

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

November 13th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 8:30am
- II. Roll Call: Bob Balzer, Leona Daniels, Curt Hillman, Abbie Golimbieski, Harold Woolhiser, Amanda Lauzon, Kim Nelson, Brad Mason, Jennifer Pierson, Pat Killingbeck, Shelly DuCharme, Julie Hazeltine
 - a. Absent: Mike Stodolak, Deb Morgan, Dale Wiltse
 - b. Guests: Chris Ming, Kirk Olson, Dennis Whitney, Darren Kroczaleski, Jill Sanzo, Greg Easterle, Doug Schultz, Kevin Andrews
- III. Public Comment:
 - a. Daren Kroczaleski: The ribbon cutting at the Sunrise Community Resource Center had a great turnout, thanked everyone that attended.
 - b. Dennis Whitney: The Santa Parade will be November 26th at 6pm. The Santa Train will be coming on December 6th. The Depot has new Christmas decorations, looking for names for the polar bear.
 - c. Jill Sanzo and Greg Easterle: Looking for a list of hotline services for the county (nonprofits, housing, food, etc.).
 - d. Austin Hazeltine: Kevin and Doug will be here from ROWE Professional Services to update Strategic Plan.
- IV. Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Motion- Leona Daniels, Approved- Pat Killingbeck
- V. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion- Harold Woolhiser, Approved-Brad Mason
- VI. Director's Report (attached included in report):
 - a. Looking for photos of Arenac County for the Livability Campaign for Region 5, send to Jennifer. Michigan Works is looking for five businesses to participate with GoingPRO. See email from Jennifer regarding Quest Site Solutions (assets, challenges, recommendations). Jennifer and Kirk have been working on the Strategic Plan, looking for input/feedback. Ryan Klenk sent a few logo designs to Jennifer; she will forward them out for feedback.
- VII. Guest Speaker: Doug Schultz and Kevin Andrews- ROWE Professional Services
Notes on updating Strategic Plan and Parks & Rec:
 - a. Economic Barriers
 - i. Affordable housing
 - ii. Lack of childcare
 - iii. Short vs. Long term rentals
 - iv. Attraction to younger household
 - v. Ability to support remote work/internet access
 - b. Land Use
 - i. Job Growth Pursuit
 - ii. Tourism/Recreation
 - iii. Industrial in urban areas
 - iv. Not a "one stop shop" for site locators
 - c. Parks & Rec
 - i. Increase all season recreation
 - ii. Limited trails

iii. Limited boat/beach access

Kevin and Doug will be emailing out a full summary for feedback.

VIII. Next Meeting December 11th at 8:30am

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 10:23am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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