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NOBLES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

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Date: March 9, 2017 **Time:** 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Place: BioTechnology Advancement Center, 1527 Prairie Drive, Worthington MN 56187

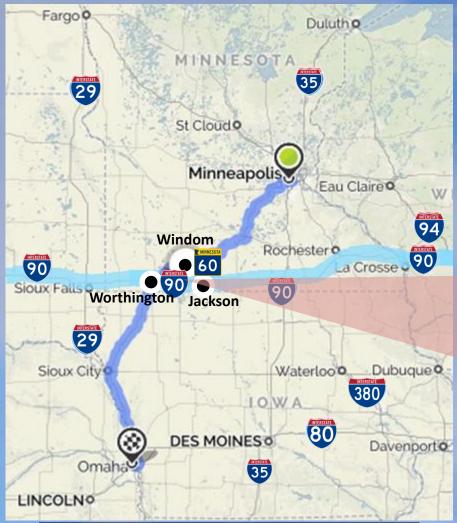
AGENDA

- 1) Meeting starting promptly at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Area wide Economic Development efforts
- 4) "Around the Table"
- 5) Other
- 6) Next Meeting:

 April 13, 2017
 5:30 to 7:00 PM
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Contact Us Today!

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<u>Transportation</u> – the 60/90 Corridor is located along Minnesota Highway 60, a 4-lane connection between Minneapolis – St. Paul, Minnesota and Omaha, Nebraska, and Interstate 90. This location offers excellent shipping routes and connectivity to national shipping networks.

<u>High Speed Internet</u> – Windom is located along the information highway. Numerous fiber networks run through Windom. There are multiple Tier 2 carriers which provide fiber to the home or business.



<u>Livability</u> – Windom is located along the scenic Des Moines River and the west side of Cottonwood Lake. The community features a new community center, developed parks system, city swimming pool, and a beautiful downtown square with shopping, greenspace, and dining.





60/90 Corridor Initiative Regional Collaborative

Original Mission: Umbrella marketing to promote the area between Highway 60, Interstate 90,

and Highway 71. This marketing centered on broadband and initiatives

centered on technology.

About The Wave

The Wave is where business and industry want to locate, thrive and expand. The Wave is where the best and brightest want to live, work and play. The Wave is where you want to be. Come, Ride The Wave.

Bordered by primary transportation arteries Interstate Highway 90 to the south, U.S. Highway 71 to the east and Minnesota Highway 60 to the west, The Wave is a uniquely interconnected technology triangle in southern Minnesota where business and industry thrive and grow and where the best and brightest live, work and play.

The Wave is a consortium of cutting-edge communities boasting the latest in communication infrastructure and Internet connectivity. For business and industry, The Wave promises low overhead costs and a staggering number of rich incentive programs. For the individual, The Wave promises skyhigh opportunity and an unmatched quality of life.

Expanded Mission: Umbrella marketing to promote Cottonwood, Jackson and Nobles County.

Marketing is centered on connectivity to international shipping routes,

broadband, and other similarities.

Partnership Opportunities

Quarterly 60/90 Corridor Initiative meetings are an avenue to learn about projects and initiatives in neighboring communities. Having regular meetings helps to increase coordination and opportunities for partnerships. Cottonwood, Jackson and Nobles County share many similarities, and there are economies of scale for marketing and promotion.

Communities: Jackson, Windom, Worthington, Mountain Lake, Heron Lake, Lakefield, Brewster, Okabena, Round Lake, and Wilder (others are welcome)



... A Southwest
Minnesota initiative to
promote communities
and maintain and attract
businesses, employees and
families to our area with a
special focus on Highway
60 and I-90 Corridors.



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Our region offers you:

- Excellent telecommunication infrastructure and Internet connectivity.
- Multiple Tier 2 Carriers with long-haul routes that connect with the Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services (SMBS) and Windomnet networks.
- Reliable power infrastructure with competitive electric rates and redundant grid power.
- Bilateral highway routes, proximity to airports, and access to Interstate, U.S. and Minnesota State highway systems.
- · A lower cost of doing business and incentive programs.
- A trained workforce and educational institutions to provide the additional specialized training required by technology-based and upstart new businesses.
- A lower risk of business interruption caused by weather-related incidents.

Our Communities

- Bergen
- · Bingham Lake
- Brewster
- Heron Lake
- Jackson
- Lakefield
- Okabena
- Round Lake
- Wilder
- Windom
- Worthington





