

**KANDIYOHI COUNTY AND CITY OF WILLMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DOING BUSINESS AS**



**JOINT OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

11:00 a.m., August 14, 2025

**Board Room, KCED Office, AppleTree Square, Suite 3, 1601 Highway 12 East, Willmar
and Via ZOOM Video Conference**

11:00 CALL TO ORDER (6 members/4 = quorum) President Noah Hultgren

**11:01 ANNUAL PRESENTATION BY WILLMAR LAKES AREA CVB Beth Fischer
Executive Director**

11:21 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA President Hultgren

11:22 CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve:
1. Minutes of July 10, 2025
 2. Financial reports as of July 31, 2025
 3. Resignation of Patrick Gilmore from the Marketing and Public Relations Committee
 4. Payment of \$21,000 to Bolton & Menk for Willmar Rail Park for BNSF certification with \$4,000 to be reimbursed by Mid-Minnesota Development Commission and \$12,000 from the City of Willmar

- Accept: Committee/Subcommittee Minutes
1. Agriculture and Renewable Energy Development 6/26/2025
 2. Finance 7/8/2025

11:24 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA President Hultgren

11:34 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11:45 NEW BUSINESS

1. Business Development Manager position Barbara Carr

12:15 REPORTS

1. Economic Development Activity Christopher Corbett/Barbara Carr
2. Elevate Community Business Academy Barbara Carr
3. Childcare Program Barbara Carr

12:30 **COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS** [Unless a board member has a question or action is needed 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 Noah Hultgren/Chuck Stranberg
2. Broadband and Advanced Technology Chuck Stranberg/Barbara Carr
3. Business Retention and Expansion/Recruitment Veronica Garcia/Barbara Carr
4. Finance Rollie Nissen/Barbara Carr
5. Marketing and Public Relations Barbara Carr
6. Leisure Travel Marv Calvin

12:50 **WHAT’S UP.** Board Members/Staff/Guests

1:00 **ADJOURNMENT** President Hultgren

NEXT MEETING—The next board meeting is **11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2025** at the KCED office, AppleTree Square, Suite 3, 1601 Highway 12 SE, Willmar, and via ZOOM video conference