by Commissioner Langseth and seconded by Commissioner VanHee to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote taken: Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Minutes prepared by Kathy Schreiber, Administrative Specialist.

Reviewed by: Approved by:

Richard Peterson
SRDC Secretary

Myron Koets
SRDC Chairman

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SRDC CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

DATE REC'D	RECEIVED FROM	CHECK #	AMOUNT	BY
09/01/22	RLF Borrowers	ACH	21,894.65	MM
09/01/22	C-RLF Borrowers	ACH	22,469.58	MM
09/01/22	Osterberg Funeral Home-RLF principal payment	6891	10,000.00	KS
09/01/22	Pohlman Pallets-RLF refund of money not used for equipment	1416	542.45	KS
09/01/22	AFLAC-refund overpayment	11338570	39.28	KS
09/06/22	W Central Initative-AMC Booth	61728	100.00	KS
09/06/22	St. Louis Co-GMRPT admin	342398	9,164.89	KS
09/06/22	SWHHS-July admin	123745	180.00	KS
09/06/22	Reg 5RDC-AMC Booth	10948	100.00	KS
09/06/22	Headwaters RDC-AMC Booth	23344	100.00	KS
09/06/22	Arrowhead RDC-AMC Booth	140932	100.00	KS
09/06/22	ACE - July contract	54962	2,410.53	KS
09/06/22	SRDC-FDC June admin	59745	1,520.00	KS
09/06/22	Redwood Cty - Wetlands Tax Settlement Pymt	ACH	966.34	MM
09/08/22	SWMN Title-TempleRock RLF origination and legal fees	108736	1,525.00	KS
09/08/22	K.Leopold-FDC 2022 membership dues	2233	50.00	KS
09/09/22	SWMHP-July monthly costs/July Fin/Sec	33701	2,739.73	KS
09/12/22	Reg 9 RDC-AMC booth	115472	100.00	KS
09/12/22	MMRDC-AMC booth	51131	100.00	KS
09/12/22	City Heron Lake-RLF admin	51401	620.00	KS
09/16/22	Casey Jones-contract admin	1310	120.00	KS
09/16/22	Women of Today-copies/envelopes	3649	67.97	KS
09/16/22	Nena's Bar & Grill-FDC loan origination and legal fees	542	600.00	KS
09/19/22	SW HHS-contract admin	123916	180.00	KS
09/19/22	SWIF-Daycare Grant contract	53391	1,200.00	KS
09/20/22	Adler Counseling-Orignation and legal fees CRLF		1,100.00	KS
09/22/22	Jackson Co-RLF admin	100357	75.00	KS
09/22/22	SWMHP-Aug monthly costs/Aug Fin/Sec/Aug Lease	33714	5,663.68	KS
09/22/22	A.Fiedler-health insurance	7276	685.25	KS
09/26/22	ACE-copies	54978	128.40	KS
09/26/22	Novak Law (C-RLF Payoff of Union Kitchen - Kaufenberg)	ACH	88,840.86	MN
09/27/22	Jeremy Janssen-2022 FDC dues	996096	50.00	KS
09/30/22	SRDC-RMEB July & August Admin	59790	2,040.00	KS
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - PACE Electric - Savings Interest	Per Bank	4.80	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - Falcon Dev - Savings Interest	Per Bank	31.59	MN
09/30/22	First Independent Bank - Savings interest	Per Bank	6.64	MN
09/09/22	Jackson Savings & Loan - Adm Savings interest	Per Bank	25.36	KS
09/30/22	United Prairie - Jackson - Adm Savings Interest	Per Bank	3.97	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - RMEB Savings interest	Per Bank	19.85	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - RLF Savings interest	Per Bank	7.23	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - Adm Savings interest	Per Bank	53.97	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - PACE SEP - Savings Interest	Per Bank	110.25	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - PACE ARRA - Savings Interest	Per Bank	10.04	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - CRLF Savings	Per Bank	51.53	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - HSA Savings	Per Bank	0.27	MN
09/30/22	Currie State Bank - RLF Savings interest	Per Bank	0.21	MN
09/30/22	Minnwest Bank - EDA Savings	Per Bank	0.00	MN
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PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	62.64	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	16.71	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	289.44	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,062.81	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	67.84	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	27.14	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Justin Schroyer	Employee: SchroyerJ; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,191.56	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Brooke J. Swart	Employee: SwartB; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,672.69	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Brooke J. Swart	Employee: SwartB; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	53.94	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Jayme I. Trusty	Employee: TrustyJ; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	3,052.23	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Jason L. Walker	Employee: WalkerJ; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,814.94	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,708.22	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	524.59	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Jessica L. Welu	Employee: WeluJ; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	1,427.14	9/8/2022
PRS090822	09082...	9/8/2022	Jessica L. Welu	Employee: WeluJ; Pay Date: 9/8/2022	74.26	9/8/2022
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PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	66.82	9/22/2022
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PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	126.63	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	165.21	9/22/2022
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PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Jayme I. Trusty	Employee: TrustyJ; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	2,904.79	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Jason L. Walker	Employee: WalkerJ; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	1,814.94	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	600.66	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	1,616.96	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	26.33	9/22/2022
PRS092222 ...	09222...	9/22/2022	Jessica L. Welu	Employee: WeluJ; Pay Date: 9/22/2022	1,609.24	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Dennis A. Klingbile	Commissioner Expenses - Dennis Klingbile	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Dennis A. Klingbile	Commissioner Expenses - Dennis Klingbile	125.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	William R. Crowley	Commissioner Expenses - Bill Crowley	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	William R. Crowley	Commissioner Expenses - Bill Crowley	41.25	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Eric A. Hartman	Commissioner Expenses - Eric Hartman	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Jeffry Moen	Commissioner Expenses - Jeff Moen	50.00	9/26/2022

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APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Keith A. Elbers	Commissioner Expenses - Keith Elbers	93.75	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Myron D. Koets	Commissioner Expenses - Myron Koets	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Myron D. Koets	Commissioner Expenses - Myron Koets	85.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Paul Langseth	Commissioner Expenses - Paul Langseth	100.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Paul Langseth	Commissioner Expenses - Paul Langseth	130.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Richard Anderson	Commissioner Expenses - Rick Anderson	100.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Richard Anderson	Commissioner Expenses - Rick Anderson	94.50	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Robert J. Byrnes	Commissioner Expenses - Robert Byrnes	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Robert J. Byrnes	Commissioner Expenses - Robert Byrnes	50.00	9/26/2022
APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Robert J. Byrnes	Commissioner Expenses - Robert Byrnes	87.50	9/26/2022
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APS092222 ...	09262...	9/26/2022	Stephen P. Schnieder	Commissioner Expenses - Stephen Schnieder	45.00	9/26/2022
APS0901202...	59732	9/1/2022	Aflac Inc	Aflac Dental - 9-1-22 to 9-30-22	775.46	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59733	9/1/2022	Allen Jensen	Allen Jensen 8-30-22 Board mtg per diem	25.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59734	9/1/2022	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 8-24-22 to 9-23-22	62.75	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59734	9/1/2022	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 8-24-22 to 9-23-22	62.74	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59735	9/1/2022	David R. Samuelson	Mowing - August 2022	26.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59735	9/1/2022	David R. Samuelson	Mowing - August 2022	39.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59736	9/1/2022	Jackson County Auditor/Treas...	Mortgage Registry Tax - SW MN Title	172.50	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59737	9/1/2022	Jackson County Recorder	Mortgage Recording Fee - SW MN Title	46.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59738	9/1/2022	Jeremy D. Janssen	Janssen 8-30-22 Falcon Board Mtg	25.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59739	9/1/2022	John Hay	John Hay - 8-30-22 Board mtg per diem	25.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59740	9/1/2022	Kevin Leopold	Kevin Leopold 8-30-22 Board mtg per diem	25.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59741	9/1/2022	Marco	Marco Copier 8-27-22 to 11-26-22	109.19	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59742	9/1/2022	Northwest Gas	NW Gas Meter Reading 7-22-22 to 8-20-22	8.18	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59742	9/1/2022	Northwest Gas	NW Gas Meter Reading 7-22-22 to 8-20-22	11.76	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59743	9/1/2022	One Office Solution	One Office Meter Reading 7-25-22 to 8-30-22	247.40	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59744	9/1/2022	Slayton Electric, Inc.	Slayton Electric Labor/Electronic Ballasts	84.77	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59744	9/1/2022	Slayton Electric, Inc.	Slayton Electric Labor/Electronic Ballasts	39.10	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59745	9/1/2022	SRDC	Falcon April - June 2022	1,520.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59746	9/1/2022	St. Anne's Catholic School	Memorial for Addison Knott	50.00	9/1/2022
APS0901202...	59747	9/1/2022	Southwest Minnesota Title, LLC	SW MN Title RLF Loan Disbursement	75,000.00	9/1/2022
APS090922 ...	59748	9/9/2022	Abila	Abila AR Billing Cloud 10-26-22 to 11-25-22	95.14	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59748	9/9/2022	Abila	Abila Multiple Clouds 8-26-22 to 9-25-22	615.21	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59749	9/9/2022	AFLAC	Aflac 9-6-22	244.68	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59750	9/9/2022	City of Slayton	City Water/Sewer 7-20-22 to 8-22-22	18.40	9/9/2022

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APS090922 ...	59751	9/9/2022	Doug's Lawn & Landscaping S...	Inv#77315 Early Fall Fertilizer plus broadleaf	85.64	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59752	9/9/2022	Economic Development Associ...	2022 EDAM Winter Conference registration	415.00	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59753	9/9/2022	Fleet Services Division	Fleet Services 7-1-22 to 7-31-22	555.22	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59754	9/9/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier 8-25-22 to 9-24-22	36.39	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59754	9/9/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier 8-25-22 to 9-24-22	67.59	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59755	9/9/2022	Grants Management Systems ...	GMS - August 2022	105.00	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59755	9/9/2022	Grants Management Systems ...	GMS - August 2022	35.00	9/9/2022
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APS090922 ...	59756	9/9/2022	Schaap Sanitation	Schaap 9-1-22 to 9-30-22	49.44	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59757	9/9/2022	XCEL Energy	Xcel 8-2-22 to 8-31-22	265.73	9/9/2022
APS090922 ...	59757	9/9/2022	XCEL Energy	Xcel 8-2-22 to 8-31-22	398.59	9/9/2022
APS091522 L...	59758	9/13/2022	Adler Counseling PLLC	Adler Counseling - RLF Loan Disbursement	50,000.00	9/13/2022
APS091522 L...	59759	9/13/2022	Jackson County Recorder	Mortgage Filing Fee - Nenas Bar & Grill	46.00	9/13/2022
APS091522 L...	59760	9/13/2022	Carlos and Yolanda Barahona ...	Carlos & Yolanda Barahona dba Nenas Bar & Gril...	25,000.00	9/13/2022
APS091522 L...	59761	9/13/2022	Nobles County Auditor/Treasu...	Mortgage Registry Tax - Nenas Bar & Grill	57.50	9/13/2022
APS091522 ...	59763	9/15/2022	Jackson County Recorder	Request for Notice filing fee - Nenas Bar & Grill	46.00	9/15/2022
APS091522 ...	59764	9/15/2022	Nobles County Recorder	Request for Notice filing fee - Nenas	46.00	9/15/2022
APS091522 ...	59765	9/15/2022	Nobles County Recorder	Mortgage Filing Fee - Nenas Bar & Grill	46.00	9/15/2022
APS091522 ...	59766	9/15/2022	Pipestone Auditor/Treasurer	Mortgage Registry Tax - Adler Counseling	115.00	9/15/2022
Void0006	59766	9/29/2022	Pipestone Auditor/Treasurer	Mortgage Registry Tax - Adler Counseling	(115.00)	9/29/2022
APS091522 ...	59767	9/15/2022	Pipestone County Recorder	Mortgage Filing Fee - Adler Counseling	46.00	9/15/2022
APS091522 ...	59768	9/15/2022	Pipestone County Recorder	Request for Notice Filing Fee - Adler Counseling	46.00	9/15/2022
Void0006	59768	9/29/2022	Pipestone County Recorder	Request for Notice Filing Fee - Adler Counseling	(46.00)	9/29/2022
APS091622 BS	59769	9/16/2022	Pipestone County Recorder	Assignment Leases/Rents - Adler Counseling	46.00	9/16/2022
APS092222 ...	59770	9/22/2022	AFLAC	Aflac - Inv#957647	244.68	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59771	9/22/2022	Cardmember Services	Cardmember Services 8-17-22 to 9-15-22	3,730.04	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59771	9/22/2022	Cardmember Services	Cardmember Services 8-17-22 to 9-15-22	9.00	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59771	9/22/2022	Cardmember Services	Cardmember Services 8-17-22 to 9-15-22	40.00	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59772	9/22/2022	Chandler Co-Op	Chandler Coop - August 2022 Fuel	154.51	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59773	9/22/2022	Culligan Water Conditioning	Culligan - August 2022	64.30	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59774	9/22/2022	Dust Tex Service Inc.	Dust Tex inv#9294500	38.85	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59774	9/22/2022	Dust Tex Service Inc.	Dust Tex inv#9294500	30.52	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59775	9/22/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier - 8-4-22 to 9-2-22	288.28	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59775	9/22/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier - 8-4-22 to 9-2-22	535.37	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59776	9/22/2022	Langseth Lodge LLC	Langseth Lodge - Refund legal fees	254.50	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59777	9/22/2022	Marco	Marco Service 9-8-22 SC2459622	77.50	9/22/2022

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APS092222 ...	59779	9/22/2022	One Office Solution	One Office Inv#478561-00 Paper	46.46	9/22/2022
APS092222 ...	59780	9/22/2022	Verizon Wireless	Verizon 8-2-22 to 9-1-22	52.12	9/22/2022
APS092922 ...	59781	9/29/2022	Abila	Abila 9-26-22 to 10-25-22	615.19	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59782	9/29/2022	Adler Counseling PLLC	Voided cks 59768 and 59766, refunding to Adler...	161.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59783	9/29/2022	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 9-24-22 to 10-23-22	59.99	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59783	9/29/2022	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 9-24-22 to 10-23-22	60.46	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59784	9/29/2022	Brooke Swart	ACH (Payroll) was returned - need to pay out to ...	90.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59785	9/29/2022	Fleet Services Division	Fleet - 8-1-22 to 8-31-22	555.22	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59786	9/29/2022	Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith &...	Fryberger - August 2022	900.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59786	9/29/2022	Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith &...	Fryberger - July 2022	900.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59787	9/29/2022	Marilyn Samuelson	Marilyn Samuelson - September 2022	328.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59787	9/29/2022	Marilyn Samuelson	Marilyn Samuelson - September 2022	472.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59788	9/29/2022	Quill Corporation	Ink for Robin's home computer	46.79	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59788	9/29/2022	Quill Corporation	Quill - RLF/PACE	96.04	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59788	9/29/2022	Quill Corporation	Quill - RLF/PACE	96.04	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59788	9/29/2022	Quill Corporation	Quill - Support/RDC	204.72	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59789	9/29/2022	Slayton EDA	Slayton EDA Lease - Orig and Add - Oct 2022	4,848.63	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59790	9/29/2022	SRDC	July and August 2022 - RMEB	2,040.00	9/29/2022
APS092922 ...	59791	9/29/2022	Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, PA	Stoneberg inv#97433 - Adler Counseling	79.50	9/29/2022
Report Total					207,958.26	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

November 2022
CEDS| EDA PLANNING | CARES ACT EDA (C-EDA)

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Our current CEDS can be found at http://www.swrdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/CEDS-2022-2027.pdf. CEDS in MN across the EDA (Economic Development Administration) Economic Development Districts (EDDs) generally follow the format of the Minnesota Association of Development Organizations (MADO) DevelopMN. The latest DevelopMN can be found at http://www.mnado.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/DevelopMN-1.pdf. MADO planners are currently in the process of compiling statewide accomplishments as they relate to DevelopMN. The progress report will then be used with potential funders for an update. DevelopMN was last updated in 2019.

EDA investment priorities can be found at https://eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/. Priorities include Equity, Recovery & Resilience, Workforce Development, Manufacturing, Technology-Based Economic Development, Environmentally Sustainable Development, and Exports & Foreign Direct Investment.

Progress Reports for both Traditional EDA, COVID-19 EDA and C-RLF were submitted October 28, 2022.

EDA PLANNING

Childcare Technical Assistance: Staff has played an integral role in the submission of the DEED Childcare Economic Development grant proposal, due August 30, for a 3-pod family childcare building in Hills. Staff arranged for an engineer report on the facility based on a walk-through conducted August 17. A follow-up walk-through was made available to Representative Schomacker and Senator Weber. Recently comments have been obtained by county licensing staff. Staff are still awaiting results.

Staff are in the process of gathering more information about a potential project in Cottonwood on October 3.

Transfer of Wealth (TOW): University of Minnesota staff held an informational session to explore the possibility of Extension conducting the Transfer of Wealth research in Minnesota. These studies have been used nationally, but the organization that conducts these studies will no longer be offering that product. The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on, and help Extension determine support/need/value/application for this program in Minnesota. In a follow-up session, those participating were supportive of implementation in Minnesota.

Career Expo: Staff facilitated the "Career is Right" segment of the Career Expo that took place on October 4 at Minnesota West in Worthington and October 5 at SMSU in Marshall. Over 2,100 students, primarily in the 10th and 11th grades, attended.

Entrepreneurship: Staff have been asked to be members of the SMSU Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship committee which met on October 6. The group heard from three students who have developed a business plan. Staff will also be presenting in December to the new Muray/Lyon CEO group that recently started. CEO has also been recently expanded to Windom, Mountain Lake, and Jackson.

Business Tour Day: Staff assisted SW PIC in identifying businesses to participate in an entrepreneur panel on October 11. The tour plans connected 270 students with businesses and employers in the Marshall area.

Friends in the Field: Quarterly, economic and community development professionals in Minnesota get

together to learn and collaborate. This group focused on Women in the Economy on October 12 and will focus on homelessness in January 2023.

Southwest Minnesota Community and Economic Developers: Monthly, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) facilitates an online networking opportunity to connect staff and expand knowledge of available resources. The October meeting focused on entrepreneurs, including entrepreneurial ecosystems, and growing small business in rural Minnesota. The November meeting will include a speaker from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Southwest Minnesota Youth Committee: The committee meets in February, May, August, and November. This group gathers members that support career and technical education programs and educate students and parents about local career and training opportunities. The committee next meets on November 3.

County Strategic Planning for Economic Development: Staff were asked to participate in Redwood County's strategic planning recap session. The three main focus areas identified were workforce development, housing, and childcare.

Major Madness: Staff will be assisting at Major Madness on November 9 at MinnesotaWest and November 10 at SMSU. The targeted students will be those with English as a second language and first-generation students. Panelists will discuss how they reached their educational and workforce goals in the United States.

Cultural Diversity Event Sponsorship: There continues to be a limited amount of funds left to sponsor an event. Contact staff with project ideas.

National Development Finance Summit: Staff will be attending the CDFA Summit in Denver November 2-4. Staff looks forward to learning from others about successful projects for implementation in our region.

CARES ACT EDA (C-EDA)

SRDC requested a 6-month no cost extension through December 31, 2022. The last phase includes final completion of the resiliency plan.

SRDC remains available to provide support and technical assistance to businesses and local units of government. Contact staff if you need research completed, maps developed, surveys compiled, grant reviewed, etc.

For a list of state and federal programs (SBA, Unemployment and DEED) for businesses, visit https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/?id=425890.

EDA Funding Opportunities: There are several grant opportunities available through the federal EDA. More information can be found at https://eda.gov/arpa/.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND REPORT

November 2022
COVID-19 RLF | TRADITIONAL RLF | CONTRACTED RLF | PACE

RLF COMMITTEE

The committee consists of five members and meets as needed. The committee covers both the COVID-19 RLF and Traditional RLF. The committee last met on October 19 and approved two C-RLF loan applications.

Staff are currently working with potential loan applicants from Rock County.

RLF PLANS AND FLEXIBILITIES

EDA flexibilities are no longer available. Our minimum interest rate is 75% of Prime. Prime Interest Rate remains at 6.25%. No longer are SRDC RLF loan funds able to participate in financing without another lender/ partner that covers at least 50% of the project cost.

Application and Checklists: The Application (fillable — same application for both RLF programs) and Requirements Checklist for both SRDC RLF and COVID-19 RLF are online and can be found at http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/revolving-loan-funds/.

COVID-19 RLF (C-RLF)

Funds Available: Funds on hand are in the approximate amount of $212,681.54. The latest loans closed were in the amount of $50,000 to a business in Pipestone County and in the amount of $44,000 to a business in Lyon County. A business in Redwood County paid in full, as the business was sold, on September 26.

Original funds available to SRDC were $1.48 million. We have closed on 100% of our original funds with 27 C-RLF loans thus far.

TRADITIONAL RLF

Funds Available: Funds on hand are in the approximate amount of $90,517.72. The latest loan closed was in the amount of $75,000 to a business in Jackson County.

RLF SUCCESS STORIES

To promote RLF programs, success stories can now be found at http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/revolving-loan-funds/rlf-business-spotlights/.

Contracted RLFs

Staff continues to assist inquiries made regarding business start-ups, retentions, and expansions and financing. Staff assists with three additional revolving loan fund programs within the region.

1. Jackson County RLF: JCRLF currently has five active loans. The latest loan closed was in the amount of $100,000 to a Jackson business. There are still funds available for businesses in Jackson County with gap financing needs.

2. Heron Lake RLF: HLRLF focuses on economic development within a 20-mile radius of Heron Lake. These are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. SRDC continues to assist them with GMS entry

and amortization schedules as requested. The latest loan closed was in the amount of $25,000 to a Heron Lake business.

3. Falcon Development Corporation (FDC): Information on FDC can be found online at http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/falcon-development-corporation/. FDC focuses on economic development improvements within a 30-mile radius of Heron Lake. These funds are de-federalized; therefore, Davis Bacon does not apply to construction projects. There is room on the FDC board for two additional members. Interest rates can now be as low as 75% of prime. The latest loan closed was in the amount of $25,000 to a Heron Lake business.

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE)

Funds Available: Funds are currently available in the approximate amount of PACE SEP, $268,157.12, and PACE ARRA, $87,843.32.

Thirty-two loans have closed. Please help spread the word about PACE to property owners looking to make improvements that lower their energy usage.

PACE Committee: The committee meets as needed or in conjunction with the RMEB (Rural Minnesota Energy Board). Committee members are Metz, Wildermuth, Wachal, VanDeVere and Paap. The committee meets as needed.

General Information: PACE is available to property owners of small businesses, including agri-businesses and some non-profits based on usage. The interest rate is currently fixed at 3%.

Energy Audits: Energy assessments/audits are informational to property owners and may be the start to cost saving energy improvements. Contractor estimates and the energy assessment/audit are the two first steps to PACE financing. As of late, there has been more interest in getting energy audits scheduled, which is the first step to a financing request. ReTAP (Retiree Environmental Technical Assistance Program) recently received notice that funds have been allocated to them again. Energy assessments/audits are often free and there is no obligation to submit a PACE application for financing. As a result of a Faribault County presentation in Blue Earth, aa well as two lender referrals, ReTAP assessments are in varying stages of getting scheduled.

The PACE application and brochure can be found at http://rmeb.org/pace.htm.

If you have groups in your area that would benefit from hearing about PACE, please contact Robin.

If you have questions about the RLF, PACE, or about energy audits, please contact Robin Weis, Deputy Director, at 507-836-1638 or via email at robin@swrdc.org.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

November 2022

ENERGY| LAND USE, PLANNING & ZONING | SOLID WASTE & NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY

Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB): The RMEB met on September 26. Members accepted an invitation to speak at an upcoming Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 13. The topic will be about how transmission constraints are affecting the region. Discussion continued about how RMEB's voice is getting heard and how members should seize on the momentum and stay involved in moving transmission projects forward. The next meeting will be on November 28.

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs):
New AmeriCorps Positions: CERTS was approved for up to seven (7) AmeriCorps members who would have the title, "Sustainability Project Coordinator." One of those members can serve the SW CERTS region with SRDC staff serving as the site supervisor. This person could have an office in Slayton or within a 45-minute radius, so please help us recruit a motivated, passionate person for this position. Applications need to be completed by December 14 to start in January.

Buffalo Ridge Wind Project Tour: On September 28, Jay Trusty and Jason Walker toured NextEra's Buffalo Ridge Wind project near Lake Benton in Lincoln County. The project is installing up to 40 GE wind turbines capable of generating approximately 109 megawatts of clean, renewable energy. NextEra hopes to have this project generating electricity by the end of 2022.

MISO Cities and Communities Coalition: Staff is participating in meetings with this newly formed group to form a stronger relationship with Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to ensure that the grid grows and evolves to meet the needs of the clean power transition.

RDO Climate and Energy Group: Executive Directors and staff from all the Regional Development Organizations (RDOs) are now meeting monthly to share resources and explore opportunities in clean energy and sustainability.

Comfrey Sustainability Plan: Staff are in talks with Region 9 Development Commission (RNDC) about partnering on a sustainability plan for the City of Comfrey. Regional Development Commissions across the state are looking at how they can become more involved in clean energy, and planning is one opportunity to explore.

SW CERTs Steering Committee: This group met on October 24 to discuss strategic planning for CERTs over the next few years. The Inflation Reduction Act and all that it means for the area were front and center in the discussion. CERTs needs to continue building on its strengths of providing education and outreach on energy/ efficiency topics, fostering key partnerships, and bringing people together. The next meeting is a joint one with RSDP on November 17 in Marshall at the MERIT Center.

CERTs Utility-to-Utility Peer Discussion: On Oct 11 staff helped facilitate a discussion among utilities throughout the state about how to work more effectively with manufactured home parks.

Solid Waste & Natural Resources

Solid Waste Commission: The Solid Waste Commission met September 26. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 28.

The Commission discussed the upcoming update to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan is an MPCA requirement that allows each of the counties to access their SCORE funds. In order to finance the

planning effort, the Commission has voted for dues of $2,500 from each of the participating counties. These dues are eligible SCORE expenditures. The Commission has not collected dues in the last four years, and the funds collected will finance the regional plan and help access future grants.

Prior to 2014, individual counties would write their own Solid Waste Management Plans. Combining regional efforts not only saved on individual county costs, but also on staff time and resources. Regionalizing solid waste priorities also allowed for many of the inter-county agreements that benefit the region.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

November 2022
LOCAL ASSISTANCE | COMMUNITY PLANNING | COMMUNICATIONS

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail: The Friends last met on October 20. Their fundraising committee, which staff sits on, was held on October 25. The Friends met with Senator Weber on October 27 in regards to this year's bonding bill request. The next meeting will take place in November (date TBD).

Explore SW Minnesota: The group last met on September 7. Work continues on the development of the website, with content being provided by counties on a monthly basis. Website development has been slow. We are in need of website content from Pipestone, Cottonwood, Jackson, and Lincoln County in particular. Staff also manages the Explore SW MN Facebook page and collects content from counties on a monthly basis. There are a few counties that have been low in participation, including Pipestone, Cottonwood, and Jackson. If you know someone interested in promoting tourism in your county, please connect them with staff. The next full meeting will be November 9 at 2pm at the SRDC office.

GMRPTC Campground Surveys: SRDC worked throughout the summer to conduct camper satisfaction and expenditure surveys at seven (7) campgrounds in Southwest Minnesota, including Hole in the Mountain, Garvin, Twin Lakes, Memorial, Plum Creek, Ramsey, and Lake Washington Parks. The surveys received 772 responses in total. Final reports for all seven campgrounds were submitted to GMRPTC on October 31. Final end-of season response rates for the surveys were as follows:

- Garvin Park: 17.6% (156 surveys)
- Hole in the Mountain Park: 11.8% (50 surveys)
- Lake Washington Park: 48.2% (172 surveys)
- Memorial Park: 23.7% (38 surveys)
- Ramsey Park: 9.1% (72 surveys)
- Twin Lakes Park: 23.2% (83 surveys)
- Past User Survey: 34 surveys

COMMUNITY PLANNING & ACTIVITIES

RSDP Resilient Communities Workgroup: This group meets quarterly to work on and discuss projects that empower and support communities in developing and enhancing community resilience. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17 for the SW RSDP's Annual work group meeting in Marshall at the Merit Center.

Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener Listening Session: Staff was invited to join a listening session to explore the intersection of conservation, tourism, outdoor recreation, and hunting, and their benefits to the community as part of the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener on October 14 in Worthington. The listening session attendees included DNR Commissioner, Explore Minnesota's Executive Director, DNR officials, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Nobles County and City of Worthington officials, Nobles County Pheasants Forever, and more. The listening session was a great opportunity to share the work that SRDC is doing with the Regional Trails Plan, with the Casey Jones State Trail, and with Explore Southwest Minnesota.

SRDC COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: The next issue will be published mid-December. If there is information that you would like shared in the SRDC newsletter, please reach out to staff. An archive of SRDC newsletters can be found at: http://www.swrdc.org/category/newsletter-archive/.

Website Redesign: Staff has been hard at work on the redesign of the SRDC website. We're working with RV Tech on the redesign. Included in the update will be a dedicated "Commissioner Resource" page with useful information for SRDC Commissioners.

Communications Plan: Work continues on implementation of the plan goals and strategies.

If you have questions about the Communications Report, please contact Jessica Welu, Communications Specialist, at 507-836-1644 or via email at jessicaw@swrdc.org*.*

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

November 2022

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE | ATPs | TRANSPORTATION PLANNING | ACTIVE LIVING & SRTS

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The SRDC TAC met July 18. The TAC was presented with statewide and district updates.

Statewide Updates: Due to the state legislature failing to pass a bonding and transportation bill, the state will be missing out on additional federal funding from the IIJA. To access these funds at the state level, it would have been required to increase the budget authority to use as a match to access these funds. It is estimated that the state has lost tens of millions of dollars that could have gone to projects. The state was expected to receive $4.5 billion dollars from the IIJA funds over the next four years. Although four billion of these funds were already programmed into the state portion of the federal targets, IIJA still led to an overall increase of 30%. If the Governor does not call a Special Session and pass a transportation bill, this year's funding will go untouched.

Discretionary grants were also part of the money to be distributed by the IJA, this included an emphasis on reconnecting neighborhoods that have been disconnected due to MnDOT projects. One of the most common examples of this is the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul. This issue is not isolated to St. Paul as other communities have had similar issues when trunk highways become community main streets or separate community members from a destination like a school, place of employment, or grocery store.

Corridors for Commerce is set to start solicitation this fall. Adjustments have been made to the scoring criteria/ distribution to achieve better regional balance than in previous years.

AREAS TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS (ATP)

ATP 7: Met on November 4 via Microsoft teams and at the district office in Mankato to kick off their 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) cycle.

Trimont officially withdrew from the allocated TA funds awarded to them for FY 22. The ATP voted on the following allocation:

> *Assign $150,000 of $190,536 to Worthington. This would still leave $40,536 of FY 2022 funds to be redistributed to the City of Mankato.*

The ATP also presented their draft Area Transportation Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2026 and Capitol Highway Improvement Plan for FY 2027-2032.

ATP 8: Met Friday October 7. This meeting was to kick-off the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) cycle. Other topics of discussion included funding updates, and a presentation on the Highway Safety Improvement Plan.

Stay updated on MnDOT road projects, construction progress, and detours at http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadwork/. The South-Central District (District 7) includes Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, and Rock Counties. The Southwest District (District 8) includes Pipestone, Murray, Lincoln, Lyon, and Redwood Counties.

SRDC is available to assist in navigating and disseminating information as needed.

MnDOT offices are opening back up to the public for future meetings this summer. Remember to check with individual district offices and their policies before attending any meeting in-person.

Transportation Alternatives Program: Transportation Alternative grants are federal funds available to local communities for infrastructure projects that promote transportation model shift. Eligible costs are reimbursed as a 80/20 match. Funds are distributed in the next programable ATIP year. For FY 2027 $1,260,000 is available for counties in the District 8 ATP (Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, Murray, and Pipestone Counties) and $1,600,000 is available for counties in the District 7 ATP (Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, and Rock counties).

- Friday, Nov. 4, 2022: Deadline for applicants to submit letters of intent.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 2022: Tentative Deadline for LOI review done by RDC Planner
- Friday, Jan. 13, 2023: Deadline for applicants to submit full applications.
- Friday, Apr. 14, 2023: Deadline for ATPs to select TA projects. Grant recipients announced.

LOCAL HUMAN SERVICES TRANSIT COORDINATION PLAN

Staff presented the initial strategies for the updated Local Human Services Public Transit Coordination Plan to the Rural Transit Coordination Council RTCC on September 21. Feedback received from the council was used to create action steps that will be incorporated in the implementation grant cycle of the RTCC.

Transportation Planning

Portable Counter Borrowing Program: MnDOT has portable counters that are freely available to partner agencies such as cities, counties, MPOs, RDCs, and active transportation advocacy groups. These counters help collect important pedestrian traffic data that can be used to plan projects, apply for funding, and much more. Counters are available through each MnDOT District Office and can be reserved online. More information can be found at https://www.dot.state.mn.us/bike-ped-counting/borrow.html.

Quarterly Transportation Planners Meeting: The MADO Transportation Planners met August 17-18 in Duluth. topics that were covered during this meeting include MnSHIP updates, Updates on project selection for TA and other upcoming funding source, a SRTS Research Proposal and a presentation from the Duluth Port Authority.

ACTIVE LIVING & SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

Active Living: *Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Community Leadership Teams (CLT):*

City of Lakefield: The City has verified ownership of the railroad parcels that would allow for trail development to connect to the south side of town. They are investigating the different funding sources available to pursue this project and are planning to submit a Letter of Intent.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Staff facilitated the Tracy planning kickoff at their City Hall on September 23. A week later staff conducted hazard observations at the two public schools and then did a walk audit with community stakeholders. The two public schools and St. Mary's have sent the Caregiver survey out, conducted student tallies and assisted with further data gathering. The next meeting will not be until February 8 at the High School.

SRTS Planning Grants for next year: Red Rock Central School district has expressed interest in applying. Staff presented to school personnel about this opportunity on October 18. They agreed to pursue the grant. Staff is meeting with one teacher and the Lamberton City Clerk on November 15 to assist with the writing process.

SRTS Boost Grants: Grants fund non-infrastructure strategies to help support current SRTS plans or programs. Solicitations open in October and close in December.

SRTS Infrastructure Grants: Not available this year.

The 26th annual National Walk & Roll to School Day was October 12. Upcoming dates will be February 1, 2023 for Winter Walk to School Day and May 3, 2023 for Bike to School Day.

REGIONAL TRAILS PLANNING

On September 29 SRDC kicked off the first steering committee meeting of the project with 44 people in attendance. Staff gave an overview of the project and a timeline of what to expect over the next two years. Then, using Mentimeter, participants helped select the criteria staff would use to prioritize trail corridors.

Mentimeter Results:

- Community Connection: Trail Experience was the top choice (33%) and Cultural experiences was 2nd (17%)
- Deliverability: Ease of land acquisition was the top choice (22%), and Maintenance was 2nd (20%)
- Planning and Support: Connectivity (23%) and Demand (21%)
- Potential Tourism Impact: Economic potential (22%) and Destination (21%)

These results, along with additional feedback from stakeholders, will be used to create a scoring guide used to prioritize potential trail corridors.

The next meeting will be at the end of January or beginning of February (date TBD). During this meeting, participants will be asked about public engagement opportunities for spring/summer trails outreach.

Funding Partners: The City of Lamberton joined the list of funding cities in Redwood County, approving an $800 match for the project. They join the cities of Walnut Grove, Wabasso, and Revere, and the eight counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Cottonwood | Jackson | Lincoln | Lyon | Murray | Nobles | Pipestone | Redwood | Rock

SRDC BOARD & FULL COMMISSION 2023 CALENDAR

Month	Full Commission Thursdays at 3:30pm	Board of Directors Thursdays at 3:30pm	Meeting Location Meeting Locations Are Tentative**
January	Thursday, January 12		Pizza Ranch, Slayton
February		Thursday, February 9	SRDC Board Room, Slayton
March	Thursday, March 9		Murray County 4-H Building, Slayton
April		Thursday, April 13	SRDC Board Room, Slayton
May	Thursday, May 11 *Immediately following 3:30pm Public Hearing		Lincoln County (TBD)
June		Thursday, June 8	SRDC Board Room, Slayton
July	Thursday, July 13 ****4:00pm Annual Meeting**		Location TBD
August		No Meeting	
September	Thursday, September 14		Jackson County (TBD)
October		Thursday, October 12	SRDC Board Room, Slayton
November	Thursday, November 9		Murray County (TBD)
December		Thursday, December 14	SRDC Board Room, Slayton

**Meeting locations are tentative. Confirmed meeting locations will be announced prior to all meetings. Location details will be updated via meeting notices and on the SRDC website (www.swrdc.org).

***Annual Meeting includeds a served meal. RSVP needed in advance.

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