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Hand County Board of County Commissioners
Attn. Jim Iverson, Chairman
415 West 1st Avenue
Miller, South Dakota 57362

Re: NECOG Council Appointment

Dear Mr. Iverson and Commissioners:

I have chosen to resign my appointment as your representative on the NECOG council. In one form or another I have been a member of the council since 1997 when I was mayor for the City of Miller. When I stopped being mayor, my appointment for them ended but I was asked by the commission to take the position previously held by Auditor Betty Morford and then presently held by Sandi Selting. I accepted the requested and have served as your NECOG representative since that time.

My tenure on the NECOG council has almost entirely been as a member of the executive board, the members who oversee the staff and general operations of the council and NECOG as a agency.

My decision to resign the appointment is twofold. I was asked to fill a position on a temporary basis 14 years ago and while it has been rewarding, it has meant that others have had to do my chores while I am away. The other reason is that I am currently (and have been) shorthanded and have found it difficult to complete my responsibilities to both.

NECOG is a great agency and has a great staff. They are and have been very willing to assist local governments in a variety of projects. The problem is that we (Hand County) do not participate as much as we could and we do not ask for services as much as we could. The concept of investment verses rewards is very true in that if we do not participate we will be left out. I would encourage you to find two people who will take this seriously and who have the time and means to participate and be active in fostering the NECOG agency and the concept of regional government councils.

I thank you for the opportunity to be your representative and carry your banner for the council and I regret that I am not able to make the investments needed to continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug DeBoer

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