

## Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority is to maintain and improve the community through the retention and growth of business, industry and services.

**Board Members Present:** Kathy Haala, Gary Windschitl, Nate Stevermer, Joann Schmidt and Mike Schmid

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Mark Kober, Kurk Kramer, Christina Andres

**Absent:** Dan Schmid, Mike Carr

- A. **Call to Order- Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:05 pm on August 24, 2016. Agenda was approved.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike moved and Joann second to approve the July Board meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- C. **Financial Report:**
  1. **RLF Report:** Kurk noted a correction to Schweiss Meats from the original copy he sent out. He noted that he has received a couple payments from Shane H. Also Scott from DQ visited and said he would probably go back to single payments, with the slowdown of business due to road construction.
  2. The updated available Revolving Loan Fund Accounts Due is \$132,634.24
  3. **DRIP Report:** no changes or discussion
  4. **Active EDA Resources Report:** no changes. Mike suggested to follow up again with Jason Pollard as to the progress on his awning(s).
- D. **Approval of Bills:** No Bills
- E. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** Kurk contacted the owner of Duffy's (a sports bar & grill) who has 4 other restaurants (Glenwood, Montevideo, Redwood Falls & Windom) to see if he'd ever consider an opening here. They're pretty busy but are always open to proposals. Kurk will stay in touch. W.W. Smith has ben sold and will become a privity residence as of Oct 15. OJT Mtg brought up the debate of paid vs unpaid work. Some business' in town pay others do not. The OJT committee will look into this further and make a ruling in Spring but will keep this years agreements as is.
- F. **Chamber Director Report** Christina reported the success of Corn Days despite the questionable weather. Sensory Effects noted tht we went through 7.75 tons of Sweet Corn. We completely sold out of burgers, which apparently hasn't happened in awhile. The parade Saturday had 87 entries and she has gotten many compliments about the orgnaization and smooth flow of the parade (thnx Gary W). She's working on counting tickets and paying out vendors in the next week. Safety Day Camp is Sept 21st at the SE Arena. Chamber Hours will change with the new school year: Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm.
- G. **Old Business:**
  1. **Results of Early Childcare Survey:** It was decided to review this at the Planning Meeting and see how the Tri-Valley daycare has an effect on things as well.
- H. **New Business:**
  1. **Aquaponics** – Kurk handed out a info packet about Aquaponics and how it's being used in New Ulm at The Pantry/Pepperboy. He also emailed a video link to EDA members to get a visual. Kurk along with Topher Jacobson (The Pepperboy chef), Mark Kober, Kathy Haala and Davey Haala, toured The PIX to see if it would be an adequate space for our own aquaponics facility. It was noted that we would immediately have 6 businesses ready for vegetable consumption (i.e. schools, hospital, care centers) if this was something we went through with. Further research and financial info is needed and will be explored further.
- I. **Other Business:**
  1. **None**
- J. **Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by Kathy at 12:55pm.

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept 23, 2016**, @ SEGC.

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EDA President Kathy Haala

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EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl