



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., August 10, 2017  
Community Center, Raymond**

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

11:01 **COMMENTS BY RAYMOND COMMUNITY**

11:15 **WILLMAR LAKES AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT  
AND INFORMATION AS TO COUNTY WATER TRAIL OR KAYAK LAUNCH.** . . . . . Beth Fischer  
Executive Director

11:30 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA.** . . . . . President Boonstra

11:31 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:     1. Minutes of July 13, 2017 meeting
- 2. Financial reports as of July 31, 2017
- 3. Payment of bills:
  - a.

- Accept:       Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
  - 1. Agriculture and Redevelopment Energy Development 6/15/2017
  - 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 7/10/2017
  - 3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment 7/7/2017
  - 4. Leisure Travel

11:32 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA.** . . . . . President Boonstra

11:35 **PROGRESS REPORTS**

- 1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park. . . . . Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
  - a. BNSF Railroad Wye Project

- b. First Street Redevelopment
- c. MinnWest Technology Campus

- 2. Final Report of Business Retention and Expansion Program for Diverse Businesses..... Aaron Backman
- 3. Highway 23 Coalition..... Aaron Backman
- 4. Business Visits and Meetings. .... Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll

**12:00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. County Tourism Development Account..... Aaron Backman
- 2. *Business In Focus* Magazine Article. .... Aaron Backman
- 3. 2018 Budget..... Aaron Backman

**12:20 NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.

**12:50 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. .... Bob Carlson/Les Heitke/  
Kelly TerWisscha/Aaron Backman
- 4. Finance. .... Gary Gilman/Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
- 5. Marketing and Public Relations. .... Donna Boonstra/Aaron Backman
- 6. Leisure Travel..... Art Benson/Aaron Backman

**1:00 ADJOURNMENT**—Next board meeting **11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017** at the EDC Office, Willmar