

**Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar Economic Development Commission (EDC)  
Joint Operations Board (OB)  
AGRIBUSINESS/RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (AG) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
August 28, 2006  
EDC Office, Willmar**

Present: Glenn Arfstrom, Ron Erpelding, Wade Gustafson, Duane Hultgren and Jim Larson

Staff: Steve Renquist, Executive Director

Chair Wade Gustafson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee discussed the Ag Committee contractor goals for the remainder of 2006 and set the following:

**GOALS FOR CONSULTANT UNDER LEADERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. Take a leadership role in the development of a west central renewable energy corridor by December 31, 2007.
2. Create a series of renewable energy continuing education sessions (two per year), aimed at the public, elected officials and prospective investors.
3. Identify and assist in the development of at least one viable renewable energy project per year in Kandiyohi County and the immediate region per year, i.e., Bushmills Ethanol Plant.
4. Identify and assist in securing the research needed to evaluate possible renewable energy projects.
5. Specifically identify interested parties and three potential locations for wind farm development within the county and immediate region.

Gustafson stated he will direct EDC staff to implement the EDC's policy of three unexcused absences and elimination from the committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.