

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

September 11th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 8:30am
- II. Roll Call: Jennifer Pierson, Bob Balzer, Amanda Lauzon, Leona Daniels, Curt Hillman, Pat Killingbeck, Deb Morgan, Julie Hazeltine, Abbie Golimbieski, Kim Nelson, Brad Mason
 - a. Absent: Mike Stodolak, Harold Woolhiser, Dale Wiltse, Shelly DuCharme
 - b. Guest: Dennis Whitney, Kirk Olson, Darren Kroczaleski
- III. Public Comment:
 - a. Kirk Olson: Just got back from Mongolia, helping develop road map for tourist. Went through the Michigan Transportation Training online.
 - b. Dennis Whitney: The Santa Parade will be November 28th at 6pm, looking for volunteers to do floats in the parade. The 9/11 ceremony will be at the church in town tonight.
 - c. Darren Kroczaleski: The Sunrise Community Resource Center is coming along. The tenants are The Health Department, Baby Pantry, Bay-Arenac ISD, Arenac Opportunities and a Childcare facility will be moving in for different age groups.
- IV. Meeting Minutes/ Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Motion- Curt Hillman, Approved- Kim Nelson
- V. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion- Leona Daniels, Approved- Kim Nelson
- VI. Director's Report (attached) included in report:
 - a. BRES Funding is still available but moving fast. When discussing with friends and family, make sure they are aware that if they currently own a vehicle or are insured under a vehicle, they need to get rid of that vehicle or remove themselves from the insurance. Setting up a date with region 5 to discuss a better regional directive to work more collaboratively. Trying to post more on social media to create awareness of the EDC, if there are any events happening in the community let Jennifer know.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. SSRP Grant: Turned in Site maps to Quest Site with available locations with tax parcels for their report
 - b. Strategic Plan: Need Grants to pay for studies that need to be done. Jennifer will be sending out the draft of the Strategic Plan.
 - c. LOGO: Waiting for a response from Ryan Klenk
- VIII. Around the Table:
 - a. Amanda Lauzon: Bart and Malow put in a wind park in Escanaba, sounds like they will be putting more in around our community.
 - b. Leona Daniels: MI Ag Core Development Leadership Application is due November 1st. A small farm is considered an operation that has less than a 350,000 income a year. Forty- Six percent of eggs and poultry are produced on small farms.
 - c. Curt Hillman: September 27th is Depot Clean up days, looking for volunteers. Depot Days will be October 4th-5th The Santa Train will be coming December 6th; time is to be determined. Arenac Opportunities is experiencing 50-60% cuts in revenues.
 - d. Kim Nelson: MyMichigan is offering telehealth visits to ages 18-65 years old. Dr. Shamieh is retiring in October.
 - e. Julie Hazeltine: Just finished foreclosure auction sold 16 out of the 23.

- f. Brad Mason: All the pipes are in for the water expansion. Waiting on the permit for the Spark Grant. Spartan Tire looks nice.
- g. Pat Killingbeck: New Dawn Development in Au Gres looks nice, asking 2,600 a month, utilities included. Eagles Nest Restaurant in Twining closed.
- h. Deb Morgan: Halloween at the Park in Au Gres is October 18th. The River Mill wedding venue is now open in Au Gres.
- i. Bob Balzer: Consumers Energy sold thirteen of its Hydroelectric Dams

IX. Next Meeting: October 9th at 8:30am

X. Meeting Adjourned: 9:52am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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