

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

February 12th, 2026

- I. Call to Order: 8:30am
- II. Roll Call: Harold Woolhiser, Jennifer Pierson, Brad Mason, Leona Daniels, Mike Stodolak, Pat Killingbeck, Dale Wiltse, Shelly DuCharme
 - a. Guests: Dennis Whitney, Matt Felan, Darren Kroczaleski, Tim Dixon, Sara Wenkel, Jim Deckert
 - b. Absent: Deb Morgan, Bob Balzer, Julie Hazeltine, Kim Nelson
 - c. **Motion** by Leona Daniels to ask recommendation to county to approve Matt Felan to board, **Supported** by Dale Wiltse
- III. Meeting Minutes/ Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of January Meeting Minutes: **Motion**- Brad Mason, **Supported**-Pat Killingbeck
- IV. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: **Motion**-Dale Wiltse, **Supported**- Shelly DuCharme
- V. Director's Report (attached included in report):
 - a. The SWOT analysis for the strategic plan is being worked on, send recommendations to Jennifer. See attached document for quote from Extreme Graphics on advertising swag for Standish Strong event. At our next meeting we will be working on forming committees (parks & rec, industry sectors, infrastructure, public relations/marketing, workforce & education, housing, childcare) let Jennifer know which committee you would be interested in joining. The new Community Development Manager is Lindsey Clark. All the BRES Funding has been used; Arenac spent over \$54,500.
- VI. Guest Speakers: Sara Wenkel, Jim Deckert from Pro- Scape Landscaping
 - a. Presented on Pro-Scape Landscaping and the growth it has had throughout the years. Looking for individuals that want a career in landscaping to continue to grow their business. Help with training/education. Purchased property on US-23 that will be a supply building and retail business; construction will start in the spring.
- VII. Public Comment:
 - a. Dennis Whitney: Standish Strong will be August 15th in downtown Standish. The Loyalty Day Parade is April 25th. The Camber is doing a ribbon cutting ceremony at Miracle Candle on the 23rd.
 - b. Tim Dixon: The Car Show will be coming to downtown Standish on June 20th. Thanked the board for helping fix the foundation of the building on the corner of Cedar and Forest Street.
 - c. Darren Kroczaleski: The school year is going by fast, Spring Break is coming up in March.
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Brownfield: Dobson Drain is redoing road in front of Spartan Tire, waiting on phase two of EGLE.
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Concerns of lack of childcare within Arenac County.
- X. Around the table:
 - a. Harold Woolhiser: Met with a gentleman that worked on Tesla Software for financing in county for EV charging stations for gas stations in town.
 - b. Pat Killingbeck: Suggested to have more advertising around the Casino to draw people into the county.
 - c. Matt Felan: Wants to work with the county on more events going on within our community.
 - d. Brad Mason: Awarded contractors to start on the sewer grant. The pump house by the school will go in this spring. Redoing Air Park Drive this year.

- e. Dale Wiltse: The campground expansion will be open by the 4th of July. Putting two new cabins in the campground. There have been 60,000 views of the campground's new advertising video. Council meetings for Au Gres can now be viewed through live streams.
- f. Leona Daniels: There are a lot of ups and downs with Ag Market numbers right now. The Doe Derby in Au Gres got 50 deer to help with crop damage. There were seven other Doe Derby events to help with crop damage in other counties. California produces 80% of the world's almonds.
- g. Shelly DuCharme: Last week the ISD had a thousand sophomores visit for 10th Grade Day. The ISD has Parents Night tonight.

XI. Next Meeting: March 12th, 2026 at 8:30am

XII. Meeting Adjourned: 10:10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski

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