

**Sleepy Eye EDA Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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, Gary Windschitl, Mike Carr, Casey Coulson, Wayne Pelzel, Bob Elston, Christina Andres, Kurk Kramer

Absent: Toby Arneson, Mark Kober

A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Haala, at 12:00PM. **M/S/C – Casey, Joann**

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

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

D. Approval of Bills:
1. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Annual Contribution - \$1000.00
M/S/C –Casey, Mike

E. EDA Coordinator Report: Included in the meeting packet.
Chamber Report: Emailed to Board

F. Old Business:

1. **Little Sprouts Learning Center Update:** None
2. **108 West Main Building:** Kurk reported on the walk-throughs with interested parties and the current work that is being done with other interested parties. He hopes to have more details and concrete information at the July meeting. Kurk has arranged with Brown County on getting the Sentence to Serve groups to clean the building out after the 4th of July week.
3. **The Discussion on Community Housing.** Information was shared on details, designs, blueprints, and pricing from three different modular home companies that the finance committee looked at along with considering the house next to the fire department. They had decided to focus on moving the house next to the fire department for starters. However, it was learned the day before this meeting that the leases had been extended from July 2024 to August 2025, so the committee is going to meet again to reconsider the direction to take with the homes and also the location of lots to put them on. There was mention that the HRA might be looking for a duplex to put on their property by Ross Park.
4. **Former China 14 Building:** Kurk shared the update from Alissa on the process of obtaining a warrant for inspection and will hopefully have more information on the status of getting this accomplished at the July meeting.
5. **Former Minnegasco Building:** Kurk had a discussion with Chuck Hauser regarding the building and he stated he wanted to begin rehab work on the roof

and second floor apartments. He wanted to know if there was any available EDA funding to apply for. Kurk asked the EDA Finance Committee to meet to discuss prior to the full June EDA Board Meeting which they did. The Finance Committee met and discussed this project. They recommended to the full EDA Board that they would accept a completed EDA Business Assistance Application and all the required documents that go with it, from Chuck, and would award an EDA loan as described in the Business Assistance Application in the amount of \$25,000.00 yet in 2024. **M/S/C – Joann, Mike**

- 6. Former Cleaners Building:** Kurk shared with the Board that the building had been purchased by Elizabeth Kolbe and that she was working on getting it repaired and that she was going to use it for her business which she currently has open in the former Haas Bakery Building.

G. New Business:

- 1. Update on the DQ and New Owner, Darrell Kral:** Kurk informed the Board that he was still waiting for the remainder of the financial documents from Darrell Kral that needed to be submitted and accompany his EDA Business Assistance Application.
- 2. 2025 EDA Budget Information:** There was nothing to report at this time as the City Council has yet to meet to go over the preliminary numbers of the 2025 Budget.

H. Adjourn:

- 1.** Chair, Kathy Haala, adjourned the meeting at 1:10PM.

The next EDA Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Noon in the Council Chambers.