

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jimmy Byars	Doc Kibler
	Allison Watters	Nat Massey
	Craig McDaniel	Heath Hooper

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), Adam Carey (Rome News Tribune), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Andy Lowe (Transfr)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- A. Introduction – Jimmy Byars called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. January 16, 2024
Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on January 16, 2024, for approval. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Massey, Byars, Hooper and Kibler voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial report for January 2024 with a net income of \$-2,733.19 and a balance sheet total of \$15,903,014.69. Doc Kibler’s report come as a motion and Nat Massey seconded. Kibler, Massey, Byars, Watters, McDaniel and Hooper voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. FAM Tour– Missy Kendrick noted the date of the 2024 FAM Tour was rescheduled for March 22, 2024, and said to please RSVP if the members have not yet done so.
- B. Sewer Easement for the City of Rome – Missy explained that an active sewer line was located at the Battey Business Complex on a portion of the site to be sold but there is no easement. Missy explained the City of Rome, the State of Georgia and the RFCDA are working to get this resolved.
- C. SEDC – Interbattery Show – Missy explained that she will be joining a delegation to Seoul, South Korea in March in order to market Rome and Floyd County to electric vehicle battery suppliers.
- D. Community Presentation – Georgia Power Experience Center – Missy explained that she will be inviting the executive committee to attend on May 14, 2024. State project managers will be in attendance to learn of the numerous industrial sites in Rome and Floyd County.
- E. Joint Development Authority – Floyd, Bartow, Polk – Missy asked the members for their opinions on establishing another JDA with Bartow and Polk counties to address topics of mutual interest such as transportation, etc. Consensus was that another JDA could be advantageous.

F. Board Member Training – Heath Hooper, Nat Massey – Heath and Nat both described their training through UGA Carl Vinson Institute and the Cities United Summit, respectively.

G. Activity/Project Update – Missy gave an update on all the activity of the RFCDA staff including:

- Professional Associations
- Existing Industry Program
- Authority Activity
- PILOT Programs
- Grant Activity
- Projects
- Battey Business Complex
- Site Database
- Strategic Planning

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation

Craig McDaniel made a motion to go into Executive Session and Doc Kibler seconded. McDaniel, Kibler, Byars, Watters, Massey, and Hooper voted in favor.

Allison Watters made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, Byars, McDaniel, Kibler, and Hooper voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Doc Kibler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nat Massey seconded. Kibler, Massey, Byars, Watters, McDaniel and Hooper voted in favor. There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary