

Rome Floyd County Development Authority

800 Broad Street, Suite 102

Rome, GA 30161

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis, (Davis Lucas Carter), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Michelle Phillips (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Heath Perry, Dave Thompson, Pat Allen, Rachel Hartdegen (RNT), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Harry Pierce (GDEcD).

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 July 16, 2024 for approval. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Massey, Byars and May voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. July 2024 – Missy Kendrick presented the financial report for July 2024 with a Year-To-Date net income of \$-91,380.64 and a balance sheet total of \$15,251,888.48. Nat Massey made a motion to approve the July Financial Report and Craig McDaniel seconded. Massey, McDaniel, Watters, May and Byars voted in favor.

Heath Hooper joined the meeting.

AT-LARGE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Jimmy Byars explained that Lowery May's term ends in 2024. Allison Watters nominated Lowery May to another 3-year term and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Massey and Hooper voted in favor since only the Constitutional officers voted.

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Jimmy Byars said that the officers need to be appointed for 2025:

1. Jimmy Byars – Chairman
2. Lowery May – Vice Chairman
3. Doc Kibler – Treasurer
4. Missy Kendrick – President/CEO – Secretary

Allison Watters made a motion to nominate the slate of officers for 2025 as presented and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Massey, May, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

A. Battey Business Complex

1. Documentary – Michelle Phillips said the authority was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Rome Area Heritage Foundation to film the documentary at Battey Business Complex and looking for more resources to match those funds.

2. Camera Installation – JR Davis explained that he has installed 2 cameras and will be installing 2 more to add security to the property.
 3. Sewer Relocation and Right of Way – Missy explained that Battey Business Complex has a sewer line and a service line bisecting a portion of the property that is to be purchased by VTI and that the cost for moving the lines is over \$64,000. Through discussions with the Georgia Department of Public Health, they are willing to pay 75% of the cost or a total of \$48,162.00. VTI and the RFCDA will split the remaining balance. The City of Rome Public Works Department will perform in-kind work in relocating the sewer lines. Nat Massey made a motion to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the GDPH and the RFCDA and Allison Watters seconded. Massey, Watters, May, McDaniel, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.
 4. Grant Updates – The Requests For Proposals for the Clean Up Grant administration will begin soon.
- B. C-Pace Legislation – Missy explained that the C-Pace legislation is another tool for developers to qualify for low-interest loans to finance projects that conserve energy. Missy said she is working with other groups who are participating in this new legislation and that each county in the state has to vote on it. The savings are realized in their interest rate and payments are collected by the county's tax commissioner.
 - C. Georgia's Rome Film Alliance Workshop – Missy explained that the Georgia's Rome Film Alliance Workshop is scheduled for October 24, 2024 at 9:00AM at the Forum River Center.
 - D. GRAD – Heather said they are working on the GRAD Certification process for Enterprise Corner to make it more marketable for industrial prospects.
 - E. Rezoning – Speedway Site - Missy explained that Floyd County will vote on the rezoning of 141 acres on Highway 411 at their meeting tonight.
 - F. Joint Development Authority Update – Missy explained that she has been in communication with Polk and Bartow Counties on forming a joint authority and that Andy Davis is working on the joint resolution.
 - G. Strategic Planning – Missy said the Strategic Planning Session will be January 9-10, 2025 which will be a remote meeting in Augusta, Georgia followed by a tour of Plant Vogtle the following day. She encouraged the members to confirm their attendance soon.
 - H. American Tower Lease Update – Missy said they are still working with them on an agreement.
 - I. Prospect Activity – Missy said the authority has had 101 projects this year to date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary