

**Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2017**

**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, Nate Stevermer, Mike Carr, Joann Schmidt, Kathy Haala, Dan Schmid, Mike Schmid

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

**Special Guest:** Wayne Pelzel

- I. **Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order by Kathy Haala at 12:01 pm on October 24, 2017. Agenda was approved as written.
- II. **Approval of September Minutes:** M/C/S Mike S., Mike C.
- III. **Financial Report:**
  - A) **RLF Report:** Accepted as Written
  - B) **DRIP Report:** Accepted as Written
  - C) **Active EDA Resources Report:** Accepted as Written
- IV. **Approval of Bills:**
  - A) Request for Down payment Deposit from DDC – The Downtown District Committee is asking for the EDA for \$1000 for Ron Drake Consulting to visit and give insight to Sleepy Eye’s revitalization options Spring 2018. The DDC is supplying \$4000 of their own monies to complete the agreement. The EDA grants \$1000 to the DDC for the consultation expense for Ron Drake Consulting to come to Sleepy Eye. M/C/S Gary, Joann
- V. **EDA Coordinator’s Report:** Accepted as Written
- VI. **Chamber Director Report:** Accepted as Written
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - A) Mike S. noted that a Thank You to Charles Kotten for his efforts and work on getting his building into a better place asthetically, would be nice. The Board agreed, and Kurk said he would send him one. (As an afterthought following the meeting, Kurk will also send a note to Pollard Dental as well.)
- VIII. **New Business:**
  - A) Approve EDA Resolution for 12th Avenue Crossing M/C/S Gary, Joann: Opposed-Nate, Dan
  - B) Plan for Renting/Leasing Hwy 4 & 14 Corner Lot – Kurk has talked with numerous businesses about the possible renting options for the corner lot. The EDA Board needs to decide the vision or direction they want to take with this property and what they want it to become. Kurk asked for a Finance Committee meeting to discuss and to make a recommendation for the November EDA Board Meeting. Finance Committee Meeting it set for Monday, October 30th @ Noon.
  - C) The Cemetary Property – Kurk also suggested that we start looking into our financial options with the property that is owned out in Mitchell, South Dakota.
  - D) Presentation from The Legal Professionals – see handouts. Three members of the TLP joined out meeting and discussed the new vision for their office here in Sleepy Eye. The TLP have really refocused their attention to community outreach and assisting in the consultation and facilitation of small business needs. They have renovated the main floor office space and are currently working on the lower level to include a meeting space (which could be rented out if needed).

They are also working on upper level renovations of the living spaces above. Kurk inquired if TLP would ever consider creating a remote worksite option (business incubator). This is something the EDA Board has discussed in the past. TLP said they had not, but that further discussion could be had with managers Steve Franta and Honey Berg regarding this idea.

**IX. Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by Kathy at 12:44pm.

**Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be Tuesday, November 28th – NOON @ Railway**

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EDA President Kathy Haala

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EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl