

**WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2007/10:00 A.M.**

The Region Five Development Commission Meeting was held at the Region Five Development Commission Office, 403 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479 and called to order by Chairman Gene Young, at 10:05. The pledge was said.

Mr. Young read the Region 5 Development Commission's Vision Statement.

Present: Wadena County Commissioners Dave Schermerhorn, Orville Meyer, Mary Harrison and Bill Stearns; absent - Lane Waldahl. Also present were Cheryl Hills, Region 5 Development Commission Executive Director, Cliff Tweedale, Headwaters Regional Development Commission Executive Director, Todd County Commissioners and representatives, Morrison County Commissioners and representatives, Cass County Commissioners and representatives and Crow Wing County Commissioners and representatives.

Mr. Tweedale provided the audience with a background on the condition the Region 5 Development Commission was in one year prior, as well as the functions of the Headwaters Regional Commission.

Ms. Hills provided information on the progress the Commission had made over the past twelve months.

Mr. Tweedale stated that Region 5 needed to find "what it is good at and what it could make money at". He questioned the Commissioners as to whether they were willing to give the Region 5 Development Commission three years to prove themselves, and if so, under what conditions?

A question and answer period was held.

MNDOT representatives reported on how regional development commissions assist counties in receiving federal transportation funds.

The Commissioners informed Ms. Hills and Mr. Tweedale that they would not be able to make a decision on whether they would support Region 5 for another three years or not until their next County Board Meeting.

It was suggested that a "Business Plan" be developed for Region 5 prior to the counties decision on whether to support the organization for an additional three years and that it appeared that the Commission was "good at" assisting the five counties in their pursuit of federal transportation funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

William Stearns, Chairman

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