



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., August 12, 2021**

**Community Room, Heritage Bank, 310 First Street South, Willmar, and via Zoom video conference**

11:00 **CALL TO ORDER** (7 members/4 = quorum) . . . . . President Kelly TerWisscha

11:01 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA** . . . . . President TerWisscha

11:04 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve: 1. Minutes of July 8, 2021 meeting
- 2. Financial reports as of July 31, 2021

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
  - 1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 6/17/2021
  - 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 7/12/2021
  - 3. Finance 6/22/2021
  - 4. Marketing and Public Relations 6/28/2021
- Committee member resignations/additions
  - 1. Resignation of Michelle Marotzke from the Ag Committee
  - 2. Addition of Abdullahi Awale and Michelle Marotzke to the Finance Committee

11:07 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** . . . . . President TerWisscha

11:12 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Marketing and Communication Specialist Update. . . . . Aaron Backman

11:15 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resignation of David Ramstad, Willmar Planning & Development. . . . . Aaron Backman

12:05 **REPORTS**

- 2. Economic Development Activity . . . . . Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
- 3. Elevate Business Academy . . . . . Sarah Swedburg
- 4. Township Broadband Projects . . . . . Sarah Swedburg

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/Sarah Swedburg
- 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Sarah Swedburg
- 3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment . . . . . Les Heitke/Kelly TerWisscha/  
Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
- 4. Finance . . . . . Aaron Backman
- 5. Marketing and Public Relations . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Jesse Gislason/Aaron Backman
- 6. Leisure Travel . . . . . Art Benson/Aaron Backman

12:55 **WHAT'S UP?**

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** . . . . . President TerWisscha

**NEXT MEETING—11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 9, 2021** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, 310 First Street South, Willmar and via Zoom video conference