

Arenac County EDC

Meeting Minutes



Location: Arenac County Building
Room 201

January 8th, 2026

- I. Call to Order: 8:32am
- II. Roll Call: Bob Balzer, Harold Woolhiser, Jennifer Pierson, Dale Wiltse, Brad Mason, Pat Killingbeck, Deb Morgan, Mike Stodolak
 - a. Guests: Dennis Whitney, Chris Ming, Kurt Olson
 - b. Absent: Leona Daniels, Kim Nelson, Julie Hazeltine, Shelly DuCharme
- III. Public Comment:

Chris Ming: There are five or six bills being discussed in the house to exempt paying property taxes to schools if you do not have kids.

Dennis Whitney: Loyalty Day Parade will be April 25th. Coffee and donut hour with the Chamber this morning. Santa and Mrs. Claus did visitations throughout the community (schools, courthouse, 4-H event at the courthouse).

Kurt Olson: Went to Economic Development Disaster Preparedness meeting
- IV. Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Motion- Deb Morgan, Approval- Mike Stodolak
- V. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion-Brad Mason, Approval- Pat Killingbeck
- VI. Director's Report (attached included in report):
 - a. No new update for strategic plan, focusing on making sure we have all sectors covered to sit on the board looking for manufacturing, tribal, non-profit, tourism, transportation. Region 5 hiring event is cancelled due to the pullback of funding. There were five applications for Arenac for the Wage Pilot Program for childcare facilities. GoingPRO through Michigan Works has awarded Sunrise Side Towing, DBK Concrete and Au Gres Fireplace and Chimney funding for training. BRES funding is now available. Placer AI reached back out; they could provide some beneficial real time data to expand our downtown districts and explore types of businesses to target. The cost would be \$15,000/yr with unlimited licenses.
- VII. Old Business: Spartan Tire property is in last phase of EGLE
- VIII. Next Meeting February 12th, 2026 at 8:30am
- IX. Motion to adjourn: Mike Stodolak
Supported by: Brad Mason
Motion Carried

Adjourned 9:30am

Respectfully Submitted,
Abbie Golimbieski
MSUE



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III. **Elections:**

Motion by Brad Mason to nominate Bob Balzer as President of the EDC Board

Supported by Harold Woolhiser

Motion Carried

Motion by Pat Killingbeck to nominate Mike Stodolak as Vice President of the EDC Board

Supported by Deb Morgan

Motion Carried

Motion by Dale Wiltse to appoint the following officers for **2026:**

President Bob Balzer

Vice President Mike Stodolak

Secretary Pat Killingbeck

Treasurer Julie Hazeltine

Supported by Brad Mason

Motion Carried

Motion by Dale Wiltse to adjourn 2026 Annual Meeting

Supported by Mike Stodolak

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned 9:34am

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Golimbieski MSUE