

# Arkansas Community & Economic Development Alliance Meeting Agenda

October 12, 2016 – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service HQ  
2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock

Presiding – Stephen Lagasse, Community Programs Director, USDA-Rural  
Development

10:00 a.m.            Welcome & introductions

Featured speaker – Mark Bennett, Manager -Water  
Development Division, Arkansas Natural Resources  
Commission (ANRC)

Alliance updates

- Status of Resource Guide
- Status of Assessment of Funding Needs for Proposed  
Project form
- Roundtable discussion of activities, projects, issues &  
funding opportunities
- Volunteer to serve as next meeting chair
- Date and Location for next meeting
- Other?

12:00 p.m.            Adjourn

Next meeting:        January 11, 2017

## **Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance**

### **Who We Are:**

The Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance is an informal network with representatives from government agencies and organizations supporting Arkansas communities, regions, nonprofits, businesses and other organizations.

### **Alliance Goals:**

1. Provide information and assistance to Arkansas local governments, organizations and businesses about resources available. Initially, this will be achieved through:
  - a. Online resource guide housed on Alliance partners' websites.
  - b. Referrals for partners to groups/individuals with which we are working.
2. Provide networking opportunities for Alliance partners. This will be achieved through:
  - a. Quarterly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July and October, 10:00 am-12:00 pm).
  - b. Emergency meetings/conference calls initiated by an Alliance member.

### **Expectation of Active Engagement from Alliance Partners:**

- Commitment from agency or organization to send at least one representative to each quarterly meeting and share relevant information with others in the agency or organization.
- Serve in rotation for presiding over quarterly meetings.