

Sleepy Eye EDA Board Meeting Minutes
November 26, 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, Casey Coulson, Mark Kober, Dan Schmid, Gary Windschitl, Kathy Haala

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

Absent: Mike Carr

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:04pm on November 26, 2019.

B. Approval & Signing of October Minutes: M/S/C Mark, Casey

C. Approval Financial Report: M/S/C Gary, Casey

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** – A request was made to extend another \$5K loan to LSLC to cover consulting services from the St. Peter Business Services (Brad DeVos) for 2019. **M/S/C Mark, Casey**
 - a. Discussion on future of LSLC and Financing etc. – Joann presented the most current numbers from the last LSLC meeting. Things seem to be trending upward with 3 infants coming after the new year. The Board has decided to hold discussion on further financial assistance until the December meeting.

F. Old Business

1. **Corner Property on 4 & 14** – Water lines are in but landscaping will not start now until Spring 2020.
2. **SD Cemetary Property** – Kurk, Wayne and Bob traveled to Mitchell SD to discuss the current options with the cemetery and the business that currently resides adjacent to it. The owner and his daughter are continuing to discuss possible options with Kurk, as an initial offer of purchase was declined by the daughter & owner. Kurk will keep the Board posted as talks continue.
3. **EDA Programs Revisions/Updates** – set for Planning Meeting in January.
4. **Orchid Inn Update** – Kurk is still looking 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, which would also include a project plan for the site.
5. **Del Monte situation** – Kurk had nothing new to report.

G. New Business

1. **EDA Finance Committee recommendation for Sleepy Eye Uptown VRBO applications**– The finance committee recommends accepting applications that SE Uptown is requesting \$10K from the Facade program and \$15,720 from the DRIP for work on a second apartment within the building. **M/S/C Joann, Dan (Mark Kober abstained from the vote)**

2. **Shane's Tire Account** – Kurk reported that a job change occurred and efforts to notify new employer of the garnished wages responsibility have not been verified. The board instructed Kurk to have Alissa issue a notice to the new employer.
3. **Downtown Revitalization Committee** – Christina presented a facade idea to the Downtown Revitalization Committee regarding the window fronts of Main Street buildings of images from Central City, IA, where they used enlarged photos of the buildings' past as window clings to fill the voided panes. The idea is to create both visual and historical interest in our downtown vacant buildings, as well as beautification of the bare windows. This is the least evasive way to fill the spaces without much effort on that of the building owners. A member of the committee was looking into details of the project i.e. costs & production and the hope was for possible future EDA financial assistance to complete the task. The EDA board asked for more information, including the costs but it was a generally well recieved idea.

Adjourned: Kathy Haala at 1:06pm

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 @ Noon – The Railway**

EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl