

**Sleepy Eye EDA Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2019 – 4:00PM – Railway**

**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:** Joann Schmidt, Casey Coulson, Mike Carr, Mark Kober

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Kurk Kramer, Christina Andres, Bob Elston, Wayne Pelzel

**Guest:** Brad DeVos

**Absent:** Dan Schmid, Gary Windschitl, Kathy Haala

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Carr at 4:03pm on October 22, 2019.
- B. **Approval & Signing of September Minutes: M/S/C Joann, Mark**
- C. **Brad DeVos's LSLC Projection Report** – Brad reported that LSLC has 4 infants waiting for entry and that the recently announced closing of a home daycare has created a few tours of the facility. Enrollment is not where the center wants it to be but with the new drop-in option and closing home daycare, LSLC is hoping to increase those numbers. LSLC sent a letter to all the area home daycare providers about the new Drop-In option for them to pass on to their families incase a last minute option was needed (i.e. the home provider was ill). Brad reports that a funding request to the EDA probably won't come until mid-December but that additional funding for 2020 will need to be determined, as it will be necessary.
- D. **Approval Financial Report: M/S/C Casey, Joann**
  1. **RLF Report:** As Written
  2. **DRIP Report:** As Written
  3. **Active EDA Resources Report:** As Written
- E. **Approval of Bills:** None
- F. **Reports:**
  1. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** As Written
  2. **Chamber Director Report:** As Written
- G. **Old Business**
  1. **Corner Property on 4 & 14** – Kurk stated that the weather has halted the project slightly but Michael is still planning beginning on the back retaining wall yet this fall, once the water lines are in.
  2. **SD Cemetary Property** – Kurk, Wayne and Bob are traveling to Mitchell, SD on Tuesday, October 29th.
  3. **2019 Facade Program** – Kurk asked if the Board wished to keep the name and intentions the same for the the program as we look at 2020. Are there other features/aspects of buildings we'd like to consider including to this program or do we keep it designated for building facades, the same as 2019? This question led into the #4 topic below.
  4. **EDA Assistance Request/Consider Four other EDA Programs Revisions** – the Board discussed how all of the EDA programs are similar in their qualifying requirements. Kurk noted that the programs were developed as to accomodate the needs of building owners at the time. Is it something that we should look at combining or streamlining for current and/or future owner needs, based on the latest information of today's renovators? Kurk stated that the Revolving Loan Fund would remain because of the gap financing that this program offers, but the others surely could be looked at. He will begin doing some reveisions and updates to present to the EDA Board by the January 2020 Planning Meeting.
  5. **Orchid Inn Update** – Kurk received demolition bids from Mathiowetz Construction, S & J Construction, and Hoffmann's Construction. None of the bids include asbestos abatement so he will look into local

companies for bids on hazardous material removal. Once those numbers come back then the Board will need to decide which DEED Redevelopment program to utilize and have a project plan for the site.

6. **Del Monte situation** – Kurk had nothing new to report.
7. **TigerPath 2.0 Invite** – see Kurk if you are interested in attending this workshop on Tuesday, November 12, in Hutchinson.

#### H. New Business

1. **EDA Consideration of continued Quarterly meetings in 2020** – Kurk asked if the Board felt the extended quarterly meetings were still desired for 2020. Those present stated that yes, we should continue with the extended quarterly meetings into 2020. There was some discussion on the most preferred time to have the EDA Board Meetings. Most members in attendance stated they liked the noon meeting time, and also would prefer the extended meeting time would begin at noon as well.

**Adjourned:** Mike Carr at 5:25pm

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ Noon – The Railway**

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EDA President Kathy Haala

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EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl