



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

11:00 a.m., August 11, 2022

Community Room, Heritage Bank, N.A., Willmar and via ZOOM Video Conference

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

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

11:03 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve:
1. Minutes of July 14, 2022
 2. Financial reports as of July 31, 2022
 3. Addition of Brian Zawierucha to the Broadband and Advanced Technology Committee
 4. Payment of Invoice No. 0293933 from Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$3,142.50 to be paid from the TIGER II Grant line of the budget

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 6/16/2022
 2. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee 3/15 and 7/11/2022
 3. Broadband and Advanced Technology 7/11/2022
 4. Marketing and Public Relations 6/20/2022
 5. Leisure Travel 6/6/2022

11:25 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** President Benson

11:35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Housing Study Update Aaron Backman

11:50 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Premier Virtual Contract Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg

2. Wye Ribbon Cutting Event October 25, 2022. Aaron Backman
3. West Central Minnesota In-Person Job Fair September 29, 2022 Aaron Backman

12:15 REPORTS

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

12:40 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 Abdulcadir Gaal/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology Donna Boonstra/Sarah Swedburg
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment. Les Heitke/Mary Warszynski/
Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
4. Finance. Kelly TerWisscha/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
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, September 8, 2022** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference