

*Rainier Economic Development Council Minutes*  
*December 5, 2022*  
*Rainier City Hall*  
*106 West "B" Street*  
*Rainier, OR 97048*

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by REDCO Secretary-Treasurer Robert duPlessis at 5:11 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Present: Connie Budge, Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Jeremy Howell and Denise Watson

Board Absent: Jeremy Howell and Mike Kreger

**Agenda**

**a. Approve September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Denise Watson moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Levi Richardson and adopted unanimously.

**b. Audit Report Presentation**

Tracy Jones from Pauly Rogers & Co. said that firm conducted a review last year and sent it to the state. It got sent back because REDCO had over \$500,000 in expenditures, which triggered a requirement for an audit. That audit was finished in June. But this year, only a review was required. There are no issues to report. City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen said REDCO had probably fewer than 20 transactions in the previous fiscal year, and likely fewer than 15. Jones said the materials and services line item was \$1400 under budget and no money was spent out of the contingency fund. Jorgensen said that the direction from the REDCO board was to not do projects and focus on paying off the agency's debt. That's what will continue to happen, unless there's a change of direction during the next budget process.

**c. Settlement Inquiry**

Connie Budge said she had brought a list of questions to the board. Jorgensen was directed to take those to the county assessor's office. That office asked that he do a public records request. Budge looked through the Attorney General's manual on public records and meetings. It states that a public body may not charge another public body for a records request. Jorgensen said the public records request came with a significant charge. Budge met with Columbia County Commissioner Henry Heimuller and he's going to be looking into some of these matters and will try to track down some of the related court records and documents. Jorgensen pointed out that Scott Cooper also found some old records. Cooper said he has the final settlement agreement that was signed by Mike Avent, Mayor Jerry Cole and representatives of U.S. Gypsum. Budge said the attached confession of judgement was never signed by a judge or recorded.

The county assessor's office doesn't do assessments for Fortune 500 companies, that's done by the Oregon Department of Revenue. She will continue looking into all of this. Board members agreed by consensus.

**d. Approve Financials**

Cooper moved to approve the accounts payable. That motion was seconded by Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.

**e. Approve Accounts Payable**

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

**Adjourn Meeting**

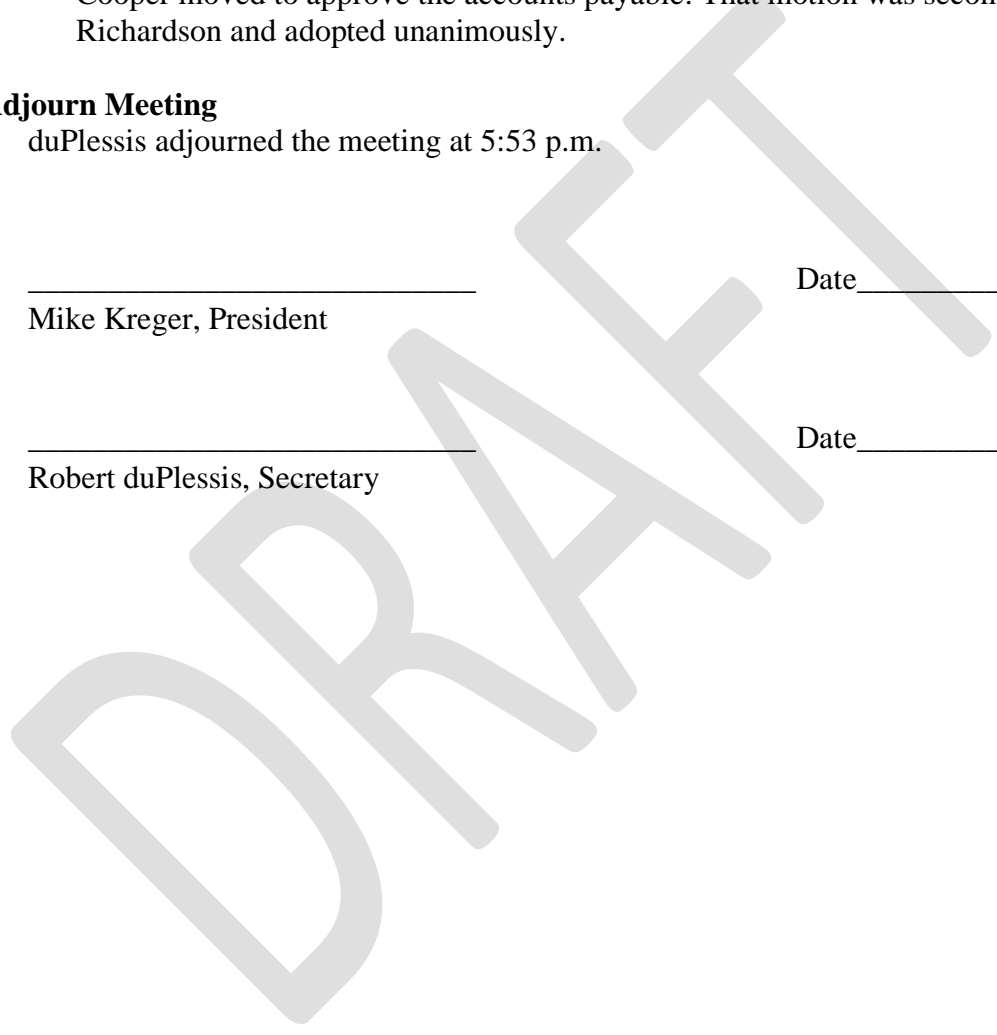
duPlessis adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

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Mike Kreger, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert duPlessis, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Rainier Economic Development Council**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT )  
THE RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL )  
HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS ON )  
THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH AT 5:30 P.M. )**

**RESOLUTION #107**

**WHEREAS**, the RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL repeals Resolution #90, which set previous meeting dates and times; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #107 serves as Notice to the Residents and Newspaper of Official Notice of Rainier,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL establishes that its Regular REDCO Meetings are scheduled the first Monday of every other month at 5:30 p.m. in the Rainier City Hall. Upon special/emergency circumstance a meeting date may be added, cancelled or changed with proper notice.

Passed and approved this 6th day of February, 2023.

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Chairperson

ATTESTED:

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Secretary

**Rainier Economic Development Council**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE )  
CLATSKANIE CHIEF AS THE )  
RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL )  
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF NOTICE ) RESOLUTION #108**

**WHEREAS**, the RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL of Rainier has Regularly Used *The Clatskanie Chief* to Publish Public Notices; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution Serves as Notice to the Residents and Official Newspaper of Notice of Rainier,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Establishes that The *Clatskanie Chief* is the Official Newspaper of Notice.

Passed and Approved this 6th day of February, 2023.

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Chairperson

ATTESTED:

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Secretary