

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

December 12th, 2024

I. Call to Order: 8:32 am

II. Roll Call: Dale Wiltse, Bob Balzer, Kim Nelson, Amanda Lauzon, Heather Bauman, Harold Woolhiser, Jennifer Pierson, Abbie Golimieski, Mike Stodolak, Brad Mason, Curt Hillman, Julie Hazeltine,

Guest: Dennis Whitney, Mike Erickson

III. Approval of November Minutes: Motion: Curt Hillman, Supported: Mike Stodolak

IV. Treasurer's Report: No changes Motion: Curt Hillman, Supported: Brad Mason

V. Guest Speaker: Mike Erickson – MyMichigan President. Discussed changes with the turnover. MyMichigan offers scholarships for school and spread the word that there are 20-25 jobs to be filled at the Standish location.

VI. Directors Report: GoingPro awards have been announced, 1st application came in for the revolving loan, Business records being updated, and Spicer is looking for expansion. Spoke on the Region 5 ECIC grant.

VII. Old Business:

i. Board Terms: new elections to be done at the January meeting

ii. SSRP Grant: reminder of property locations

ii. EDC advertisement: to be discussed later

VIII. New business/around the table:

i. Dale: Soft opening of Ali's Unique Boutique happening today

ii. Kim: 175 free meals were given out for Thanksgiving from MyMichigan, New training expedited to 6 months vs. 3 years

iii. Amanda: King's Dish was good, friendly, good food and drinks

iv. Heather: Christmas for kids to help 219 families and over 500 kids, Arenac Opportunities is hiring for part time positions.

v. Harold: Forest lake Dam projected to be done by the end of December, Fair Grounds- ditches cleaned, field tile starting, Consumers working on engery, Event center should be started this winter, County budget is being worked on

vi. Dennis: Christmas parade and Santa parade went well

IX. Adjourned: 10:54 am

X. Next Meeting: January 9th, 2025 at 8:30am

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Pierson – MIWorks Region 7B