



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin citizens will benefit from development policies which encourage orderly economic development and a balance of rural and urban living and working opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the technical and financial resources available to assist orderly development in rural areas and communities are scattered throughout various state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, development programs should be carefully integrated and coordinated to achieve maximum benefit for rural areas, communities, and the State as a whole; and




WHEREAS, sound development efforts require citizens to work together with local and State officials in a coordinated effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby create, pursuant to Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a Council on Rural Area and Community Development.

The Council shall consist of 15 members, as follows:

- (a) The secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, Business Development, Natural Resources and Local Affairs and Development.
- (b) The Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.
- (c) One representative from a state agency office of the United States Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Governor for a two-year term.
- (d) Four legislative members, consisting of one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party of each house of the Legislature, selected in the same manner as members are appointed to standing committees of those houses.
- (e) Five citizen members appointed by the Governor for staggered three-year terms. Of the citizen members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a one-year term, two for a two-year term, and one for a three-year term.

The Council shall hold an initial and an annual meeting at which only the principal appointees shall be voting participants. The Council may adopt by-laws to permit voting by specifically designated representatives of state agency appointees at meetings other than the annual meeting.


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The Secretary of the Department of Local Affairs and Development shall convene the initial meeting of the Council. Annually, the Council shall elect a chairman and such other officers as the Council may decide. No member of the Council shall be compensated for his or her services, but member shall be eligible for reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The Council shall coordinate and assist state services and programs that affect development in rural areas and communities.

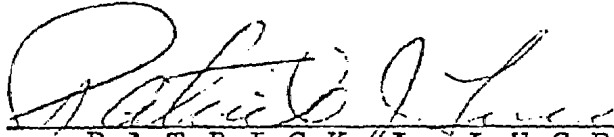
Annually, the Council shall report to the Governor on the progress of development efforts in rural areas and communities and the Council shall recommend ways more effectively to coordinate and integrate programs associated with development.

In addition to its other duties, the Council shall review and recommend policy guidelines for the Community Development Fund in the Department of Local Affairs and Development. The Council shall review proposed grants from the Community Development Fund and related development programs, and shall evaluate the effectiveness of such efforts.

The Department of Local Affairs and Development shall provide staff support to the Council, and all represented state agencies shall provide information and assistance to the Council at its request. In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more frequently at the call of the Chairman.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.




PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State



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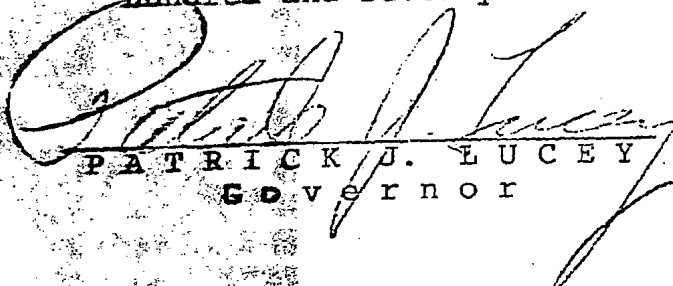
AMENDMENT

Executive Order No. 37 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The Council on Rural Area and Community Development shall consist of 16 members.

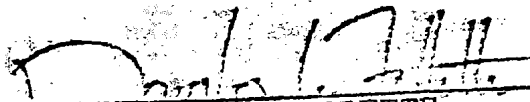
2. In addition to the 15 members set forth in Executive Order No. 37, the Council's membership shall also include the Secretary of the Department of Administration.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.



PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

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