



A special meeting of the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District board of directors was held on **Tuesday, December 15, 2020** from 9:37 am to 9:57 am at 111 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street or via Zoom. The following minutes were created by Christy George, Downtown Liaison.

**Call to Order:** Chairman, Ron Barbosa called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

**Roll call:** The CID meeting was held at 111 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street or via Zoom. Ron Barbosa was present, Joe Houts, Brett Carolus and Pat Dillon participated via Zoom. Absent: Bobbi Jo Hausman, John Spencer and Teresa Fankhauser

**Downtown Recovery/Stimulus Plan:** A special meeting was held to discuss the Grant request from the Center for Entrepreneurship. At the previous meeting John brought to the board's attention that under Section B, the applicant must be within the district and it cannot be used to pay for salaries. The board liked the idea and wanted to explore other options such as contracting for services. Annette Weeks with the Center for Entrepreneurship met with the Dean at MWSU and they are able to contract for services. Annette gave a brief description of the grant request and her efforts to fundraise to retain the services of their graduate assistant, Miu Sutton. She explained that the Craig School of Business would be able to provide further technical business coaching services to the downtown area as well as expanding dedicated time for the downtown businesses and any additional programming seen fit. A commitment of one day a week would be allocated, and a plan to track hours would be implemented.

\*\*\*A motion was made by Pat to approve the \$10,000.00 contract with MWSU Center for Entrepreneurship to provide downtown business consulting one day a week. CID expects accountability for the hours provided to downtown businesses. If after one year all appears to be going well, we expect to continue a second-year grant for \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by Joe; motion approved unanimously.

Christy will contact John to draft an agreement for Annette based on the motion.

\*\*\***Adjourn:** Motion made by Pat to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 am, seconded by Joe. Motion was approved unanimously.