

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars JJ Johnson
Allison Watters Nat Massey
Doc Kibler Lowery May
Lee Carter, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Tony Ferguson (Georgia Power), John Bailey (RNT), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Tamara Brock (Georgia Power), Norma Robredo

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

Lee Carter certified the meeting notice and that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2023 MEETINGS

The minutes for the July 17, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. JJ Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes and Allison Watters seconded. Johnson, Watters, Byars, Kibler, and Massey voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial comparison reports as of July 2023 with a net income of \$-4,403.30 and a balance sheet total of \$15,134,214.90. After some discussion, Doc Kibler's report came as a motion to approve the financials and Nat Massey seconded. Kibler, Massey, Johnson, Watters and Byars voted in favor.

Lowery May joined the meeting.

BOARD/OFFICER ELECTION

Jimmy Byars explained that according to the bylaws, the three At-Large members have rotating terms and that Doc Kibler's term expires at the end of 2023. Jimmy said the four constitutional officers are responsible for appointing or reappointing board members. Jimmy then opened the discussion for those board members. would like to reinstate Doc Kibler for another 3-year term. Allison Watters made a motion to approve Doc Kibler serving another 3-year term and Nat Massey seconded. The three constitutional officers present voted in favor; which were, Watters, Massey and Johnson. Jimmy explained the officer elections will take place in January at the Annual Meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Jimmy Byars disclosed potential conflict of interest. An agent at Hardy Realty is helping Missy purchase a house. This doesn't involve authority business, but Hardy would receive a small portion of the commission. Counsel has reviewed and there is not a technical conflict, but advised that a motion to waive potential conflict out of an abundance of caution would be prudent. Doc Kibler made a motion to approve and Lowery May seconded. Kibler, May, Johnson, Massey and Watters voted in favor. Jimmy Byars abstained.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. Rome Floyd Transportation/Freight Study – Missy explained that the development authority will be participating in this study since transportation was identified as a target initiative during the Strategic Planning Session earlier in the year. The Freight Study is scheduled for Thursday, August 31 at 2:00.
- B. EPA Assessment Grant Community Engagement – Missy Kendrick described the EPA Assessment Grant Community Engagement on July 26 and 22 people attended in person and 6 by Zoom.
- C. Housing Study – Missy explained the cost for the final bid may be different than originally discussed.
- D. HUD CPF Grant Administrator – Missy explained she received 5 bids for a HUD Grant Administrator and had 5 people review the bids. All bid reviewers recommended Allen-Smith Consulting. The grant is for mitigation and demolition of some of the structures and the consultant would administer the grant. Lowery May made a motion to accept Allen-Smith Consulting and JJ Johnson seconded. May, Johnson, Massey, Byars, Watters and Kibler voted in favor.
- E. Project Tango – Missy said the property on Redmond Circle has closed.
- F. Appreciation Events – Missy explained that the development authority is hosting three upcoming events and the members will be receiving invitations. The events are two Rome Braves games in the Georgia Power Suite and a department head lunch.

D&O LIABILITY POLICY

Jimmy explained that the D&O Liability policy is in place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lowery May made a motion to adjourn, and Nat Massey seconded. May, Massey, Byars, Kibler, Johnson and Byars voted in favor. There being no other business before the authority the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary