

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building

Room 201

Date: July 10th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 8:30 am
- II. Roll Call: Jennifer Pierson, Bob Balzer, Abbie Golimbieski, Kim Nelson, Leona Daniels, Shelly DuCharme, Mike Stodolak, Brad Mason, Curt Hillman, Julie Hazeltine
 - a. Absent: Amanda Lauzon, Deb Morgan, Dale Wiltse, Pat Killingbeck, Harold Woolhiser
 - b. Guest: Kirk Olson, Dennis Whitney
 - c. Mike Stodolak motioned to add Shelly DeCharme to the board, Supported by Leona Daniels
- III. Meeting Minutes / Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Motion- Curt Hillman, Supported- Kim Nelson
- IV. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion- Mike Stodolak, Supported- Brad Mason
- V. Director's Report (attached) included in report:
 - a. Michigan Works now has funding to help with vehicle repairs and down payment assistance for up to \$900 in repairs and 5,000 for a down payment to purchase a vehicle. The Childcare Expansion Grant is underway to identify the required matching funds. The following initiatives are in progress under the CDC grant- "Coming Home" Events, Regional Relocation Guide, Discover Great Lakes Bay Website Enhancements, Regional Branding Materials. Tracy and Scout from Quest Site toured Standish and Au Gres Industrial Parks (Au Gres Yacht Club, Casino, Downtown Standish and the previous Standish Prison).
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. SSRP Grant: Quest Site Toured the Industrial Parks yesterday
 - b. Master Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting with the Planning Commission.
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Add Public Comment and Brownfield Report to future meeting agendas
- VIII. Around the Table:
 - a. Leona Daniels: Fair is next week; Dairy Days will be on Tuesday from 11am to 3pm and Kids Day will be on Saturday. Farm Bureau is partnering with Mikayla McCane for both events. FFA/4-H Livestock Auction will be on Thursday at 5:45pm. The event center is up and the still exhibits will be displayed there, everything looks great.
 - b. Curt Hillman: Concerts at the Depot Tuesday and Thursday nights. The Car Show will be on Saturday and Friday night and there will be a cruise through town. Deep River Township is having a hard time finding volunteers for the fire department.
 - c. Shelly DuCharme: Excited to be here and to help with the EDC board.
 - d. Kim Nelson: MyMich will accept any contactor bid but always accepts the lowest bid. There is still a lot of facelifting going on at the hospital.
 - e. Brad Mason: Waterline on Grove is moving quickly. Spartan Tire will hopefully be done next week. Lots of traffic going through town. Walking Trail Plans have been submitted to the DNR.
 - f. Dennis Whitney: The Chamber had a ribbon cutting at The Brook and at the Vintage shirt store downtown. The Christmas for Kids golf outing will be on July 25th at the Pine River Golf Course.
 - g. Kirk Olson: Michigan Transportation will be holding a seminar in a couple weeks.
 - h. Julie Hazeltine: A lot of invoices have been paid for fair week services. Doing reporting for the Fair Enhancement Grants. Foreclosure Auction Sale will be August 26th.

- i. Bob Balzer: Expect power increases over the next 10 years. Consumer Energy is working on the Conservation for 2025 strategy.

IX. Next Meeting: August 14th at 8:30am

X. Meeting Adjourned: 10:18am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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