

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

Date: March 13th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 8:31 am
- II. Roll Call: No quorum. Informational meeting only.
 - a. Jennifer Pierson, Deb Morgan, Abbie Golimbieski, Amanda Lauzon, Bob Balzer, Harold Woolhiser, Heather Bauman, Pat Killingbeck, Brad Mason, Kim Nelson
 - i. Heather Bauman presented her resignation letter, stated she is stepping down from the board. The board wished her well in all her future endeavors.
 - b. Absent: Julie Hazeltine, Dale Wiltse, Mike Stodolak, Curt Hillman, Leona Daniels, Dennis Whitney
 - c. Guests: Brent Gettel, AmberLynn Hales, Kirk Olson
- III. Meeting Minute's/Secretary's Report: February Meeting Minutes Accepted
- IV. Treasurer's Report: February Treasurer's Report Accepted- Address at April meeting
- V. Director's Report (attached) included in report:
 - a. Michigan Works is hosting a hiring/networking event on Thursday, May 8th from 3:00PM to 6:00PM at the Sunrise Community Resource Center. Lynette Rombach from MMTTC will be hosting a grant informational session at SVSU on March 20th for the southern portion of her region, Arenac County has been suggested for hosting this event for future dates. Jennifer has sent out information on the Housing Survey for EMCOG, please complete this by March 30th. EGLE is hosting a Brownfield Stakeholder workshop on April 16th in Lansing, discussions will pertain Brownfield Site Assessments, Grants, Loans and Brownfield TIF and environmental review for housing. Small Town Rural Development Conference June 9th-11th at Crystal Mountain-Jennifer would like to attend with the EDCs help with costs.
- VI. Guests Speakers: Brent Gales and Amberlynn Hales (SBDC)
 - a. SBDC is a free service to help start, grow or sell your business. They provide a suite of resources that can be found online-strategy sessions, peer networks, mentors and a virtual support community. Brent Gales is at the Arenac Michigan Works office once a week to help discuss new business opportunities and answer questions.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. SSRP Grant: Waiting on approval
- VIII. New Business/Around the Table:
 - a. Harold Woolhiser: The Event Center at the fairgrounds is on schedule, it should be standing at the end of April. Waiting on consumer energy to start working on the powerlines. Hauling sand and gravel for the new parking lot that will have 300 parking spots.
 - b. Brad Mason: Waiting on warmer weather to finish the old Spartan Tire lot, when it is finished it will be up for sale. Loyalty Day Parade is Saturday, April 27th. Tim Dixon is bringing the car show back to the downtown area Saturday, June 14th.
 - c. Kim Nelson: Updates happening at the hospital. The cafeteria has been redone, working on new floors and painting.
 - d. Pat Killingbeck: Went to EMCOG housing conference, the website has a lot of information on housing for Arenac County.
 - e. Deb Morgan: The Lonesome Dove Lodge in Au Gres will be opening April 4th, everything looks great.
 - f. Amanda Lauzon: JD Vance touring Vantage Plastics in Bay City March 14th.

- g. Bob Balzer: In 2023 Consumers restored 87% of its power in 24 hours and in 2024 93% of power was restored in 24 hours. It is no longer allowed to put banners/flyers on the consumers poles. Data (AI) Centers are looking to expand and have more locations.

IX. Next Meeting: April 10th at 8:30am

X. Meeting Adjourned: 9:47am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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