



**Committee Charter:** Strategic Planning – Economic Development Committee (SPED)

**Overview:** Committee formed through the Strategic Planning workshop initiated by the Wadena County Management Team and approved by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners. Committee reports to Management Team and to the Board of Commissioners

**Purpose:** To provide leadership and planning to help move economic development in Wadena County forward.

**Composition:**

Name	Role	Agency/Represent
Murlyn Kreklau	Member	County Commissioner
Bill Stearns	Member	County Commissioner
Soledad Henriksen	Member	County Recorder
Lee Brekke	Member	County Assessor
David Hotchkiss	Member	IT Director
Deana Malone	Chair	County Zoning Administrator
Katie Heppner	Ex-officio member	The Economic Alliance

**Responsibilities:**

- Develop a working document for strategically planning ways to move economic development forward in Wadena County
- Review existing policies for building block incentives that can offer assistance to new and existing development within the County
- Provide communications and events on County economic development initiatives, policy, procedure, and ordinance changes

**Meeting schedule:**

- Monthly – meetings will be scheduled for the following month at the end of the current month’s meeting to accommodate as many members attending as possible

**Decision making:**

- Recommendations made to and final decisions by Wadena County Board of Commissioners

**Reporting:**

- Committee reports to the Board of Commissioners quarterly or as needed

**Annual review:**

- **Charter** – Review annually and update as needed
- **Basic Goals** –
  - Actively work toward completing projects listed in the SPED Planning Document.
- **2021 Project Goals** - 1) Housing Study 2) Spotlight on Business 3) Development Conference Planning for 2021 4) Community Workshop to promote cohesiveness on a countywide or possibly regional level