

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars Doc Kibler
Allison Watters Lowery May
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), John Bailey (Rome News Tribune), Jeff Petrea (Georgia Power Company), Barbara Reeves (Fairfield Inn & Suites), Lori Dowdy (GDEcD)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. February 20, 2024
Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on February 20, 2024 for approval. Heath Hooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Craig McDaniel seconded. Hooper, McDaniel, May, Byars, Watters and Kibler voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial report for February 2024 with a net income of \$-17,026.63 and a balance sheet total of \$15,890,411.93. Doc Kibler’s report came as a motion and Allison Watters seconded. Kibler, Watters, Byars, May, McDaniel and Hooper voted in favor.
- B. 2023 Audit – Missy Kendrick explained that the audit is in process and the final report should be ready by April or May’s board meeting.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. FAM Tour– Missy Kendrick noted the date of the 2024 FAM Tour is this Friday, March 22 and said we are at capacity for attendance.
- B. SEDC – Interbattery Show – Missy explained that she joined a delegation to Seoul, South Korea last week and met with electric vehicle battery suppliers to market Rome and Floyd County. Missy also met with executives from TYM and presented them with a Rome City flag and a book on Rome and Floyd County. While there, she also visited the American Embassy and the US Chamber of Commerce.
- C. Annual PILOT Review Meeting – Missy explained this annual meeting is for the tax commissioner, the tax assessor, the school board superintendent, City of Rome, Floyd County and the RFCDA to review the PILOT schedules on the books. This meeting is to provide accountability for both the community and the companies participating in the PILOT program. The 2024 meeting is scheduled for April 24th.
- 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 about the industrial sites and economic development in Rome and Floyd County.

- E. Joint Development Authority – Floyd, Bartow, Polk – Missy explained that Andy Davis is working on a resolution since the members unanimously agreed to pursue establishing another joint authority with Bartow and Polk Counties.
- F. Activity/Project Update
 - 1. Gordon Floyd JDA Update – Missy explained that Synthica Energy has purchased ten acres and PRS should close by the end of the month.
 - 2. Swami Compounding Rezoning – Swami’s property was zoned Light Industrial and their operations required rezoning to Heavy Industrial to comply with zoning requirements.
 - 3. North Floyd Industrial Park – Missy explained that the 24-acre tract on the east of Prosperity Way is being cleared by the International Union of Operating Engineers. They are having their employees train in operating the heavy machinery they are using to clear the trees, at no charge to the development authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation

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

Doc Kibler made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Heath Hooper seconded. Kibler, Hooper, Watters, Byars, McDaniel and May voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary