

**Sleepy Eye EDA Board Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 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, Toby Arneson, Wayne Pelzel, Mike Carr, Casey Coulson, Christina Andres, Bob Elston, Kurk Kramer      **Absent:** Mark Kober

**A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Haala, at 12:02PM.      **M/S/C – Joann, Mike**

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

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

**D. Approval of Bills:**    None

**E. Reports:**      **EDA Coordinator:** As Printed in Meeting Packet  
                         **Chamber Director Report:** As Printed in Meeting Packet

**F. Old Business:**

1. **108 West Main Building:** The Brown County Sentence to Serve continues cleaning it up. Work continues until they have completed the requested tasks.
2. **Former China 14 Building:** Warrant application is waiting for review with Randy King.
3. **EDA 2025 Budget Discussion:** Bob Elston stated that there will be \$160,000.00 for the EDA in the City Budget for 2025.
4. **The Discussion on Housing.**
  - a) **Nothing to report or update from Stimpert Reps**
  - b) **Esser Brothers Construction:** They are interested in a house building project. Going to put together information/plans to present to the EDA.

**G. New Business:**

1. **Upcoming Arena Plans:** The Arena Board has preliminary numbers on projects and will submit a written report with a formal request for EDA assistance.
2. **2025 Planning Meeting:** EDA Board encouraged to brainstorm ideas for November Planning Meeting. November 26, beginning at 4:00PM at the SEEC.
3. **201 West Main Street Building:** Table discussion to October Board Meeting

**H. Adjourn:**      Chair, Kathy Haala, adjourned the meeting at 12:47PM.

Next EDA Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Noon, in the Council Chambers

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EDA Chairman, Kathy Haala

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EDA Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Windschitl