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**Rural Development Fund Board Meeting**  
**Friday, April 11, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Ralph A MacMullan Conference Center**  
**104 Conservation Drive**  
**Roscommon, MI 48653**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**

Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Agriculture Development Bureau Director, MDARD

**Introductions - All**

**Approval of July 2024 Minutes (Action Item) - All**

**Office of Rural Prosperity Update**

Sarah Lucas, Office of Prosperity Director, LEO

**Recap of 2021-2024 Grants**

Tracey Barnes, Grants Program Manager, MDARD

**Review 2025 Grant Projects - Rural Definition Discussion**

Kayla Chingman, Grants Program Analyst, MDARD

**Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy - Mining Update**

Melanie Humphrey, Senior Geologist UPGR, EGLE

**Grant Presentation - Apsey Farm LLC**

Kyle Apsey, Owner, Apsey Farm LLC

**Discussion July 2025 Meeting - All**

**Public Comment**

**Meeting Adjourns**

*Next Meeting is Scheduled for July 16, 2025, in the Upper Peninsula*