

# Economic Development Corporation of Arenac County

## EDC & BRA Combined Meeting



Location: Arenac County Building,  
Room 201

Date: July 11, 2024

### **Roll Call at 8:33 am**

**Present:** Curt Hillman, Leona Daniels, Bob Balzer, Jennifer Pierson, Dennis Stawowy, Harold Woolhiser, Kimberly Nelson, Pat Killingbeck, Deb Morgan, Brad Mason, Dale Wiltse, Heather Bauman, Mike Stodolak, LeeAnne Comer

### **Excused:**

**Guest Speakers:** Jeannine Coughlin and Dennis Whitney

### **Approval of Minutes:**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

May 2024 Motion: Curt Hillman, Supported: Leona Daniels, Motion Carried

June 2024: Motion: Pat Killingbeck, Supported: Bob Balzer, Motion Carried

### **Secretary's Report**

May 2024: Motion to approve with Corrections: Dennis Stawowy, Supported: Bob Balzer, Motion Carried

June 2024: Motion: Bob Balzer, Supported: Curt Hillman, Motion Carried

### **Director's Report- LeeAnne Comer**

See Attached Report

### **Old Business:**

Golden Shovel: Has been completed needs final proof reading and corrections and then will need to be posted on the EDC Website

Strategic Planning: Reminder of who sits on the committee, Jennifer Pierson to take over as lead, meetings will need to be set

Fundraising: Leona Daniels: More community networking about who the EDC is, go to events, updating website, set up a quarterly newsletter for the community from the EDC.

SPARK Grant: Press release coming soon. Moving forward with Spartan Tire- Asbestos quote due soon, line over building to be moved long enough to finish removal.

Fairgrounds Enhancement: Leona Daniels: Meeting tonight, pavilion addition is underway and will be enclosed, could be prime rental for community and revenue source for county. Event center will have an incubator kitchen. We need to make sure the request for grant money is written appropriately to get USDA certified kitchen.

**Around the table:**

Dales Wittse: AuGres

Housing - having challenges on securing \$750,000 in grants cannot get the \$500,000 lent to us to cover for construction. We have a couple properties up for development. Working on securing the MI Neighborhood grant.

Fireworks: When making donations for fireworks please donate to Arenac County Fireworks as they are the county's fireworks not only AuGres's

Golf outing at Huron Breeze, we've had 3 successful fishing tournaments that featured Cabela's Bass Pro-tournament, car show expecting to have 400 plus cars.

Deb Morgan: AuGres

New business-Ali's UpNorth sold, New motel is hiring, Town & Country changed hands over a year ago

Heather Bauman:

Community center is growing, fair enhancement group could utilize their kitchen instead of building a new one. New steering committee driving the spending of the \$1.1 Million – 10 new individuals will make up the committee

Next Meeting: August 8, 2024 @ 8:30am

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Pierson, MIWorks! Region 7B