

Sleepy Eye EDA June Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021 @ Noon at Council Chambers

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: Gary Windschitl, Joann Schmidt, Kathy Haala, Mike Carr

Advisory Board Members Present: Kurk Kramer, Christina Andres, Bob Elston, Wayne Pelzel

Absent Members: Casey Coulson, Toby Arneson, Mark Kober

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:03pm on June 15, 2021.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** **M/S/C Gary, Mike**
- C. Approval of May Minutes:** **M/S/C Kathy, Gary**
- D. Financial Reports:** **M/S/C Joann, Gary**
1. **RLF Report:** As Written
 2. **Business Rehab Program:** As Written
 3. **All Active EDA Resources:** As Written
 4. **2021 EDA Program Disbursements:** As Written
- E. Approval of Bills:**
1. None
- F. Reports**
1. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** As Written
 2. **Chamber Director Report:** As Written
- G. Old Business**
1. **Del Monte Ponds Update:** Progressing along with the help of some legislative help. Hopefully something to report in the coming weeks.
 2. **Alliance Building Corp. Update:** Bob is working with Tammy Omdal from Northland Securities on the abatement process for the site. Talks with the John Czelovzski appear to show a preliminary approval of the schools support. Bob is waiting to have similar discussions the county commissioners next.
 3. **Orchid Inn** – Kurk suggested an idea to the board members regarding the former Orchid Inn property and the Mitchell, SD cemetery property regarding a possible sale suggestion to an interested party he has been dealing with. No dollar amounts have been discussed. Gary suggested that as long as a building plan is submitted in the agreement, like we have requested of all other buyer/borrowers, we should see what transpires. The Board agreed. Kurk will bring information to the July meeting.
 4. **Professional Office Spaces in Community Center:** Going before the City Council at the next Finance Meeting.
 5. **EDA 5-Year Capital Plan & Budget Info** – Bob distributed a preliminary 2022 budget worksheet for the Board to consider and then discuss more at July extended meeting.
 6. **Meeting with Region 9, MSU, SCTC and businesses** – Kurk sent out an email to businesses who attended and included a Business Response Sheet for their feedback. The Board agreed that a partnership with SCTC and possible grant funding for a trades location was definitely an avenue that they wished to continue pursuing. Kurk would compile the response feedback and continue to be in contact with reps from Region 9 and SCTC and we would move forward accordingly.
 7. **Meeting with Local Developers/Construction** – Kurk, Bob, and Wayne met with area contractors and developers to discuss the housing possibilities on the properties for the Snow Addition 2nd Addition. The Board stated that if serious building was to commence, possible property size adjustments could be

made and building timelines would need to be established. Discussion was good and Kurk will keep the EDA Board updated on the developers/contractors possible building plans and timeline.

H. New Business

- 1. EDA Business Startup Inquiry** – At the July EDA Board Meeting we will discuss how the EDA might offer more options to interested entrepreneurs and business startups in Sleepy Eye. A number of creative ideas could be pursued and developed.

Adjourned: Chairman Kathy Haala @ 1:08pm

Next EDA Board Meeting will be the Extended Quarterly Meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 4-6pm @ SE Brewing Co.

EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl