



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA

11:00 a.m., March 8, 2018  
Board Room, EDC Office, Willmar

11:00 CALL TO ORDER (7 members/4 = quorum) . . . . . President Donna Boonstra

11:01 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA. . . . . President Boonstra

11:05 CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve:
1. Minutes of February 8, 2018 meeting
  2. Financial reports as of February 28, 2018
  3. Payment of \$1,100 to Blane Canada for the annual Synchronist user fee as budgeted

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 1/18/2018
    - a. Ag Marketing Subcommittee 1/17/2018
  2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 2/5/2018
  3. Marketing and Public Relations 1/22/2018

11:06 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA. . . . . President Boonstra

11:10 PROGRESS REPORTS

1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park. . . . . Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
2. Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition. . . . . Connie Schmoll
3. Historic 313 Project. . . . . Aaron Backman
4. Glacial Ridge Hospitality. . . . . Aaron Backman/Kerry Johnson
5. Business Visits and Meetings. . . . . Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll

- 6. Highway 23 Coalition..... Aaron Backman/Donna Boonstra
  - a. Corridors of Commerce Update
  - b. Legislative Reception at the Capitol on March 7, 2018
  - c. Annual Membership Meeting with Congressman Peterson on March 9, 2018
  - d. Other

11:30 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11:50 NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CLUES Willmar Office..... Aaron Backman

12:45 COMMITTEE REPORTS [REMINDER: UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER HAS A QUESTION OR NEEDS ACTION ON A COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, ONLY COMMITTEES WITH NEW INFORMATION SINCE THE MINUTES INCLUDED IN THE BOARD PACKETS SHOULD REPORT]

- 1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development. .... Rollie Boll/Connie Schmoll
- 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology..... Donna Boonstra/Connie Schmoll
- 3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment. .... Les Heitke/Kelly TerWisscha/  
Aaron Backman
- 4. Finance. .... Bob Carlson/Kerry Johnson/Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
  - a. Willmar Child Care Center Loan
- 5. Marketing and Public Relations. .... Donna Boonstra/Aaron Backman
- 6. Leisure Travel..... Art Benson/Aaron Backman

1:00 ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETINGS—Regular board meeting 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the EDC Office,  
222 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Willmar  
Boards’ Annual Planning Session 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2018 in  
the Earl B. Olson Addition, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, Spicer