

**Sleepy Eye EDA Board Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2024 – 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.

**Present:** Kathy Haala, Joann Schmidt, Toby Arneson, Gary Windschitl, Mike Carr, Wayne Pelzel, Kurk Kramer

**Absent:** Casey Coulson, Mark Kober, Bob Elston, Christina Andres

**A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Haala, at 12:07PM. **M/S/C – Mike, Toby**

**B. Approval of April 2024, EDA Board Meeting Minutes:** **M/S/C – Mike, Toby**

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

**D. Approval of Bills:**

1. None

**E. EDA Coordinator Report:** Included in the meeting packet.

1. Kurk also gave some updated information on the Dawg Haus and Lindsay Henn.

**Chamber Report:** Included in the meeting packet.

**F. Old Business:**

1. **Little Sprouts Learning Center Update:**

a. LSLC is still awaiting the results of the lawsuit that it is involved in. The EDA Board will continue to hold off restructuring the EDA Loan at 2% for 30 years, with no prepay penalty until they see what the results of the lawsuit are.

2. **Former Minnegasco Building:** The EDA will walk through the building with Chuck Hauser after this meeting.

3. **108 West Main Building:** The previously approved newspaper ad detailing the sale of the property which includes information on accepting proposals will continue to run until June 7, 2024, and then the winning proposal will be chosen at the June 25, EDA Board Meeting. The EDA Board has directed Kurk to contact Brown County Sentence To Serve to see if they can line up some workers to clean out the inside of the building.

4. **The Discussion on Community Housing.** Kurk is continuing to research different companies, floor plans, square footage costs and other details on housing. Kathy also is continuing to research this information with her Schult Homes representative for more accurate prices. The Board also discussed the possibility of moving the house next to the fire department and look into costs of moving, relocation, rehab work, H Vac, electric, plumbing, and the addition on both sides of the duplex with a utility room and garage. This will be put on hold until July when the tenants are out of the house.

5. **China 14 Building:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 - The EDA Finance Committee met and discussed the China Restaurant buildings and brought a recommendation to the full EDA Board at this May 28 meeting. The Finance Committee recommends that if “Z” does not give permission to go in the building and have it tested for mold content, that the EDA would request to have the city attorney obtain a warrant to enable the building inspector into the property to test for mold.

**M/S/C – Joann, Mike**

**G. New Business:**

1. **No New Business**

**H. Adjourn:**

1. Chair, Kathy Haala, adjourned the meeting at 12:43PM.

The next EDA Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Noon – Council Chambers.

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EDA Chairman, Kathy Haala

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EDA Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Windschitl