



**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

11:00 a.m., May 9, 2024

Community Room, Heritage Bank, Willmar and Via ZOOM Video Conference

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

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

11:02 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve: 1. Minutes of April 11, 2024
2. Financial reports as of April 30, 2024
- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 3/21/2024
 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 4/1/2024
 3. Marketing and Public Relations 3/25/2024

11:04 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** President Gislason

11:06 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. KCED Office Relocation Update Aaron Backman
2. Executive Director Search Update. Aaron Backman

11:32 **NEW BUSINESS**

11:35 **REPORTS**

1. Economic Development Activity . . Christopher Corbett/Aaron Backman/Michelle Marotzke
2. Elevate Community Business Academy Michelle Marotzke
3. Child Care Program Michelle Marotzke/Tanna Stucky

12:00 **COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development Noah Hultgren/Michelle Marotzke
 - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology Jesse Gislason/Michelle Marotzke
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Corky Berg/Les Heitke/
Mary Warszynski/Aaron Backman
4. Finance Aaron Backman/Michelle Marotzke
5. Marketing and Public Relations Jesse Gislason/Kelsey Olson
6. Leisure Travel Art Benson/Kelsey Olson

12:10 **WHAT'S UP.** Board Members/Staff/Guests

12:15 **ADJOURNMENT** President Gislason

NEXT MEETING—The next regular board meeting is **11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2024** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, 310 First Street SW, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference