



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

11:00 a.m., February 10, 2022

**Community Room, Heritage Bank 310 First Street SW, Willmar
and Via ZOOM Video Conference**

11:00 **CALL TO ORDER** (7 members/4 = quorum) President Art Benson

11:01 **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER AND LIAISON** President Benson

11:05 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA** President Benson

11:06 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve: 1. Minutes of January 13, 2022
2. Financial reports as of January 31, 2022

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 12/16/2021
2. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee 11/8 and 12/20/2021
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 1/3/2022
3. Marketing and Public Relations 12/27/2021

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

11:12 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 2022 Planning Session Aaron Backman
2. 2021-2023 Audit Approval Aaron Backman

11:30 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **CLOSED SESSION** for Project Discussion Aaron Backman

12:15 **REPORTS**

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

12:30 **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 Abdullahi Awale/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology Donna Boonstra/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. County Broadband Projects
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Les Heitke/Aaron Backman/
Sarah Swedburg
4. Finance Abdullahi Awale/Kelly TerWisscha/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Amin Grocery loan deferral
5. Marketing and Public Relations Donna Boonstra/Jesse Gislason/Kelsey Olson
6. Leisure Travel Art Benson/Aaron Backman

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

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** President Benson

NEXT MEETING—The next regular board meeting is **11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, 310 First Street SW, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference