



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., October 10, 2019  
EDC Board Room, Willmar, MN**

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

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

**11:03 CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:
1. Minutes of September 12, 2019 meeting
  2. Financial reports as of September 30, 2019
  3. Removal of Bruce Reuss from the Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development Committee
  4. Addition of Michelle Marotzke and Christy Kallevig to the Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development Committee
  5. Payment of bills over \$1,000:
    - a. REDstar invoice for \$1,350, EDC Founding Membership Payment 3 of 4 for 2019
    - b. REDstar invoice for \$1,102.50 from the Marketing and Public Relations Committee's budget

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 8/15/2019
    - a. Ag Industrial Hemp Subcommittee 9/9/2019
  2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 9/9/2019
  3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment 9/6/2019
  4. Marketing and Public Relations 7/22 and 8/26/2019
  5. Leisure Travel 6/3 and 8/5/2019

11:05 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** . . . . . President TerWisscha

**11:10 NEW BUSINESS**

1. CDL Simulator Program Sponsorship . . . . . Sam Bowen/Aaron Backman
2. Renewal of CD at United Prairie Bank . . . . . Aaron Backman

3. Transfer of Willmar Area Multicultural Microenterprise loan account. . . . . Aaron Backman

**11:45 PROGRESS REPORTS**

1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park . . . . . Dave Ramstad/Aaron Backman
2. Strategic Priority Areas . . . . . Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll
  - a. Agricultural Innovation
  - b. Broadband
  - c. Business Support
  - d. Workforce Development
3. Rural Child Care Innovation Program . . . . . Connie Schmoll
4. Opportunity Zone Marketing . . . . . Aaron Backman
5. Highway 23 Coalition . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Aaron Backman
  - a. General Membership Meeting, October 18, 2019, at Prairie’s Edge Convention Center
6. Business Visits and Meetings. . . . . Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll

**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 . . . . . Les Heitke/Kelly TerWisscha/  
Aaron Backman
4. Finance . . . . . Kerry Johnson/Aaron Backman
5. Marketing and Public Relations . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Jesse Gislason/Aaron Backman
6. Leisure Travel . . . . . Art Benson/Aaron Backman

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

**NEXT BOARD MEETING—11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 14, 2019** at the EDC office, Willmar