

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frame, Parker, Robinson, Salazar, Templin, Turner, Zaleski

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bolser, Cenova, Johnson, King, Tanner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Shaffer, Doty, Lindsey, Mitchell

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Butters, Mary Anne – Wayne County Commissioner  
Emery, Millie – Hometown Media Group

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Randy Templin called the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021 via Zoom meeting.

**II. RICHMOND WAYNE COUNTY COVID-19 RESTAURANT SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

Shaffer stated she would like to discuss altering the restaurant subsidy program requirements. She reported we have received no applications for three weeks. The program is open through March 30<sup>th</sup>. As indicated by the First Amendment to the MOU that is attached, we would like to lower the sales loss threshold from 30% to 20%. There is approximately \$95,000 left in the fund. The funding partners: City of Richmond, Wayne County, EDC, and EGG are all in agreement to make the change. Shaffer indicated what funds are not spent down, we would like to roll over into the upcoming small business grant program. The funds for that program will come from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) block grant program for which Wayne County applied. Sowers asked about City funds in a County program and Shaffer responded that Mayor Snow has already agreed to the use of funds and to her knowledge they will not be limited by geography. Templin asked how likely we are to get the OCRA funding. Shaffer indicated Kleinpeter will be the grant writer and they have been successful in securing funds in Round 1 and Round 2 for other communities.

*Motion to approve the Amendment to the MOU stating we are lowering the sales loss threshold for the Richmond Wayne County COVID-19 Restaurant Subsidy Program from 30% to 20% and allowing unused funds to be directed to the small business grant program by Frame, second by Parker. Motion carried.*

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Templin adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**