

**Sleepy Eye EDA Board July Meeting Minutes**  
**August 22, 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.

**Members Present:**, Mike Carr, Kathy Haala, Joann Schmidt, Mark Kober, Gary Windschitl

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

**Absent Members:** Toby Arneson, Casey Coulson

**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kathy Haala, at 12:06PM.

**B. Approval of Agenda:** **M/S/C – Mark, Mike**

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

**D. Financial Reports Approved as Printed:** **M/S/C –Joann, Mark**

**E. EDA Coordinator & Chamber Director Reports:** Both reports were included in the meeting packet.

**F. Old Business:**

1. The Board was presented with an update report from Little Sprouts Learning Center which included its current enrollment numbers, with estimated future projections and plans.
2. There was nothing new to report on the HRA and EDA regarding addressing the housing needs in Sleepy Eye.
3. There was discussion on the former Sleepy Eye Electric Property. The EDA Board was willing to let the PUC work a deal with the owners and develop it as the PUC Commissioners decided.
4. The Board spent time again discussing the empty, vacant, and inactive buildings on Main Street. The EDA Board is currently looking at two buildings and has asked Kurk to meet with the owner and see if a “walk-through” could be scheduled with both buildings and then bring it back for discussion on a possible purchase for rehab and resale.
5. There was a review of the Commercial Rehab Lease Agreement that was established earlier this year. An addition regarding “a damage deposit” was added to the original agreement and was approved as written. This will be the document presented to the interested business owner considering renting a room in the Community Center beginning in October.

**G. New Business:**

1. The Board approved the application for the EDA Sign & Awning Program from “Adapt & Thrive Chiropractic”, Alexis Green. The business is located on the east end of the Schutz Family Foods building. The EDA will offer financial assistance in the purchase of the signage in the amount of \$735.26.

**M/S/C –Mike, Mark**

2. The EDA Finance Committee met to review the first of the 2024 EDA Business Assistance Applications and they recommended to the full EDA Board to approve this application. This loan award will not become active or distributed until after the first of the year, 2024. The Board approved this application.

**M/S/C –Joann, Mike**

3. The preliminary 2024 EDA Budget Numbers was tabled to the September 2023 EDA Board Meeting

**H. Adjourn:** Chairman, Kathy Haala, adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM.

The September EDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at Noon.

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EDA Chairman, Kathy Haala

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EDA Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Windschitl