

EDND/COMMERCE DEVELOPER DAY

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

9:00 am – 4:00 pm (CDT)

Ramada Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 1400 East Interchange Ave., Bismarck

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AGENDA

- 9:00 am **Introductions**
Brad Barth, Executive Director, FORWARD Devils Lake Development Corp.
- 9:10 am **Welcome & Economic Development & Finance (ED&F)**
Josh Teigen, Director, Economic Development & Finance Division
- 9:30 am **Individual Developer Presentations/Incentives**
- Value-added Agriculture: *(9:30-9:50 am)*
 - Kevin Sonsalla, Development Manager, Dept. of Commerce
 - Melissa Beach, Community & Economic Dev. Director, City of Casselton
 - Energy Industry: *(9:50-10:10 am)*
 - Rich Garman, Deputy Director & Tom Oakland, Development Manager, Dept. of Commerce
 - Lindsey Harriman, Communications & Research Analyst, Williams County
- 10:10 am **Break**
- 10:25 am **Individual Developer Presentations/Incentives**
- UAS: *(10:25-10:45 am)*
 - Brian Opp, Development Manager, Dept. of Commerce
 - Trevor Woods, Test Site Director, Northern Plains UAS Test Site
 - Manufacturing: *(10:45-11:05 am)*
 - David Lehman, Development Manager, Dept. of Commerce
 - Justin Neppl, Executive Director, Southern Valley Economic Dev. Authority (SVEDA)
- 11:05 am **Community and Main Street Initiative**
Shawn Kessel, Interim Commissioner, Dept. of Commerce
- 11:35 am **Workforce Development Division**
Katie Ralston Howe, Director, Dept. of Commerce
- 12:05 pm **Lunch**

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- 12:45 pm **Tourism Division**
Sara Otte Coleman, Tourism/Marketing Director, Dept. of Commerce
- 1:15 pm **Community Services Division**
Maria Effertz, Director, Dept. of Commerce
- 1:45 pm **Finance Opportunities**
- ADD Fund & Incentives, Bank of North Dakota
 - Kelvin Hullet, Market Manager
 - Dept. of Commerce, ND Development Fund
 - Shayden Akason, Head of Investments and Innovation
 - APUC
 - Bradley Dean, Agriculture Program Specialist, Dept. of Agriculture
- 2:30 pm **Break**
- 2:45 pm **Closing Panel**
- 3:30 pm **New Developer Discussion with EDND Leadership**
- 4:00 pm **Social** (sponsored by EDND)
Stonehome (on the Mezzanine floor)
1601 N. 12th Street, Bismarck

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