



**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., December 9, 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 **INTRODUCE KELSEY OLSON** Aaron Backman/Kelsey Olson

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

11:04 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:
1. Minutes of November 10, 2021 meeting
 2. Financial reports as of November 30, 2021
 3. Payment of bill from Westberg Eischens in the amount of \$11,350 (\$8,350 from funds budgeted for the audit and \$3,000 from CARES Act funds)

- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee 5/10, 7/19 and 9/13/2021
 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 11/1/2021
 3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment 9/3/2021
 4. Marketing and Public Relations 10/25/2021

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

11:12 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11:15 **NEW BUSINESS**

11:45 **REPORTS**

1. Economic Development Activity Justice Walker/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
2. Elevate Business Academy Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Small Business Partnership-\$76,000 DEED Grant
 - b. MAPCED Award

12:15 **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
 - a. Broadband Projects
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Les Heitke/Kelly TerWisscha/
Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
4. Finance Abdullahi Awale/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
5. Marketing and Public Relations Donna Boonstra/Jesse Gislason/Aaron Backman
6. Leisure Travel Art Benson/Aaron Backman

12:50 **WHAT'S UP?** Board Members

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** President TerWisscha

ANNUAL MEETING—11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 13, 2022