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Section

1 **Nonprofit may run Prairieland Center.**

Subd. 1. Nonprofit corporation may be established. Authorizes the southwest regional development commission to establish a nonprofit corporation to operate programs and manage the Prairieland Exposition Center.

Subd. 2. Board of directors. Requires the corporation to have nine directors named by the southwest regional development commission, up to five of which may be members of the commission. Requires that directors be unpaid, but allows reimbursement of directors' expenses in carrying out their duties.

Subd. 3. Articles and bylaws. Requires the corporation to be incorporated under and to follow the provisions of Minnesota Statutes chapter 317A, which governs the creation and operation of nonprofit corporations.

Subd. 4. Employees. Provides that corporation employees are not public employees and must not participate in various public employee benefit plans.

Subd. 5. Contracting. Authorizes the southwest regional development commission to enter into contracts with the corporation.

Subd. 6. Statutory compliance.

(a) Provides that the statutory section governing property purchased with state bond proceeds applies to a management contract or lease between the southwest regional development commission and the corporation.

(b) Requires the corporation to comply with statutory provisions governing nonprofit corporations that were created by a public subdivision before May 31, 1997.