

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars JJ Johnson
Allison Watters Nat Massey
Andy Davis, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Tony Ferguson (Georgia Power), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), John Bailey (RNT), David Crowder (WRGA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Tom Couch (Retired Citizen)

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

Andy Davis certified the meeting notice and that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2023 MEETINGS

The minutes for the March 11, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Nat Massey made the motion to approve the minutes and Allison Watters seconded. Massey, Watters, Johnson, and Byars voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Missy Kendrick presented the financial report in lieu of Doc Kibler's absence. There was a \$1,000,000 transfer from a Synovus Money Market Account to a Truist Investment Account. The March balance sheet total is \$15,267,089.02 and the Net Loss is \$-2,943.02. Missy said the audit approval will be next month. After some discussion, Nat Massey made a motion to approve the financials and JJ Johnson seconded. Massey, Johnson, Watters and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. Pirelli Site Visit – April 11, 2023 – Missy Kendrick said the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Pat Wilson, toured Pirelli with some local representatives. Pirelli described their commitment to sustainability and their Forest Stewardship Council designation.
- B. Rocky Mt. Hydroelectric Plant –Missy explained the tour is June 14, 2023 at 10:00 and the board has received an invitation.
- C. Enterprise Corner – GRAD Certification – Missy Kendrick explained that the development authority is pursuing GRAD Certification for Enterprise Corner because the state shows favorability to GRAD sites. The designation confirms that the site is clean of any pollutants, historic structures, or endangered species and is ready for development.
- D. Battey Business Complex
 - 1. GovDeals.com – JR Davis explained that several items have sold for more than anticipated. A boiler sold for \$5,600 and shelves sold for \$2,100. Davis is going to place more items for sale on the website.
 - 2. EPA and HUD Grants – Environmental assessment work is happening now on asbestos and lead-based paint and then ground-penetrating radar will be performed next. Once assessment is

complete, then the HUD Grant funds can be used for demolition which is a reimbursement process.

- E. Grant Writer/Administrator Job Posted – Missy explained she will be submitting an RFP for a grant administrator.
- F. Verizon Tower Lease – Missy explained the current leases on the cell tower on Turkey Mountain Road will expire in 2026 so she is negotiating a new lease on the tower in the North Floyd Industrial Rail Site.
- G. Extension of Prosperity Way – Missy explained that the extension of Prosperity Way over the gas lines will make the parcel more marketable for prospects because they view the gas lines as an obstacle to development. Once the road is extended, it may be possible to access even more of the property than just the 52-acre tract.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business before the authority, Jimmy Byars asked for a motion to adjourn. JJ Johnson made a motion to adjourn, and Allison Waters seconded. Johnson, Watters, Byars and Massey voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary