

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority

800 Broad Street, Suite 102

Rome, GA 30161

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Byars	John Cothran
Kenna Stock	Doc Kibler
Sundai Stevenson	Wright Bagby
Andy Davis, Attorney	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Nat Massey (F&P Georgia), Doug Walker (City of Rome), David Crowder (Rome News Tribune), Pam Powers-Smith (Rome Floyd Chamber), Alex Williams (Rome Floyd Chamber).

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

Andy Davis certified the meeting notice and that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes for the November 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Wright Bagby made the motion to approve the minutes and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Bagby, Stevenson, Stock, Byars, Cothran and Kibler voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Doc Kibler presented the financial comparison reports which included a November 30, 2022 net income of \$-46,887.80 and a balance sheet total of \$16,458,461.86. After some discussion, Doc made a motion to approve the financials and Kenna Stock seconded. Kibler, Stock, Byars, Stevenson, Bagby and Cothran voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

A. NW Georgia Regional Hospital Property

1. Assessment Grant Bid– Missy Kendrick explained that she has submitted another RFP for a grant administration consultant and then will move forward with the assessment stage. Missy also mentioned the \$5,120,000 request in appropriations is before Congress for their approval.

B. Enterprise Corner

1. Rezoning - Missy explained the property is now rezoned to heavy industrial.

- C. **Kellogg/Keebler Closing** – Missy Kendrick explained that the closing for Kellogg is almost complete. They plan to purchase approximately 32 acres of RFCDA-controlled land to build a warehouse and expand their operations. Andy Davis asked for a motion to ratify the approval resolution and closing documents. Sundai Stevenson made a motion and Kenna Stock seconded. Stevenson, Stock, Cothran, Byars, Kibler and Bagby voted in favor.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jimmy encouraged everyone to attend the Strategic Planning session on January 27, 2023 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. and that the January board meeting will occur during the planning session. Jimmy recognized the outgoing board members, including John Cothran, Kenna Stock and Wright Bagby. Mr. Bagby took a few minutes to remind the board of the success of the past three years from the beginning of the new model in 2019 to where the Authority is at the end of 2022.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Alex Williams, Director of Workforce with the Rome Floyd Chamber, gave a presentation on their plans for developing the pipeline for the future workforce. Alex explained some of their involvement with the college and career academies, the local colleges and universities and existing industries. Alex said parental education is also a component of workforce efforts. The Chamber has recently launched the RomeIS website as a marketing tool and will be rolling out another new website in partnership with Georgia Power Company tailored to students, parents and educators.

MARKETING REPORT

Heather Seckman gave a brief update on some of the active projects including capital investment, job creation and sites being submitted. Heather also reported that Floyd County issued a proclamation congratulating Pirelli Tire North America for their 20 years in Floyd County, and that Missy and Jimmy attended the ribbon cutting for Hillman Group.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jimmy Byars asked for a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of real estate. John Cothran made a motion to go into executive session and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Cothran, Stevenson, Byars, Stock, Kibler and Bagby voted in favor. Wright Bagby made a motion to come out of executive session and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Bagby, Stevenson, Byars, Stock, Kibler and Cothran voted in favor. Mr. Byars reported that no action was taken during executive session.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary