

**KANDIYOHI COUNTY AND CITY OF WILLMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)**  
**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OB)**  
**BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION/RECRUITMENT (BRE/R) COMMITTEE**  
**TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2006**  
**MinnWest Technology Campus, Willmar**

Present: Teri Beyer, Dean Bouta, Lee Byberg, Ron Erpelding, Jim Millard, Mike Nitchals, Steve Salzer, Jean Spaulding and Jeff Tengwall

Staff: Steve Renquist, Executive Director

Task Force chairperson, Jean Spaulding, called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES—**

IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Nitchals, SECONDED BY Teri Beyer, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2006 meeting as mailed or e-mailed. MOTION CARRIED.

**Blandin Broadband Initiative.** Dean Bouta reported on a Blandin Broadband Initiative meeting he attended. There is a \$15,000 grant from Blandin that must be matched by \$15,000 from the community. Originally, the community was required to have their program planned and then apply for the grant. The Blandin program now will assist with determining the best plan of action. Renquist reviewed the potential EDC sources of the matching \$15,000, which could include \$5,000-\$7,500 from the BRE/R Technology Task Force and \$5,000-\$7,500 from the Agribusiness/Renewable Energy Development Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY Jeff Tengwall, SECONDED BY Mike Nitchals, to proceed with the grant application if the necessary matching funds can be acquired. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT—**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**MinnWest Technology Campus.** A tour of the MinnWest Technology Campus followed the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING—**The next regular committee meeting is **7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2006**, at the EDC office, Willmar.