

Sleepy Eye EDA Board June Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023 @ Noon

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, Joann Schmidt, Mark Kober

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

Absent Members: Gary Windschitl

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathy Haala at 12:00PM.

B. Approval of Agenda: **M/S/C – Joann, Toby**

C. Approval of May 2023, EDA Board Meeting Minutes: **M/S/C – Joann, Mark**

D. Financial Reports Approved as Printed: **M/S/C –Mike, Casey**

E. EDA Coordinator & Chamber Director Reports: EDA Report was absent from meeting packet and later emailed to EDA Board. There was no Chamber Report.

F. Old Business:

1. The Board approved the purchase agreement for the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, and it has been sent to the attorney in South Dakota for approval and signing. The closing date for the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery Association to take over ownership will be on or before July 14.
2. There was nothing new to report on the joint effort with the HRA and EDA regarding addressing the housing needs in Sleepy Eye.
3. The Board spent time again discussing the empty, vacant, and inactive buildings on Main Street. The EDA is currently looking at two buildings and has been in conversation with the current owners to purchase them. There are several things happening currently in these efforts and will hopefully become a reality soon.
4. The Board was also updated on the efforts by the owner of the former Berg Hotel and City Hall buildings. It is the hope of the EDA that this will become something that we will soon see some positive activity regarding both properties.
5. In the May Board Meeting there was some discussion on considering a succession plan requirement be added to the Business Assistance Application to begin in 2024. This was tabled to the June meeting agenda but was not discussed. It will be revisited in the July EDA Board Meeting.

G. New Business:

1. The Board was informed that there was another application in the works for the EDA Sign & Awning Program. I informed the Board that there was approximately two thousand dollars available that could be awarded for this application should it be approved.

H. Adjourn: Chairman Kathy Haala adjourned the meeting at 12:41PM.

The July EDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Noon.

EDA Chairman, Kathy Haala

EDA Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Windschitl