



Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

**11:00 a.m., February 9, 2023**

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

11:00 **CALL TO ORDER** (6 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 January 12, 2023
  2. Financial reports as of January 31, 2023
  3. Addition of Kelsey Baker to the Broadband and Advanced Technology Committee

- Accept:
- Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 12/15/2022
  2. Broadband and Advanced Technology 1/9/2023
  3. Finance 12/20/2022
  4. Marketing and Public Relations 12/19/2022

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

11:10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Kandiyohi County Housing Study Update . . . . . Aaron Backman
2. 2023 Planning Session . . . . . Aaron Backman

11:40 **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Participation in Aflac . . . . . Aaron Backman
2. Staff vacation and sick leave . . . . . Aaron Backman

12:10 **REPORTS**

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

12:45 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development . . . . . Abdulcadir Gaal/Sarah Swedburg
  - a. Industrial Hemp Exploratory Subcommittee . . . . . Sarah Swedburg
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology . . . . . Jesse Gislason/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 . . . . . Jesse Gislason/Kelsey Olson
6. Leisure Travel . . . . . Art Benson/Kelsey Olson

12:55 **WHAT'S UP.** . . . . . Board Members

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** . . . . . President Benson

**NEXT MEETING**—The next regular board meeting is **11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023** at the Community Room of Heritage Bank, 310 First Street SW, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference