Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Jimmy Byars, Evie McNiece, Ryan Miller, Jim Bojo

OTHERS PRESENT:
Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Adam Carey (Rome News Tribune), David Crowder (WRGA News), Lori Dowdy (Georgia Department of Economic Development), Elizabeth Scott (Technical College System of Georgia)

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jimmy Byars called the July meeting to order.

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE AND QUORUM
Andy Davis confirmed that a quorum was present and the media was notified.

Andy Davis noted that the Board will need to amend the agenda and add Elevated Steel as an item for discussion beneath New Business. Jim Bojo made a motion to amend the agenda and Evie McNiece seconded. Bojo, McNiece, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from June 23, 2026, meeting for approval. Evie McNiece made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Jim Bojo seconded. McNiece, Bojo, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT
A. June 2026 – Evie McNiece gave the financial report for June 2026 with a net income of -$25,145.40 and balance sheet total of $17,829,411.57. Jim Bojo made a motion to accept the financial report and Ryan Miller seconded. Bojo, Miller, McNiece, and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT
A. New Projects – Mary Grace Selman reported that RFCDA has submitted information on two industrial sites for a project that came from Kasey Smith with Georgia EMC and he has forwarded that information along to the consultants.

SIGNATURE AUTHORITY AS SECRETARY

B. Jimmy Byars mentioned that the Board will need to appoint Mary Grace Selman as Secretary in Heather Seckman's absence. Evie McNiece made a motion to appoint Mary Grace as secretary and Jim Bojo seconded. McNiece, Bojo, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.

C. Andy Davis mentioned that the Board will need to ratify Mary Grace's signature as Secretary on some documents that she has signed. Jim Bojo made a motion to ratify Mary Grace's signature as secretary and Evie McNiece seconded the motion. McNiece, Bojo, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EPA Assessment Grant – $500,000 Awarded – Mary Grace reported that RFCDA received another assessment grant and will use the funds to assess the former O'Neill Manufacturing property along with another site across from Rome High School that was formerly a landfill.
B. Request for Reimbursement for Tree Trimming – Ira Levy sent the RFCDA an invoice for tree trimming in the amount of $6,000. Jamie McCord mentioned that he spoke with Ira and came to an agreement that RFCDA will pay Ira Levy $3,000. A vote to pay Ira Levy was tabled until the next Board meeting Due to Jimmy Byars need to recuse himself from a vote.
C. Compensation for the Chason Group – Jimmy explained that the Chason Group has continued its search for a new President for RFCDA under their old contract and recommended that the RFCDA pay Chason Group $10,000 for their continued efforts. Jim Bojo made a motion to compensate the Chason Group and Evie McNiece seconded. Bojo, McNiece, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.
D. Chamber Reimbursement for GA DOT visit – Jimmy explained that Spencer agreed to help support the Chamber when they hosted the Georgia Department of Transportation Board visit. The vote to pay the Rome Floyd Chamber $2,500 was tabled until the next board meeting due to Evie McNiece recusing herself from the vote.
E. Elevated Steel – (Added to the agenda due to recommendation from Andy Davis earlier in the meeting) – Andy Davis explained that the closing date has been extended to July 27th and the company will use an LLC named CKBKL Properties, LLC to purchase the property in the North Floyd Industrial Park. Andy explains that he needs a motion to ratify the 2nd Amendment to Commercial Sales Agreement to extend the closing date from July 20 to July 27, 2026, and to approve the assignment of the contract and accept the buyer's limited liability company for the property changing the purchaser from Elevated Steel to CKBKL Properties, LLC, and to authorize Jimmy Byars to sign any and all documents necessary for the closing of the real estate transaction. Ryan Miller made a motion to ratify the extension and approve the assignment and Jim Bojo seconded. Miller, Bojo, Byars, and McNiece voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The development authority went into executive session to discuss litigation, real estate, and personnel. Jim Bojo made a motion to go into executive session and Evie McNiece seconded. Bojo, McNiece, Miller, and Byars voted in favor. Jim Bojo made a motion to come out of executive session and Evie McNiece seconded. Kibler, May, Miller, McNiece, Bojo, and Byars voted in favor.

No vote was taken in executive session.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jimmy Byars (Chairman)