

Sleepy Eye EDA Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

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, Kathy Haala, Casey Coulson, Dan Schmid, Gary Windschitl,

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

Absent: Mike Carr, Mark Kober

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:04pm on September 24, 2019.
- B. **Approval & Signing of August Minutes:** Correction made to August Minutes; Call to Order was VP Mike Carr. M/S/C Joann, Gary
- C. **Approval Financial Report: M/S/C Joann, Gary**
 1. **RLF Report:** As Written
 2. **DRIP Report:** As Written
 3. **Active EDA Resources Report:** As Written
- D. **Approval of Bills:** None
- E. **Reports:**
 1. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** As Written
 2. **Chamber Director Report:** As Written
 3. **Brad DeVos's LSLC Projection Report** – Kurt submitted an updated report from Brad received prior to today's meeting. Overview: Enrollment is stalled but payroll has dropped significantly over the prior 2 pay cycles, bringing the Center near a payroll surplus. While the enrollment decrease is disappointing, it is being matched by a larger decrease in payroll. An addition of a drop-in program may be a long-term solution to increase revenue and access more families.
- F. **Old Business**
 1. **Corner Property on 4 & 14** – We are waiting for water line to be run to the back of the property for sprinkling options. Kurk stated that this would be done in the next week or so and then work will begin on the back retaining wall.
 2. **SD Cemetary Property** – Kurk is rescheduling a meeting for October.
 3. **EDA Assistance Request** – Kurk informed the Board that he had had no responses from businesses in regards to the letter sent inviting them to contribute to a \$50K fund along with the City to support local child care centers. One of the rising concerns from businesses is how contributing to the fund would look to the area home daycares that are well utilized by employees. This began the conversation of what is the plan then if we do not get a match. Joann stated that this was going to have to be a discussion that the LSLC Board would need to have and make decisions on.
 4. **Orchid Inn Update** – Kurk is waiting on demolition bids from Heiderscheidt's and Hoffmann's. He will then look into the DEED Redevelopment Loan once we have numbers and a project plan for the site.
 5. **U of M Resilient Communities Report** – Tabled until Planning Mtg January 2020.
 6. **Del Monte situation** – Kurk had nothing new to report, other than the facility is still being looked at. Christina reported that the Career Fair for Del Monte employees set for Wednesday, September 25th at the Event Center currently has 56 tables of employing businesses attending.
 7. **SMIF Request** – Kurk again asked the Board if they wanted a SMIF representative to come to our next meeting to present the opportunities. The Board politely declined. Kurk will email SMIF of the decision at this time.
 8. **Minnegasco Building** – Kurk mentioned the possibility of availability of the Minnegasco building. The Board thought working on options for rehab with a possible new owner would be a better approach

than looking to own another property. With proper clean up and assistance it may make a good location for an incubator space. Kurk will keep the Board informed of discussions.

G. New Business

- 1. Welcoming Communities Information** – Kurk and John Cselovszki met with members of Region 9 and DEED to discuss options for the community in using this new great opportunity. They agreed to meet with local participants from various business and social sectors to take assessment of the various needs within the community. Kurk will contact requested participants for a Tuesday, November 5, meeting at 5pm at the Event Center.
- 2. TigerPath 2.0 Invite** – Kurk handed out information detailing Career Readiness Workshop being offered in Hutchinson educating school officials and businesses on how to work collaboratively. This is the second session that they have offered. Kurk attended the first and highly recommends that any Board member wishing to attend could join him, Tuesday, November 12, in Hutchinson.

Meeting Adjourned: Kathy at 12:57pm

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be an Extended Quarterly Meeting **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ 4-6pm**
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EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl