

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ARDC)

April 16th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ARDC, 221 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802**Minutes**

Present = X	Member's Name	Representing
	Adee, Kevin	Townships
X	Bachschneider, Annie	Communities Under 10,000
X	Baltus, Mike	Townships
X	Blake, Rick	Communities Over 10,000
X	Briggs, Brian	Communities Under 10,000
X	Davis, Dirk	At Large
	DeRosier, Richard	Communities Under 10,000
	Deschampe, Bobby (Deshaw)	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)
X	Harala, Annie	County Commissioner (St. Louis)
	Hautala, Walter	School Boards
	Hell, Destry	County Commissioner (Koochiching)
	Hollinday, Jason	NATC – Fond du Lac
X	Hoops, Mike	At Large
X	Hoppe, Joel	At Large
X	Jeffers, Mark	Communities Under 10,000
	Johnson, John	County Commissioner (Itasca)
	Kauppila, Clayton	Townships
MS	Kearney, Mike	County Commissioner (Aitkin)
X	Lucas, David	Communities Under 10,000
	Lyons, Steve	Advisory Committee on Aging
	Maki, Roger	Communities Over 10,000
	McLaughlin, Kim	School Boards
X	Medure, Pat	At Large
	Nephew, Lynn	Communities Over 10,000
X	Nevanen, Paul	At Large
X	Rasmussen, Allen	At Large
X	Sherman, Grant	Townships
X	Storlie, Ginny	County Commissioners (Cook)
X	Sydow, Steve	At Large
X	Whitney, Chris	Communities Over 10,000
X	Yunk, Tony	Communities Under 10,000
	Zmyslony, Susan	County Commissioner (Carlton)
Present = X	Name	Representing
MS	Binstock, Dee	ARDC

X	Chicka, Ron	ARDC
X	Kane, Kristi	ARDC
X	Alexandra, Renee	ARDC
MS	Winter, Nate	ARDC
X	Sash, Rebecca	ARDC
X	Teskey, Beth Ann	ARDC
X	Watson, Rondi	ARDC
X	Glaeser, Cheryl	
	Bergstad	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Storlie at 10:00 a.m. Round robin introductions.
Motion by Harala/Garry to support. Motion carried unanimously. No members opposed or recused upon request.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA for approval of the following:**
Board Meeting Minutes, January 15th, 2026
Motion by Harala/Hoppe to support. Motion carried unanimously. No members opposed or recused upon request.
3. **RESOLUTION:** Procurement Policy – *Kristi Kane*
Motion by Garry/Medure to support. Motion carried unanimously. No members opposed or recused upon request.
4. **PRESENTATION:** *Safe Streets for All – Presented by: Ron Chicka and Rondi Watson*
5. **PRESENTATION:** *CEDS – Presented by: Cheryl Glaeser*
6. **REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) REPORT:** was referred to by Executive Director Kane. The Executive Director noted no new applications. Two CARES loans have paid off this last month. There have been a couple modified interest loans. RLF CARES loan for Childcare Center had their grand opening.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** March 2026's financial reports were reviewed by Nate Winter from Clifton Larson Allen, ARDC's temporary acting Finance Director. Winter noted:
 - **Total Assets:** the Commission continues to maintain a strong financial position with total assets of approximately \$12.7 million
 - **Current Assets:** totaled approximately \$6.0 million, a decrease from the prior month
 - **Non-Current Assets:** Totaled approximately \$6.38 million, an increase from the prior month. The increase in non-current and the decrease in the current is related to the certificate deposit line.

- **Liabilities:** totaled approximately \$1.2 million at March 31, 2026. The increase from the prior month is primarily related to the timing of accounts payable, accrued payroll, accrued audit costs, and deferred revenue associated with the tax levy
- **Fund Balance:** increased modestly as of month-end, reflecting positive operating results year-to-date and continued preservation of reserves
- **Revenues:** the Commission reported year-to-date revenues of approximately \$228 thousand, representing about 26% of the annual budget
- **Expenditures:** totaled approximately \$206 thousand, or about 23% of the annual budget.
- All beginning balances are unaudited and subject to adjustment as part of the year-end audit process

Motion by Rasmussen/Medure to support. Motion carried unanimously. No members opposed or recused upon request.

8. MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- **Management Update Document** - To make more time for CEDS engagement, please see handout at meeting for divisional updates
- **Conflict of Interest**

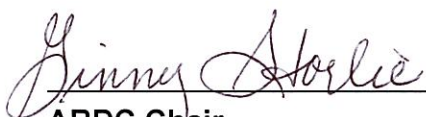
APPRISE FROM BOARD MEMBERS &/OR GUESTS.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting** – May 21st, 2026 – ARDC
- **Board Meeting** – June 18th, 2026 – ARDC
- **Commission Meeting** – July 16th, 2026 - Hermantown Public Safety Building (Fire & Police) in the Training Center

10. ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Attest:


ARDC Chair


Submitted by Renee Alexandra, Exec. Assistant, Board
& Commission Coordinator