

**Rome Floyd County Development Authority**  
**800 Broad Street, Suite 102**  
**Rome, GA 30161**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

**Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jimmy Byars JJ Johnson  
Allison Watters Nat Massey  
Lowery May Doc Kibler  
Sundai Stevenson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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), Michelle Phillips (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Barbara Reeves (Fairfield Inn), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC)

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

- A. Introduction – Jimmy Byars called the meeting to order. Missy Kendrick introduced Michelle Phillips who will be working at the RFCDA. Byars also explained that Dr. Heath Hooper, Dean of the Ledbetter School of Business at Shorter University, will be coming onto the Development Authority board in January.

**CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE**

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

**MEETING TIMES FOR 2024**

Jimmy Byars opened the floor for discussion on meeting times for 2024. After some discussion, the board agreed on meeting at 9:00AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month during 2024.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. November 21, 2023

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting and Doc Kibler seconded. Stevenson, Kibler, Watters, May, Byars, Johnson and Massey voted in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial report for November 30, 2023 with a net income of \$-534,167.30 and a balance sheet total of \$15,919,722.67. Doc Kibler's report comes as a motion and Lowery May seconded. Kibler, May, Stevenson, Watters, Byars, Johnson and Massey voted in favor.
- B. Budget 2024 – Doc presented proposed budget for 2024 and Missy reviewed the changes from 2023. Missy Kendrick explained that the 2024 Budget will be finalized for a vote in January 2024.

**ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT**

- A. Annual Report – Missy Kendrick reviewed the 2023 Annual Report highlighting the prospect activity resulting in increased capital investments and jobs, various marketing events and accomplishments.

- B. Marketing Trip To Korea – Missy Kendrick explained she will joining the Southern Economic Development Council in March 2024 for an FDI trip to Seoul, South Korea.
- C. Strategic Planning – 2025 – Missy explained that the executive committee discussed having the Strategic Planning sessions every other year, making the next planning session in 2025. The members approved.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Missy explained that the election of new officers would take place on January 16, 2024 at 9:00AM (new meeting time for 2024).

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Jimmy Byars presented a plaque to outgoing board members JJ Johnson and Mayor Sundai Stevenson.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### A. Litigation

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

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to come out of executive session and Lowery May seconded. Stevenson, May, Watters, Massey, Byars, Johnson, and Kibler 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