

*Rainier Economic Development Council Minutes*  
*August 2, 2021*  
*Rainier City Hall*  
*106 West "B" Street*  
*Rainier, OR 97048*

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

REDCO Board President Mike Kreger called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Connie Budge, Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Mike Kreger and Levi Richardson

Board Members Absent: Brenda Tschida and Jenna Weaver

**3. Agenda**

**a. Approve March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Scott Cooper moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Connie Budge and adopted unanimously.

**b. Approve June 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Budge had a correction to the minutes. Cooper moved to approve the minutes as amended. That motion was seconded by Budge and adopted unanimously.

**c. Approve May 17, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

**d. Approve June 7, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

**e. Approve June 16, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Budge moved to approve the May 17, 2021, June 7, 2021 and June 16, 2021 REDCO Budget Committee meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

**f. Approve Accounts Payable**

Cooper moved to approve the accounts payable. That motion was seconded by Board Secretary and Treasurer Robert duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

**g. Approve Resolution 102--Establishing Authorized Persons to Sign Checks and Transfer Funds**

City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen explained that the resolution was necessary due to the passing of former city councilor and REDCO Treasurer Rick Sanders. He was a signer on the REDCO account and needs to be removed from it. The resolution has no other changes to the signers.

Cooper moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Levi Richardson and adopted unanimously.

**h. Monthly Financials**

duPlessis moved to approve the monthly financials. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

**i. Settlement Inquiry**

Budge said she had asked for consensus at the last meeting for her to meet with Jorgensen and Kreger. There were issues that came up during that meeting that she wanted to see addressed about policies and procedures. Some of her questions require research. She wants the board to be able to direct Jorgensen to bring back his findings and report back at the next meeting. Jorgensen said this was necessary because he follows the direction of the entire board, as opposed to individual members. Budge said one question was about the most recent lawsuit settlement with USG. Did it take into account payments made prior to the agreement? Was that included in what was recorded at the district court in Eugene?

Cooper moved to direct Jorgensen to pursue the inquiry. That motion was seconded by Richardson.

Budge said she went through papers and found a document that was signed by Mike Avent in 2012. It went to the district court in Eugene. She wants to know if it was squashed or followed through. REDCO had made \$1.2 million in payments prior to the settlement and she wants to see if that was ever credited to the payoff amount. She wants Jorgensen to go to the court to find out.

The motion passed unanimously.

**j. 2006 Intergovernmental Agreement Status**

Budge said the original agreement was with several special districts for tax increment financing to fund REDCO. Some opted in over time and some opted out. It needs to be straightened out. We need to know who they are. Annual reports are supposed to be filed with them.

Cooper moved to direct Jorgensen to check into the IGA. That motion was seconded by duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

**k. Annual Report Update**

duPlessis moved to direct Jorgensen to follow up on ensuring that the annual reports have been filed with the special districts. That motion was seconded by Richardson and adopted unanimously.

**l. City of Rainier Intergovernmental Agreement**

Budge said that under the 2012 agreement, \$75,000 was taken out of the REDCO budget and given to the city. Under the IGA, any change to that policy needed to be done in writing. She couldn't find anything about it in past REDCO meeting minutes. If that amount was removed from the budget, it needs to be done properly. duPlessis

said he recalls there being a discussion about it at REDCO and council. Jorgensen asked if a resolution would be suffice. Board members agreed by consensus.

Cooper moved to direct Jorgensen to draft the resolution. That motion was seconded by Richardson and adopted unanimously.

**3. Adjourn Meeting**

Kreger adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

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Mike Kreger, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert duPlessis, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_