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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Scott O. Arneson
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Date: January 10, 2023

Re: Hiawatha RC&D Organization

Background

The Hiawatha RC&D Organization has operated in SE Minnesota with at times eleven (11) counties participating, current participation is approximately five (5) of the counties.

The Executive Director has resigned. The Board plans to meet the end of January and determine if the Organization should continue or not.

Recommendation

Commissioner Anderson has been the Goodhue County representative to this organization for eight (8) years and currently serves on the Executive Committee. During his time, he has seen the grants and opportunities for projects shift away from the mission of Federal and State RC&D programs. The challenge to find local projects, diminishing active involvement of counties and the resignation of the Executive Director are the factors in Commissioner Anderson recommending Goodhue County support dissolving the Organization.

Action

Recommend the County Administrator send a letter to Chairman Commissioner Peterson of Dodge County to support the dissolution of the organization and allow the executive committee to handle final disposition and distributions of funds back to the counties after all expenses are paid.

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