

**INVEST IN WILLMAR BOARD
MEETING SUMMARY**

The Invest in Willmar Board met at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Conference Room No. 1 at the Willmar City Office Building

Members present were: Matt Dawson, Tony Amon, Jon Konold, Audrey Nelsen, Bob Poe and Mary Sawatzky.

Also present were: Mayor Marv Calvin, City Administrator Ike Holland, Finance Director Steve Okins, Park & Recreation Director Rob Baumgarn, Administrative Assistant Janell Sommers.

Mary Sawatzky presented the flyer and talking points for use when the group presents the local option sales tax bill to the legislature next Monday, March 4, 2019. The board discussed the wording for support of the project to include the economic growth to our area with the concept being bringing businesses with higher paying jobs to our area and enhancing the overall attractiveness of our community. It was noted the bonding expense needs to be added on the flyer.

The following individuals were added to these subcommittees:

Swansson Field – Mark Owens and Tom DeBoer

Events Center – Beth Fischer and Gary Laughlin

Community Center – Jan Dahl, Helen Behrends, Ramona Banks and George Christensen

Brent Pederson submitted an application for Athletic Fields. There was discussion of a possible change in the subcommittee to accommodate his request as the quota for members has been met.

Staff representatives for each subcommittee are:

Swansson Field – Eric Banks

Athletic Fields – Ryan Scheffler

Events Center – Rob Baumgarn

Robbins Island – Rob Baumgarn

Storm Water – Sean Christensen

Community Center – Britta Diem

The Board generally discussed the process for notifying subcommittee members of their acceptance. It was the consensus of the board to have the respective board member for each contact them directly.

It was recommended Matt Dawson put together an agenda for each subcommittee and the subcommittees hold their first meeting before March 29th at which the Chair and Vice Chair should be appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Janell Sommers
Administrative Assistant