

Sleepy Eye EDA Board Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022 – Noon – 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: Toby Arneson, Mike Carr, Casey Coulson, Kathy Haala, Mark Kober, Joann Schmidt, Gary Windschitl

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

Absent: Christina Andres

A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:05PM on June 28, 2022. **M/M/S Casey, Mark**

B. Approval of May EDA Board Meeting Minutes: **M/M/S Mark, Toby**

C. Financial Reports: **M/M/S Mike, Gary**

1. **RLF Report:** As Written
2. **Business Assistance Fund:** As Written
3. **Active EDA Resources Report:** As Written
4. **2022 EDA Programs Disbursements:** As Written

D. Approval of Bills:

1. **No Bills Presented**

E. Reports

1. **EDA Coordinator:** As Written
2. **Chamber Director:** No June Chamber Meeting – No Report

F. Old Business

1. **HRA & EDA Meeting:** No update, still waiting for confirmation date from HRA reps
2. **Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery:** Kurk presented the written response from our city attorney on the status and consideration for the EDA to forfeit the property to Davison County.
3. **Orchid Inn Property Proposal:** Presentation of two Purchase Agreements, one with a Lease Agreement, were presented to the EDA Board for approval. The first was to purchase four properties from Bob Pelzel with a five year lease on one of them. **M/M/S Mark, Mike**
The second was a Purchase Agreement for Bob Pelzel to purchase the former Orchid Inn property from the EDA. **M/M/S Joann, Casey**
The Board approved each of the Purchase Agreements.
4. **Huey Project:** Kurk shared an update, with pictures, on the status of the Huey and the progress that is being made on its restoration.

G. New Business

1. **EDA Finance Committee Recommendation on Kimberly Ecker Application:** The Finance Committee recommended approval of the application request. However, Kurk met with her after the Finance Committee Meeting and she has requested putting the application request on hold for now as she further explores and determines what rehab work is required and what specifics are needed to rehab the apartment on the second story of the building.

2. **SE Brewing Company Sign/Awning Application Request:** Kurk informed the Board that the SEBC inquired about additional application request for signage costs. The Board would like the SEBC to submit an additional application for the Board to consider the request.
3. **Little Sprouts Learning Center:** Joann Schmidt gave an update on the status of the center.

Meeting Adjourned: President Kathy Haala adjourned the meeting at 12:58PM

The next EDA Board Meeting will be **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** @ Noon – Council Chambers or Railway

EDA President - Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. - Gary Windschitl