

April 13, 2026 ACC Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at the Amery Community Center

19 people attended the meeting

Steve Helling read the Treasurer's Report

General Balance: \$34,171.79

Music on the River \$14,092.12

Fall Festival \$60,029.11

Secretary's report was moved to not be read

Bailey Posey and Dorothy Dahlberg were introduced as a guest, and new business in Amery Small Threads is located just west of the hardware store in the strip mall. They sell gently used children's clothing and toys.

Jennifer had their AACC Strategic Planner Renae Oswald-Anderson speak about how they help non-profit organizations promote their services to the community where they reside. ACC members will be receiving an online survey from Jennifer at the AACC. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. It helps them better understand how to serve the Amery area.

Paul Schafer presented a powerpoint presentation outlining how the AEDC is organized, and how they help businesses that are considering moving to Amery. In Paul's words, "the AEDC helps them make things happen". Go to the AEDC website to learn more about the board, and their mission to improve Amery.

Terry Hauer presented for the Polk County Economic Development Corp. If you know Terry, reach out to him and thank him for his years of work, he is retiring soon. He showed a powerpoint presentation outlining what they do to bring businesses to Polk County. He shared that due to the economic, and legislative environment in Minnesota, more and more companies are considering moving to Western Wisconsin. At this time they are locating right on the border. The three biggest concerns of companies moving are maintaining, and having access to a work force, housing, and affordable child care. At this time Amery is just a little too far into the county for major company moves. Visit the Polk County Economic Development website for further information.

Alex Mansfield, the Amery City Administrator presented the Friends of the Amery Parks program. This is a way for volunteers to help city crews keep our parks at their best. Most important is a Spring Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The city is coordinating needs for each park to get some major work done in one day. ACC membership will be sent information about the programs, and how to participate. It will be posted on the ACC website as well.

The Amery Awards Banquet has been re-scheduled for Friday, July 24 at the Amery Golf Course. The committee is asking for input from members about what awards they would like to see. There will be updates as they become available.

Membership dues are coming in, Thank you! Make sure to fill out the application fully so we can have your business's most current contact information.

The ACC board is focusing on bringing value to being a member. Please let them know if you have any suggestions.

Make sure to encourage new businesses to join, and please participate in our volunteer activities.

Tony spoke for the Fall Festival Committee. The theme for 2026 is America 250.

Music on the River is all set for the summer. If you want to be a sponsor, make sure to get your application, and check to them by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Business of the Month was the Amery Area Community Center.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8 am at Ellie's Ice Cream and Coffee on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>. More information on the meeting to be communicated soon.