

Monthly Newsletter

Executive Director Report

June 2026

Community Engagement



Missaukee Chamber Golf Outing- Niki participated in the Missaukee Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing on June 12th at Missaukee Golf Club- they did not take last place.



Niki attended June's Rise Up hosted by the Veterans Serving Veterans park. She had an opportunity to share about the remote workers pod now available for use at the Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce.

Regional Connections

Every other month AES joins Regional Economic Development Partners with a core goal of enabling a region where collective action builds the capacity for community based economic advancement. This happens by working together to enhance regional competitiveness and strengthen regional impact and by pursuing and stewarding resources that advance regional priorities. Our June meeting included Economic Development Organizations and Chambers of Commerce from- Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse, Wexford, Missaukee, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Leelanau counties.



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New Business Resources



Niki and Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce staff Dave and Caitlyn met with small business owners Lenny and Diane, at FACE it Aesthetics. They discussed marketing and advertising, shared networking opportunities and resources for growth opportunities.

Missaukee Farmers Market- Niki and Missaukee Area Chamber of Commerce Director, Sam Peery meet with Sarah and Steve to discuss ways to elevate and market their newly operating Farmers market in Missaukee County. After our discussion we were able to connect them with the Missaukee 4-H program coordinator to potentially expand youth entrepreneurial opportunities.

MSU Extension Wexford County Millage Renewal

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\$0

If approved by voters, the millage renewal WILL NOT increase taxes in Wexford County.

**0.1639 Millage Renewal
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**0.1639 Millage Renewal
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The 5-year 0.1639-mill renewal will fund MSU Extension educational programs including:

- 🌱 4-H Youth Development
- 🏠 Economic / Community Development
- 👤 Family Financial Health
- 🥗 Health & Nutrition
- 🌿 Agricultural Education
- 🌍 Natural Resources Education
- 🌻 Master Gardener

The renewed millage will cost the average Wexford County homeowner approximately **\$27.93 per year.**

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Upcoming Events

- Agriculture Day for 8th graders- September 16 and 17
- Brownfield Brainstorm with SME- Late September
- Manufacturing Day for 9th graders- October 6
- Developer Day- October 13th