

*Rainier Economic Development Council Minutes*  
*April 3, 2023*  
*Rainier City Hall*  
*106 West "B" Street*  
*Rainier, OR 97048*

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by REDCO President Mike Kreger at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Board Absent: None

**Agenda**

**a. Approve February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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

**c. Appoint Budget Officer**

Connie Budge moved to appoint City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen as the REDCO Budget Officer. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

**d. Approve Budget Calendar**

Budge moved to approve the budget calendar. That motion was seconded by Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.

**e. Resolution 109—Establishing that REDCO Will Prepare a Two-Year Budget for the 2023-35 Biennium**

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

**f. Approve Financials**

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

**g. Approve Accounts Payable**

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

**Adjourn Meeting**

Kreger adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

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Mike Kreger, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert duPlessis, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Rainier**  
**REDCO Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**5 p.m.**  
**Rainier Senior Center**

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

REDCO Budget Committee Members Present: Connie Budge, Terry Deaton, Robert duPlessis, Candis Forrest, Jeremy Howell, Mike Kreger and Leslie Rist

REDCO Budget Committee Members Absent: Scott Cooper, Paul Langner, Dena Nordstrom, Jan Rich and Denise Watson

Staff Present: W. Scott Jorgensen

- A. Introductions**
- B. Selection of Budget Committee Chair**—Connie Budge nominated Candis Forrest to serve as committee chair. Committee members unanimously agreed.
- C. Public Testimony**—There was no public testimony at this time.
- D. 2023/2025 Budget Message**—City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen recited the budget message that was included in the meeting materials.
- E. Presentation of Proposed 2023/2025 Budget**—Jorgensen gave an overview of the proposed budget. Robert duPlessis asked if there was a financial incentive for paying REDCO's debt service off early. Budge confirmed that it would save on interest payments. Forrest asked about interest earnings. Jorgensen said that the end of year projections came in really high for interest earnings because of the series of rate hikes that the Federal Reserve has done. Budge asked about the amount of administrative support that REDCO requires from the City. Jorgensen said that the vast majority of REDCO's transactions are its payments to the City. Other than that, it's the yearly debt service payment to US Gypsum. There was a discussion about reducing the administrative support line item, and by how much. Kreger moved to reduce that line item down to \$4400 and move \$10,000 from that line item to contingency. That motion was seconded by Budge and adopted unanimously. There was a discussion about the line item for funding an audit. Kreger moved to take \$10,000 from that line item and move it to contingency. That motion was seconded by duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

- F. \*Motion to approve the 2023/2025 Budget by the Budget Committee—**Kreger moved to approve the budget as amended. That motion was seconded by Jeremy Howell and adopted unanimously.
- G. \*Motion to authorize Option 3 (Standard Rate) Amount From Division of Tax**
- H. \$300,000—**duPlessis moved to authorize the standard rate amount from the division of tax. That motion was seconded by Kreger and adopted unanimously.
- I. If needed, announce time and date to reconvene next budget meeting (May 18, 2021, starting at 5:00 pm)**
  - Or, \*Motion to adjourn if budget is approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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Mike Kreger, President

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

## Rainier Economic Development Council

**Adopting Biennial Budget FY 2023/25** )  
**Making Appropriations** )  
**Declaring Property Tax Levies** )  
**Categorizing Taxes** )

**Resolution #110**

Whereas, on May 8, 2023, the Rainier Economic Development Council (REDCO) has had its budget committee review the proposed biennial budget for fiscal years 2023-25, and

Whereas, the biennial budget approved by the budget committee was presented for Public Hearing on June 5, 2023; and

Whereas, the public was allowed to make comment on REDCO's programs and services; now therefore,

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board for REDCO hereby adopts the biennial budget for fiscal years 2023-25 in the total of \$1,249,711 said budget now on file at the REDCO office in City Hall, Rainier, Oregon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be appropriated as follows:

**General Fund:**

Operations \$35,000

Not Allocated to a Program:

Contingency \$5,900

**TOTAL General Fund Appropriations \$40,900**

**Debt Service Fund:**

Interest \$91,100

Principal \$459,000

**TOTAL Debt Fund Appropriations \$550,100**

**TOTAL Appropriations-All Funds: \$591,000**

**TOTAL Unappropriated Amounts-All Funds \$658,711**

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET 2023-25 \$1,249,711**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the REDCO Board of Directors certifies to the County Assessor a request for the maximum amount that may be raised through the division of taxes under Section 1c. Article IX of the Oregon Constitution and ORS Chapter 457 for tax years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

The above resolution statements are approved unanimously and declared adopted on this 5th day of June, 2023.

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Mike Kreger, President

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Robert duPlessis, Secretary/Treasurer

**Rainier Economic Development Council**

**RESOLUTION LOWERING ANNUAL PAYMENTS  
TO THE CITY OF RAINIER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
SUPPORT**

**RESOLUTION #111**

**WHEREAS**, the Rainier Economic Development Council has been making payments of \$600 per month to the City of Rainier for administrative support; and

**WHEREAS**, the REDCO board and city staff have determined that amount of expense to be unnecessary for the limited amount of support that is currently required; and

**WHEREAS**, such a significant policy change needs to be made officially;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that starting July 1, 2023, REDCO will change its payments to the City of Rainier from \$600 per month to \$2200 per fiscal year.

Passed and approved this 5th day of June, 2023.

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Chairperson

ATTESTED:

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Secretary