



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD (OB) MEETING
AGENDA**

11:00 a.m., February 9, 2023

Community Room, Heritage Bank, N.A., Willmar and Via ZOOM Video Conference

11:00 **CALL TO ORDER** (6 members/4 = quorum) President Art Benson

11:01 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA** President Benson

11:03 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:
1. Minutes of January 12, 2023
 2. Financial reports as of January 31, 2023
 3. Addition of Kelsey Baker to the Broadband and Advanced Technology Committee

- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 12/15/2022
 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 1/9/2023
 3. Finance 12/20/2022
 4. Marketing and Public Relations 12/19/2022

11:05 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** President Benson

11:10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Kandiyohi County Housing Study Update Aaron Backman
2. 2023 Planning Session Aaron Backman

11:40 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Participation in Aflac Aaron Backman
2. Staff vacation and sick leave Aaron Backman

12:10 **REPORTS**

1. Economic Development Activity Jacob Kolander/Justice Walker/Leslie Valiant/
Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
2. Elevate Community Business Academy Sarah Swedburg

12:45 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development Abdulcadir Gaal/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee Sarah Swedburg
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology Jesse Gislason/Sarah Swedburg
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Les Heitke/Mary Warszynski/
Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
4. Finance Kelly TerWisscha/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
5. Marketing and Public Relations Jesse Gislason/Kelsey Olson
6. Leisure Travel Art Benson/Kelsey Olson

12:55 **WHAT'S UP.** Board Members

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** President Benson

NEXT MEETING—The next regular board meeting is **11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, 310 First Street SW, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference