

*Rainier Economic Development Council Minutes*  
*November 1, 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 5:42 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Connie Budge, Robert duPlessis, Mike Kreger and Jenna Weaver

Board Members Absent: Scott Cooper, Jeremy Howell and Levi Richardson

**3. Agenda**

**a. Approve August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Connie Budge moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Board Secretary and Treasurer Robert duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

**b. Approve Accounts Payable**

Budge moved to approve the accounts payable. That motion was seconded by duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

**c. Approve Resolution 103--To Codify Changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between REDCO and the City of Rainier**

Budge moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

**d. Monthly Financials**

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

**e. Settlement Inquiry**

City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen said he met with the city attorney earlier in the day and will be following up with him about the matter.

**f. Annual Report Update**

Jorgensen said he was able to obtain the annual reports and provide them to the taxing districts that contribute to REDCO.

**g. Columbia Economic Team Request for SBRC Funding**

Jorgensen said that he and Mayor Jerry Cole discussed the funding request and thought it would be more appropriate to have it go before REDCO than the city council. The ask is for \$10,000-\$15,000. The cities of Clatskanie, Vernonia, Columbia City, St. Helens and Scappoose have already agreed to contribute to

funding the Small Business Development Center, and so has Columbia County. CET Director Paul Vogel was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he was appearing at council meetings for other cities. But Jorgensen said Vogel would be willing to come present to the REDCO board at a future meeting. Budge suggested that Vogel do so. The REDCO Board agreed by consensus.

**h. Nuclear Communities Funding Discussion**

Jorgensen said that there is a pot of money available for communities that used to have nuclear facilities. He's attended a couple of meetings about it and has another one scheduled for the following Friday. Along with Public Works Director Sue Lawrence, he put together a list of projects that the city would like to see funded with that money. They include a comprehensive master plan update with a collection system plan and detailed mapping of the city's piping systems and water and sewer infrastructure for around \$500,000, a transportation system plan update for \$175,000 and a parks master plan update for \$100,000. Jorgensen was advised that the city's ask should be limited to the comprehensive master plan update.

**3. Adjourn Meeting**

Kreger adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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Mike Kreger, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert duPlessis, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_