

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Carter , (Davis Lucas Carter), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), John Bailey (RNT), Lori Dowdy (GDEcD), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Tom Couch.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Jimmy Byars called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on June 18, 2024 for approval. Nat Massey made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Allison Watters seconded. Massey, Watters, McDaniel, Byars, and Hooper voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. June 2024 – Missy Kendrick presented the financial report for June 2024 with a Year-To-Date net income of \$-75,426.55 and a balance sheet total of \$15,341,742.73. Nat Massey made a motion to approve the June Financial Report and Allison Watters seconded. Massey, Watters, Hooper, McDaniel and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. ARC Grant – Missy explained that the grant has been closed and a \$50,000 check has been delivered to the City of Rome Water & Sewer Department to be applied to the engineering to run water and sewer to Enterprise Corner.
- B. Battey Business Complex – Documentary – Missy explained that the Authority is applying for a \$6,000 grant to fund a documentary of the former Northwest Regional Hospital.
- C. American Tower – Lease Renewal Approved – Missy explained that the Development Authority of Floyd County approved the lease amendment and renewal at their July meeting and the cell tower lease professional is reviewing the lease. Missy said the lease income increases immediately upon effective date and not when the current lease expires.
- D. New Minimum Wage Rates for Incentives – Missy explained that the State of Georgia analyzes their incentives policy annually and the Minimum Hourly Wage for Incentives has increased from \$15.95 per hour to \$17.15 per hour. The Rome Floyd County Development Authority will also reflect that amount on our incentives policy.

- E. C-Pace Legislation – Missy explained the legislation passed during this last legislative session and allows companies to secure lower interest rates on investments related to energy efficiency improvements.
- F. Georgia’s Rome Film Alliance Workshop – Missy explained that the Alliance received its 501c3 Non-Profit status and the workshop on October 24 at the Forum is for anybody interested in the film industry.
- G. G.R.A.D. – Missy said the Authority is still working on the GRAD Certification process and pursuing the designation for Enterprise Corner. Missy said the goal is to have it certified by GEDA’s Annual Meeting in September but will depend on others providing reports on time.
- H. Rezoning – Speedway Site – Missy said the rezoning for the Speedway Site is on August 1 at 2:30 PM. The rezoning would be to Heavy Industrial so the Authority can market the property for the Swims family.
- I. Strategic Planning – Missy said the Strategic Planning Session will be in January 2025 which will be a remote meeting in Waynesboro, Georgia followed by a tour of Plant Vogtle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary