Rome Floyd County Development Authority

800 Broad Street, Suite 102 Rome, GA 30161

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: JJ Johnson Allison Watters

Nat Massey Lowery May
Doc Kibler Sundai Stevenson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Byars (Via Zoom), Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County Manager), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Lisa Smith (CVB), Ann Hortman (CVB), Heidi Popham (GNTC), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Tom Couch (Citizen), Adam Carey (RNT)

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Lowery May asked for a motion to remove agenda items VI and X from the agenda. Doc Kibler made a motion and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Kibler, Stevenson, Watters, May, Johnson and Massey voted in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. October 17, 2023
- B. October 30, 2023 Special Called Meeting

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the two previous meetings and Allison Watters seconded. Stevenson, Watters, May, Kibler, Johnson and Massey voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doc Kibler presented the financial report as of October 31, 2023 with a net income of \$849,154.80 and a balance sheet total of \$16,454,121.78. Doc Kibler's report comes as a motion and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Kibler, Stevenson, Watters, May, Johnson and Massey voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- **A.** Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) WINGS Grant Dr. Heidi Popham thanked the members for their support of the college's federal grant request for \$5,700,000 for the Workforce Innovation for Next Generation Success (WINGS). Dr. Popham explained that GNTC covers nine counties in Northwest Georgia and is applying for the grant along with several other technical colleges.
- **B.** Rome Film Commission Lisa Smith and Ann Hortman, with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, presented on the newly-established Rome Film Commission. Rome was one of the first "Camera Ready" Communities in the state of Georgia and has hosted numerous film projects through the years. They played a 'Sizzle Reel' marketing piece to the board. Lisa explained the new commission is creating a board of directors, working on by-laws, and setting meeting dates for 2024. The purpose of the Rome Film Commission is to quantify the effects of filming in Rome and Floyd County and to identify incentives that

could attract film makers to the area. Missy also mentioned the long-term effect of giving local students the opportunity to go into this field as a career.

- C. Battey Business Complex
 - 1. EPA Cleanup Grant Application Submitted Missy explained the EPA Cleanup Grant was submitted on November 13th requesting \$2,000,000.
 - **2.** Project Element/Project Whiskey Missy said the survey has revealed a sewer line on the property that will need to be located.
- **D.** SPLOST Missy explained that Economic Development will receive \$10,000,000 for the purchase of land from the SPLOST referendum.

F&P GEORGIA

Andy explained that the board approved the industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$22 million in the October meeting. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the bond resolution and any and all documents associated with the issuance of the bonds and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Watters, Stevenson, May, Johnson and Kibler voted in favor. Nat Massey abstained from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

JJ Johnson made a motion to go into executive session and Allison Watters seconded. Johnson, Watters, Kibler, May, Stevenson, and Massey voted in favor.

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to come out of executive session and Allison Watters seconded. Stevenson, Watters, Massey, May, Johnson, and Kibler voted in favor.

PROJECT CASH

Missy explained that Synthica Energy is increasing their capital investment and number of jobs created and therefore qualifies for a 5-year PILOT with a 20% phased-in abatement schedule. Sundai Stevenson made a motion to approve the Inducement Resolution and the Bond Resolution and any and all documents associated with the issuance of the bonds and Allison Watters seconded. Stevenson, Watters, May, Kibler, Johnson, and Massey voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business before the Authority, Doc Kibler made a motion to adjourn, and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Kibler, Stevenson, May, Watters, Johnson, and Massey voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,	
Missy Kendrick, Secretary	