

# **Rome-Floyd County Development Authority**

**800 Broad Street, Suite 102**

**Rome, GA 30161**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 10:00 AM**

## **Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jimmy Byars	Wright Bagby
John Cothran	Sundai Stevenson
Kenna Stock	Doc Kibler
Lowry May (Zoom)	William Richardson, Attorney
Missy Kendrick, President	

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Meredith Ulmer (City of Rome), Jamie McCord, (Floyd County), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), John Bailey (RNT).

### **CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE**

William Richardson certified the meeting notice and that a quorum was present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes for the June 21, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Sundai Stevenson made the motion to approve the minutes and Wright Bagby seconded. Stevenson, Bagby, Byars, Cothran, Kibler and Stock voted in favor.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- A. June 2022 – Doc Kibler gave the financial report noting the \$3 million increase in total assets from July 2021. Doc referred to the P&L and noted that everything looks consistent with the year before. Doc Kibler made the motion to approve the financials and John Cothran seconded. Kibler, Cothran, Stevenson, Bagby, Byars and Stock voted in favor.

### **ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT**

#### **A. NW Georgia Regional Hospital Property**

- 1. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant – Missy Kendrick explained that the ARC funds are available now and the authority does not have to wait until October to spend them.

#### **B. Enterprise Corner**

- 1. Management Contract – The management contract covers the lease period for the Imagine Music Festival, pending attorney approval. The management contract needs to be approved prior to the lease with Imagine organizers. Wright Bagby made a motion to approve the contract pending attorney review and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Bagby, Stevenson, Byars, Cothran, Kibler and Stock voted in favor
- 2. Imagine Music Festival – Missy reminded the board that they discussed the \$5,500 lease at the last meeting and attorneys are reviewing the contract. Kibler made a motion to approve the contract pending attorney approval and Stock seconded. Kibler, Stock, Bagby, Byars, Cothran and Stevenson voted in favor.

#### **C. North Floyd Industrial Park**

- 1. Wetlands Delineation – Missy explained that Seckman is requesting proposals and has received two to date. The delineation will determine the amount of usable acreage.
- 2. Grant to Cross Pipelines and Extend Prosperity Way. – Missy explained the authority is looking for grants to help fund the extension of Prosperity Way over the gas pipelines.

- D. **Project Wheat** – Missy explained the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Kellogg for the additional 32 acres of RFCDA property located behind their facility, and attorneys are reviewing the document. The 32-acre tract does not need to be subdivided because the “land-locked parcel”

to the southwest is already classified as a remnant. She explained that the state has increased the wage requirement to \$15.05 per hour to receive state incentives and that the development authority has followed that lead.

- E. **Cell Tower Lease** – Missy said she has submitted a proposal to American Tower and is waiting for their response.
- F. **Billboard Request** – Missy said a billboard company wants to place billboards on two parcels owned by the development authority. After further discussion, the board decided to not pursue the requests.
- G. **Marketing and EV Report** – Heather Seckman said they are still forming the E-Mobility Task Force to promote Rome and Floyd County as taking the lead on electrification of vehicles.
- H. **Redevelopment Report** – Mary Grace Davis mentioned that she met with the planning department and discussed potential avenues of funding for the Celanese industrial area. She mentioned that the RFCDA could pursue Appalachian Regional Commission Grants and EPA brownfield grants for the planning and redevelopment of the site.
- I. **Ribbon Cutting** – VT Industries – July 19, 2022, at 11:30 AM
- J. **Tour of GNTC Aviation School** – July 27, 2022, at 2:00 PM
- K. **Intergovernmental Agreement** – Missy said the Development Authority of Floyd County reviewed the agreement and added a termination clause.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to go into executive session and John Cothran seconded. Stevenson, Cothran, Bagby, Byars, Kibler and Stock voted in favor. Doc Kibler made a motion to come out of executive session and Kenna Stock seconded. Kibler, Stock, Bagby, Byars, Stevenson and Cothran voted in favor. No action was taken.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no other business before the authority, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jimmy Byars, Chairman