



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

11:00 a.m., September 8, 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 August 31, 2022
 3. Payment of Invoice No. 1008 from Melissa Knott in the amount of \$1,386 to be paid from Office Expenses/Professional Services/Engineering and other services

- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 7/21/2022
 2. Marketing and Public Relations 7/25/2022

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

11:35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Childcare Economic Development Grant Application Sarah Swedburg
2. Transportation Economic Development Grant Application Aaron Backman
3. Kandiyohi County Housing Study. Aaron Backman

11:50 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2022-2023 Corridors of Commerce Project Submittal Aaron Backman
2. Maturing Certificate of Deposit. 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**

[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
 - a. USDA ReConnect Grant
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Les Heitke/Mary Warszynski/Aaron Backman/Sarah Swedburg
 - a. Virtual Job Fair November 16
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, October 13, 2022** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference