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**Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**  
**APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEES**

Thank you for your interest in serving on an EDC Committee. The purpose of this is to provide the EDC Board with information about your background and interests.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Select from the following listing of committees for which you would like to apply for:

- Business Education and Workforce Development
- Site Selection & Community Development
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Fundraising Committee
- Childcare Committee
- Board of Directors

Professional qualifications and/or work experience:

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Community activities and/or other experience:

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Indicate reason for desiring to serve:

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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Ogemaw EDC works in various ways to help promote, facilitate and spur business development including offering education on business management, employee development and leadership, potential site information, financial assistance and help to mitigate business obstacles.

### Ogemaw County EDC Board of Directors:

**Phil Durst**, Chair, MSU Extension

**Rich Castle**, Vice Chair, Consumer's Energy

**Elizabeth Grabow**, Secretary, Reliable Billing

**Charles Wiltse**, Ogemaw County Commissioner,  
Business Owner

**Yvonne DeRoso**, Morris-Richardson Real Estate

**Theresa Erickson**, Huron Community Bank

**Heather Neuhaus**, West Branch Area Chamber  
of Commerce

**Mike Ehinger**, Whittemore Prescott, School  
District

**Ray Stover**, Treasurer, MidMichigan Health

**Tiffany Kups**, City of West Branch, MDHHS

**Sue Delahanty**, Ogemaw County Land Bank

**Penny Payea**, Director

### Committee Description and Objectives:

- **Business Education and Workforce Development Committee** – Responsible to develop and access education in a variety of methods for the benefit of current and potential business owners as well as current and potential employees. An example of this would be the annual Economic Outlook session.
- **Site Selection and Community Development Committee** – Promotes available commercial sites to entrepreneurs, investors and developers. An example is the site listing on the Ogemaw EDC webpage ([www.ogemawedc.com](http://www.ogemawedc.com)). Community development is about assisting with local community initiatives to enhance the economy including broadband expansion, childcare development and housing.
- **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** – Provides lending opportunities for business that need assistance developing or expanding their business.
- **Fundraising Committee** – Responsible for identifying and examining potential funding options that will benefit the EDC in prosperity of its programs.
- **Childcare Committee (new)** -- Continues the work started by the 2023 Rural Childcare Innovation grant received by the EDC. This group will use the grant's Action Plan to aid in finding solutions for the counties identified childcare barriers.



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- **Board of Directors** – Meets monthly, traditionally the third Monday of each month. Attendance is expected and Director must be notified if you cannot attend. Attendance can be done virtually, but you will not have a vote in any business conducted.

Committees meet monthly to quarterly and are chaired by a Board member. ***If you are interested or have questions about serving on one of these committees, please contact EDC Director Penny Payea at [ppayea@michworks4u.org](mailto:ppayea@michworks4u.org).***