

**Rome-Floyd County Development Authority**  
**800 Broad Street, Suite 102**  
**Rome, GA 30161**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 9:00 AM**

**Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jimmy Byars JJ Johnson  
Allison Watters Nat Massey  
Doc Kibler  
William Richardson, Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lowery May (via Zoom), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Ron Conley (Forta Group), Tony Ferguson (Georgia Power), John Bailey (RNT), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Barbara Reeves (Fairfield Inn), John Reeves (Kleinfelder), Brett Miller (Kleinfelder)

**CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2023 MEETINGS**

The minutes for the August 15, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Doc Kibler made the motion to approve the minutes and JJ Johnson seconded. Kibler, Johnson, Byars, Watters and Massey voted in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial comparison reports as of August 2023 with a net income of \$461,654.38 and a balance sheet total of \$15,602,738.96. After some discussion, Doc Kibler's report came as a motion to approve the financials and Allison Watters seconded. Kibler, Watters, Johnson, Massey and Byars voted in favor.

**ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT**

- A. Rome Floyd Transportation/Freight Study – Missy explained that the Development Authority participated in this study since transportation was identified as a target initiative during the Strategic Planning Session earlier in the year.
- B. Governors Reception – Governor Kemp is hosting a “Decade of Excellence” Reception on October 3, 2023 and Missy will be attending.
- C. Joint Study Committee on Tax Credits – Missy explained that the State of Georgia House and Senate Joint Tax Credit Review Panel came to Rome to discuss incentives for new companies coming to Georgia. The purpose of the meeting is to gauge the effectiveness of incentives in luring companies. The next meeting will be in Athens to discuss film tax credits.
- D. Housing Study – Missy said a proposal is not complete for a housing study recommendation.
- E. Appreciation Events – Missy explained that the development authority hosted an appreciation event for local manufacturers and another event for Rome and Floyd County department heads for their commitment to Rome and Floyd County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

JJ Johnson made a motion to go into executive session and Nat Massey seconded. Johnson, Massey, Byars, Watters and Kibler voted in favor. Allison Watters made a motion to come out of executive session and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, Kibler, Johnson and Byars voted in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no other business before the Authority the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Missy Kendrick, Secretary