

# Arenac County EDC Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building  
Room 201

Date: November 14, 2024

I. Call to Order: 8:31 am

II. Roll Call:

Present: Mike Stodolak, Julie Hazeltine, Heather Bauman, Curt Hillman, Amanda Lauzon, Bob Balzer, Deb Morgan, Leona Daniels, Harold Woolhiser, Pat Killingbeck, Brad Mason, Kimberly Nelson, Jennifer Pierson

Absent: Dale Wiltse

Guests: Dennis Whitney & Dr. McGreaham

III. Approval of October minutes: Motion: Mike Stodolak Supported: Curt Hillman; Motion carried/Approved

IV. Treasurer's Report: Julie Hazeltine – No change, shows donation for Brownfield training: Motion: Curt Hillman Supported: Mike Stodolak; Motion Carried/Approved

V. Director's Report:

i. MICareer Quest: Supporting youth with finding a career, held at SVSU, 4,700 students attended

ii. Coming Home Event: Hiring Event held at Pierce Rd. Bar and Grille, 26 actively hiring employers attended as well as 56 potential employees.

iii. GoingPro Talent Fund: 2 Arenac County businesses applied for the FY 25 Cycle 1

iv. Apprenticeship Programs: Federally recognized programs to upskill workforce, 3 Arenac County business are looking at starting their own apprenticeship programs.

v. Acronym Soup Event: located in Gladwin, 2 Arenac County businesses showed, great networking event

vi. MIWorks will be presenting at the January MTA meeting and representing the local EDC

vii. MMTC: looking at getting into MIWorks offices this upcoming year to help expand training for local manufacturers.

viii. RAP: Revitalization and Placemaking grant: focused on public space, application ends in January of 2025, 250K-1Mil for awards, 50% funding, can be included in conjunction with MSHDA and MDNR grants.

VI. Old Business:

i. SSRP Grant: please ask your local municipalities and private owners that are looking at developing property. Please give all lists to Jennifer by the February 2025 meeting.

ii. MSUE Position: Abbie Golimbeski hired, large background in 4-H and agriculture

iii. Revolving Loan: No applications as of 11/12/2024; please help spread the word

iv. Motion to pay for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024 NTC payment. Motion: Brad Mason Supported: Kim Nelson; Motion carried/Approved

VII. New Business:

- i. Officer election: January there will be officer election and terms of office will be discussed.

VIII. Guest Speaker: Dr. McGreaham from MyMichigan Opioid Program

- i. Dr. McGreaham spoke on behalf of their opioid program that is used for prevention, treatment, and recovery. He stated some of the Michigan's priorities which include Harm reduction, treatment, and recovery fund program. There is also a need for housing, transportation, recovery coaches, and supports in jail. The funds are allocated as a 50/50 split between State and Municipality. They are projected to have funds of about 800 million by 2038.

IX. Around the table:

- i. Kim Nelson: HR training is underway, still switching over from Ascension – 6 month expedited process.
- ii. Amanda Lauzon: took on new position at Vantage Plastics in Account Payable.
- iii. Pat Killingbeck: Halloween in the Park in Au Gres brought in thousands of people.
- iv. Leona Daniels: Jays Sporting Goods in Clare is doing a \$500 gift card raffle for bringing in field dressed, tagged does for the next 2 weekends. Saturdays 11am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Meat will be put back into the food production. Deer will be processed by Sportsman against Hunger. Tractor Treat brought in a thousand people.
- v. Curt Hillman and Dennis Whitney: 11/29/24 Santa Parade and anyone can put a float in line up starts at Lovett Lane. Local DDA approved putting in new speakers at the Depot. Santa train 12/7/24 at 9am at the Depot.

X. Next Meeting: December 12, 2024 @ 8:30am

XII. Adjourned: 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Pierson, MIWorks! Region 7B