

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars Heath Hooper
Allison Watters Nat Massey
Lowery May Doc Kibler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis, (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), Michelle Phillips (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), John Bailey (RNT), Evie McNiece (RFC), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jimmy Byars presented a plaque to outgoing board members Nat Massey and Dr. Heath Hooper.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on November 19, 2024 for approval. Heath Hooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Nat Massey seconded. Hooper, Massey, May, Kibler, Byars and Watters voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. November 2024 – Doc Kibler presented the financial report for November 2024 with a net income of \$-29,342.37 and a balance sheet total of \$5,451,764.66. Doc Kibler’s report came as a motion and Allison Watters seconded. Kibler, Watters, Hooper, Massey, May and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

A. Battey Business Complex

1. Cleanup Grant – HUD Joint RFP – Missy explained that the authority is collaborating with the administrators of the HUD and Cleanup Grants to develop a joint RFP to be completed by 1st Quarter 2025.
2. Project Whiskey Updates – Missy explained that the Purchase and Sale Agreement is nearing completion.

- B. Floyd Bartow Polk JDA Resolution – Missy explained the resolution for the creation of the Floyd Bartow Polk JDA was approved by Polk County in October and will be voted on in Bartow County during their meeting tomorrow. The resolution will focus on the Hwy 113, Hwy 278 and Hwy 411 corridors. Doc Kibler made a motion to approve the creation of the JDA for Floyd County and Lowery May seconded. Kibler, May, Massey, Watters, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.
- C. O’Neill Property – Missy said there was no new information to report on the State’s lien on the property and that hopefully the authority will be able to acquire the property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lowery made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate and Allison Watters seconded. Lowery, Watters, Kibler, Hooper, Massey and Byars voted in favor. Allison Watters made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, Kibler, Hooper, May and Byars voted in favor.

PROJECT SASSY LOI/OPTION

Missy explained that the representatives of the Revocable Living Trust of Darryll Edward Williams would like to purchase a 15-acre tract of land owned by the Rome Floyd County Development Authority for \$60,000 per acre. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the two-year option on the property for \$60,000 per acre and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, May, Kibler, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.

PROJECT GRACIE OPTION

Missy explained that the representatives of the Revocable Living Trust of Darryll Edward Williams would like to purchase 114 acres north of the Coosa High School campus for a datacenter. The Rome Floyd County Development Authority will function as a conduit for the sale of the property. The Board of Education has approved the option. Nat Massey made a motion to approve a two-year option on the 114 acres from the Floyd County Board of Education to the RFCDA for \$40,000 per acre and Allison Watters seconded. Massey, Watters, Hooper, May, Kibler and Byars voted in favor.

Missy said that now that the option has been approved, the RFCDA wants to assign the option to the Revocable Trust of Darrell Edward Williams with two restrictions:

1. The site can only be used as a data center.
2. The option is non-transferable.

Allison Watters made a motion to assign the option to the Revocable Trust of Darryll Edward Williams with the two restrictions and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, May, Hooper, Kibler and Byars voted in favor.

JANUARY MEETING LOCATION

Jimmy Byars said the January meeting of the RFCDA will be January 9, 2025 at the Partridge Inn in Augusta, GA.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Doc Kibler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nat Massey seconded. Kibler, Massey, May, Watters, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary