**Mt. Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board**

*The mission of the Mt. Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create a shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations, attracting and developing new businesses, and improving and upgrading infrastructure.*

**Date: December 15th, 2020**

**Meeting Location: 124 South Washington Street, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548**

**Meeting type: Special meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1) Call to order**

Deron Powell called to order the special meeting of the Mt. Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board at 7:000pm on December 15th, 2020 at the Economic Development Planning Board Office.

**2) Roll call**

Lorah Hoe conducted roll call. The following persons were present: Deron Powell, Tom Martin, Andrew Meister, Erin Wyss, Tyler White, Hillary Cherry, Jim Birge, and Lorah Hoe (Administrative Aide) were present.

Guests: Katie Funk and Jeff Hake

Absent: Matt Bobell

**3) Introduction of guests**

Katie Funk, Jeff Hake, Dave Bishop, and Molly Gleason were present to present the final plan for the Food Hub project. Marla Blair was present for the Salt Creek Journal.

**4) Food Hub Presentation by Katie Funk and Jeff Hake**

This project began over 2 years ago with the planning of the Local Foods Local Places workshop. The past 8 months Jeff and Katie have been refining the Food Hub project and paving the way forward. Please refer to the material provided by Jeff and Kaite. The EDPB discussed how this project would be similar to starting up the Market On The Hill Cooperative. An interim board would be created, a business would be created with a business plan, and funds would be raised for the new business.

This opportunity is unique to our community because we have the building, the support, and an awareness of the niche market of fresh local foods. This new business would continue to drive new money into our local economy. But the beginning costs would be high.

**Tom Martin made a motion to pay the remaining amount of $1,706.25 to Jeff Hake for the work completed by the Food Hub project manager. Seconded by Jim Birge. Roll Call vote: Tom Martin-Yea, Jim Birge-Yea, Tyler White-Yea, Andrew Meister-Yea, Deron Powell-Yea, Erin Wyss-Yea, and Hillary Cherry-Yea. Motion Passes.**

**5) Adjournment**

**Tyler White made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm. Seconded by Erin Wyss, all in favor and motion passes.**

**6) Next Meeting January 9, 2021 EDPB Regular Meeting**