



**JOINT POWERS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**11:30 a.m., October 25, 2018**  
**Board Room, EDC Office, Willmar**

**CALL TO ORDER** ..... Chairperson Kathy Schwantes

**APPROVE MINUTES** (July 26, 2018 meeting) ..... Chairperson Schwantes

**TREASURER'S REPORTS** (as of July 31, August 31 and September 30, 2018) ..... Aaron Backman

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2017 Audit ..... Jim Ruff
2. Ratify Joint Operations Board action:
  - a. Redeem and Reinvest Certificate of Deposit at United Prairie Bank ..... Aaron Backman
3. 2019 Employee Health Insurance ..... Aaron Backman
4. Joint Operations Board Appointments ..... Chairperson Schwantes  
(Terms of Art Benson and Rollie Boll expire December 31, they can both be reappointed; Bob Carlson's term expires and he cannot be reappointed)

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

1. Willmar/Willmar Industrial Park ..... Aaron Backman
2. 2018 Goals
  - a. Childcare ..... Connie Schmoll
    - i. Early Childhood Appreciation Dinner and World Café (October 30)
    - ii. Community Conversation on Childcare (November 29)

- b. Diverse Business Initiative ..... Aaron Backman
  - i. Willmar Area Multicultural Business Center Acquisition
- c. Opportunity Zones ..... Connie Schmoll
  - i. Opportunity Zones Workshop in Waseca (October 30)
- d. Transportation Infrastructure ..... Aaron Backman
  - i. Highway 23 Coalition

**COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development ..... Connie Schmoll
- 2. Broadband and Advanced Technology ..... Connie Schmoll
- 3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment ..... Aaron Backman
- 4. Finance ..... Aaron Backman
  - a. Neighborhood Development Center
- 5. Marketing and Public Relations ..... Aaron Backman
- 6. Leisure Travel ..... Aaron Backman

**ADJOURNMENT**—The annual meeting is **11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 24, 2019** at the EDC Office.