



ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, April 17, 2025
 Hermantown Public Safety Building (Training Center), Hermantown, MN

Minutes

Present = X	Member's Name	Representing
X	Adee, Kevin	Townships
X	Baltus, Mike	Townships
	Briggs, Brian	Communities Under 10,000
	Cuffee, Jr., Laurence	Communities Under 10,000
X	Davis, Dirk	At Large
X	DeRosier, Richard	Communities Under 10,000
	Deschampe, Bobby	NATC – Grand Portage
	Drift, Perry	NATC – Bois Forte
X	Franklin, Pam	Advisory Committee - AAAA
X	Garry, Michael "Mike"	Communities Under 10,000
X	Goutermont, Richard	County Commissioners (Lake)
	Grimm, Ashley	County Commissioners (St. Louis)
	Harala, Annie	County Commissioner (St. Louis)
X	Hautala, Walter	School Boards
	Hell, Destry	County Commissioner (Koochiching)
	Holliday, Jason	NATC – Fond du Lac
	Hoops, Mike	At Large
X	Hoppe, Joel	At Large
	Johnson, John	County Commissioner (Itasca)
	Kauppila, Clayton	Townships
X	Kearney, Mike	County Commissioner (Aitkin)
X	Lucas, David	Communities Under 10,000
X	Lyons, Steve	Advisory Committee on Aging
X	MacGregor, Molly	Communities Over 10,000
	Maki, Roger	Communities Over 10,000
	Mayou, Mike	Advisory Committee - MIC
	McLaughlin, Kim	School Boards
X	Medure, Pat	At Large
X	Nephew, Lynn	Communities Over 10,000
X	Nevanen, Paul	At Large
X	Rasmussen, Allen	At Large
	Saari, Calvin	Communities Under 10,000
X	Sherman, Grant	Townships
X	Storlie, Ginny	County Commissioners (Cook)
X	Sydow, Steve	At Large

X	Whitney, Chris	Communities Over 10,000
X	Zmyslony, Susan	County Commissioner (Carlton)
Present = X	Name	Representing
X	Binstock, Dee	ARDC
X	Chicka, Ron	ARDC
X	Kane, Kristi	ARDC
X	Mattila, Krista	ARDC
Virtual/MS TEAMS	Morrisroe, Sr Mary Matthew	ARDC
X	Sash, Rebecca	ARDC
X	Teskey, Beth Ann	ARDC
X	Sarran, Richard	ARDC
X	Bergstad, Josh	ARDC
X	Christensen, Carrie	MN Dept of Labor & Industry, Planning and Policy
X	Lincoln, Michelle	MN Dept of Labor & Industry, Planning and Policy
X	Tran, Andrew	MN Dept of Labor & Industry, Planning and Policy

1. CALL TO ORDER / AGENDA REVIEW - Ginny Storlie, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Storlie at 10:03 AM.

2. ELECTION - Allen Rasmussen

Commission – To be Voted

- Township

Aitkin County – Grant Sherman

Motion by Allen Rasmussen. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon requests.

3. CONSENT AGENDA for approval of the following:

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Motion by Nevanen/Kearney to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.

Chair Storlie mentioned there is a large meeting now scheduled for County Commissioner's on June 16, 2025; the same day as ARDC's Board meeting. Discussion to take place for potential cancellation of ARDC's June Board meeting and/or reschedule at May's Board meeting.

4. RESOLUTION: Authorizing the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission to Apply for Mobility, Access and Transportation Insecurity (MATI) Grant and Acceptance of Funds if Awarded. (B. Teskey)

Motion by Rasmussen/Baltus to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.

5. RESOLUTION: Authorized Bank Signers. (K. Kane)

Motion by Rasmussen/Hoppe to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.

6. REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) REPORT. The Revolving Loan Fund Activity Report and Outstanding Balance Lists were reviewed by ARDCs Executive Director. Executive Director noted the RLF consultant has been following up on outstanding disbursements. Commission members were encouraged to talk to their communities about RLF funds available for lending. It was noted that we are looking for RLF Technical Advisory Committee members representing Aitkin and Koochiching counties. Preferrable these representatives would have a lending background.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2025 financial reports were presented. Finance Director noted there will be adjustments made to Administration Expense due to new personnel hired. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent out for the 2024 audit.

8. PRESENTATION: *Dreams to Direction*. Presented by the Minnesota Long-Range Planning Team members Andrew Tran, Michelle Lincoln, and Carrie Christianson from the Minnesota Management and Budget Planning and Policy Division. The team led the Board and Commission members through a small group process aimed at identifying areas of community need in our region. This will help inform the State's work around long-range planning.

9. PRESENTATION: *Needs and Opportunities: The Expansion of Planning Partnership Grants*. Presented by Josh Bergstad, ARDC Principal Planner.

10. MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Updated Work Plan provided to members via e-mail and copies were available at the meeting.)

Executive Director noted ARDC's 2023 audit was delayed due to auditor staffing shortages. An RFP will be sent out for the 2024 audit.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting** – May 15, 2025 – ARDC
- **Board Meeting** – June 18, 2025 TBD
- **Commission Meeting** – July 17, 2025 - Hermantown Public Safety Building (Fire & Police) in the Training Center

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Storlie at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:



Virginia Storlie, Chair

Signed with permission
from Krista Mattila



Minutes taken and respectfully
Submitted by Krista Mattila