



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., March 11, 2021**  
**Via ZOOM Video Conference**

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 February 11, 2021 meeting
  2. Financial reports as of February 28, 2021
  3. Adding/removing committee members
  4. Payment of \$34,000 to the Willmar Lakes Area Convention & Visitors Bureau as budgeted
- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 1/21/2021
  2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 2/1/2021
  3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment 2/5/2021
  4. Finance 1/12, 1/20, 1/27 and 2/3/2021

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

11:10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Update on COVID-19 Response . . . . . Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll
2. Ridgewater College Surplus Property Update . . . . . Aaron Backman
3. Boards' Planning Session . . . . . Aaron Backman
4. Elevate Business Academy . . . . . Connie Schmoll
5. Staff Transition Task Force . . . . . Aaron Backman
6. Township Broadband Project. . . . . Connie Schmoll

12:00 **NEW BUSINESS**

12:15 **PROGRESS REPORTS**

1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park . . . . . Dave Ramstad/Aaron Backman
2. Economic Development Activity . . . . . Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll

12:35 **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
  - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Connie Schmoll
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment . . . . . Les Heitke/Kelly TerWisscha/  
Aaron Backman
4. Finance . . . . . Aaron Backman
5. Marketing and Public Relations . . . . . Donna Boonstra/Jesse Gislason/Aaron Backman

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

**NEXT MEETING—11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021** at the EDC office, Willmar