



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., September 13, 2018**

**Art Gallery, Barn Theatre, 321 Fourth Street SW, Willmar**

11:00 **TOUR OF HISTORIC 313/SPURS BAR & GRILL** ..... Aaron Backman/Aydee Lopez

11:20 **CALL TO ORDER** (7 members/4 = quorum) ..... President Donna Boonstra

11:22 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA** ..... President Boonstra

11:24 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:
1. Minutes of August 9, 2018 meeting
  2. Financial reports as of August 31, 2018

- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 7/19/2018
    - a. Ag Marketing Subcommittee 8/20/2018
  2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 8/6/2018
  3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment 8/3/2018

11:26 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** ..... President Boonstra

11:31 **PROGRESS REPORTS**

1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park ..... Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
2. Highway 23 Coalition ..... Aaron Backman/Donna Boonstra
3. 2018 Goals ..... Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll
  - a. Childcare
  - b. Diverse Business Initiative
  - c. Opportunity Zones
  - d. Transportation Infrastructure

4. Ag Talent & Technology Event Feedback ..... Connie Schmoll
5. Chicago Site Selector Familiarization (FAM) Tour ..... Connie Schmoll
6. Business Visits and Meetings ..... Aaron Backman/Connie Schmoll

**12:20 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Willmar Area Multicultural Business Center Acquisition Update ..... Aaron Backman
2. Other ..... President Boonstra

**12:30 NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2017 Audit ..... Jim Ruff

**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 ..... Bob Carlson/Kerry Johnson/Bruce Peterson/Aaron Backman
5. Marketing and Public Relations ..... Donna Boonstra/Aaron Backman
6. Leisure Travel ..... Art Benson/Aaron Backman

**1:00 ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING**—Regular board meeting **11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018**, EDC Board Room