

## Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2016 – Sleepy Eye Golf Course

**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:** Joann Schmidt, Mike Carr, Kathy Haala, Gary Windschitl, Nate Stevermer and Mike Schmid

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Kurk Kramer

**Others Present:** Topher Jacobson and Dave Haala

**Absent:** Dan Schmid, Mark Kober, Christina Andres

- A. **Call to Order- Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:05pm, on September 29, 2016. Agenda was approved.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike C. moved and Gary W. second to approve the August Board meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- C. **Financial Report:** Kurk gave the updated financial reports from the meeting packet. Joann moved and Gary second to approve all financial reports. Motion passed.
  - 1. **RLF Report:** Updates given to Board
  - 2. **DRIP Report:** Updates given to Board
  - 3. **Active EDA Resources Report:** Updates given to Board
- D. **Approval of Bills:** None.
- E. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** Kurk highlighted a number of the items mentioned in his report. The Board reviewed the report and suggested moving the Housing Study information to the January 2017 Planning Meeting.
- F. **Chamber Director Report:** Chris was absent from the meeting – No Report
- G. **Old Business:**
  - 1. **Tri-Valley Early Childcare Discussion:** Work continues in progress for additional offerings at the Migrant School. Additional care should become available mid-October.
  - 2. **Aquaponics Project:** Topher Jacobson gave a presentation on the project which included information on the construction process and layout, the responsibility of providing power, water, building, electric from the city, Grow Safe would supply the kit for the project which would include the plant decks, fish tanks, pumps, generator, cameras, lights, and other items for the plant and fish production. This would be a \$60K investment by Grow Safe. No P & L has been put together yet as Grow Safe is still waiting to get actual costs for the perch fingerlings. The hope is that they are under \$2.00 per fish. Kurk and Topher will continue to communicate and get the final information together for the EDA Board to consider.
- H. **New Business:**
  - 1. **Workforce Housing Needs in Sleepy Eye:** The Board moved to have this topic tabled and be a point of discussion at the January Planning Meeting.
- I. **Other Business:** None

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be **Tuesday, October 25, 2016,** at the Railway at Noon.

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EDA President Kathy Haala

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EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl