

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building

Room 201

Date: June 12th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 8:30 am
- II. Roll Call: Abbie Golimbieski, Jennifer Pierson, Harold Woolhiser, Leona Daniels, Bob Balzer, Curt Hillman, Dale Wiltse, Julie Hazeltine, Kim Nelson, Pat Killingbeck, Brad Mason, Dennis Whitney
 - a. Guest: Kirk Olson
 - b. Absent: Amanda Lauzon, Mike Stodolak, Deb Morgan
- III. Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Motion-Curt Hillman, Supported- Kim Nelson
- IV. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion- Pat Killingbeck, Supported- Kim Nelson
- V. Director's Report (attached) included in report:
 - a. Thirty individuals attended the County Hiring and Networking Event looking for long term career paths. Attended Building Michigan Communities Conference, made valuable connections- one new key contact is Heather from Continuum of Care. The Young Professionals program launched with five youth participating from Arenac County. The Small Town and Rural Communities Conference went well; more opportunities seem to be moving towards loan programs vs. grants for community development.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. SSRP: Quest Site is coming in July to visit industrial districts
- VII. New Business:
 - a. The Design Co.- Ryan Klenk would do free logo design for EDC
 - b. Leona Daniels motioned Jennifer to find out more information/pricing from The Design Co., Brad Mason Supported motion.
- VIII. Around the Table:
 - a. Harold Woolhiser: Busy at the event center; building is about half done. New electricity and water have been put in. There are new roofs on the animal barns and new steel on the pavilion. The new parking lot is finished; it was tested last Saturday at the Derby. There were around 150 cars that participated, and the parking lot was full. The fair campground has thirty sites ready for camping.
 - b. Brad Mason: Spicer Engineering wrote grant to fix Airport Dr. Spark Grant is moving slow, about a four month wait. The Credit Union in town is going up fast, the sewer and water went in yesterday.
 - c. Julie Hazeltine: Finished settlement. Attended Land Bank Conference in Gaylord; very informational.
 - d. Kirk Olson: Jennifer sent MDOT information to help gather more details on the bike path from Au Gres to Standish.
 - e. Dennis Whitney: Chamber doing well with coffee hour. Helped sponsor parade in Au Gres.
 - f. Kim Nelson: Renovations are still happening at the hospital. Caring Bear Picnic is August 5th from 11am to 1pm at the hospital.
 - g. Dale Wiltse: Thanked Dennis for the support with the parade. Campground construction is happening this weekend. Will hear about the housing grant today. Au Gres schools are still trying to push for Field House Dome.
 - h. Curt Hillman: Standish Depot Concert Series will be Wednesday and Thursday nights throughout the summer; concerts are free to attend. Thanked DDA for the new speaker system at the Depot.

- i. Leona: A lot of uncertainty with the Ag markets inputs are high. Met the new president at MSU. Look for the farm and greenhouse economy to be down again this year.
 - j. Pat Killingbeck: Commended vets for their dedication
 - k. Bob Balzer: Still dealing with the effects from the storms. Consumers have three grants going on right now.
- IX. Next Meeting: July 10th at 8:30 a.m.
- X. Meeting Adjourned: 10:17am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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