

Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017 (Special Mtg)

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: Gary Windschitl, Mike Carr, Kathy Haala, Joann Schmidt, Nate Stevermer, Mike Schmid and Dan Schmid

Advisory Board Members Present: Christina Andres, Kurk Kramer, Mark Kober

Special Guests: Misty Riebel, Mikayla Bruggeman, Doug Pelzel, Larry Braun, Dick Zinniel, Wayne Pelzel

Absent: None

A. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Kathy Haala at 12:04pm on December 7, 2017.

B. **New Business:**

1) **Discuss Tri-Valley Proposal for Early Childcare Center Extension:** Kurk began with updating the EDA Board and guests as to what had transpired over the past 48hrs in the discussion of the Tri-Valley Childcare Center. He explained that after looking at the numbers and having a few board members present, a request was made for the Tri-Valley organization to permit us 60 days to develop a solution for success, with the understanding that the EDA would incur the deficit lost over those 60 days. This proposal was sent 12/5/17. Misty Riebel was asked to give her comments, as a parent, and her main point was that while she appreciated the efforts being made, 2 months was not a solution for parents. She expressed that their needs to be a guarantee for parents to be able to commit to staying at the center beyond 60 days or they will start to leave in search of more viable/guaranteed options. Kurk reiterated to Misty that the 60 days was so we could have more time to allow other committees and boards to meet and work towards a successful solution. Most board agendas for December have already been set and so this subject wouldn't be able to be properly discussed until January. She understood.

Kurk received the agreement proposal from Tara at Tri-Valley while our meeting was in session. (see attached Agreement) After continued discussion; including the proposed option that an established 3rd party non-profit (possibly SEAF) step in to umbrella the process, while exact details can be put in place, the boards' only change to the agreement was that it be worded: City of Sleepy Eye EDA. The agreement would cover 12/16/17 thru 2/23/18, with the EDA incurring the financial deficit within that timeframe. **M/C/S Joann, Dan**

A meeting with parents, staff and EDA members was set for 12/11/17 @ 6pm at the learning Tree Center.

C. **Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by Kathy at 12:57pm.

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be **Tuesday, December 26th** – NOON @ Railway

EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl