

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority

800 Broad Street, Suite 102

Rome, GA 30161

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Byars

John Cothran

Kenna Stock

Missy Kendrick, President

Wright Bagby

Sundai Stevenson

Doc Kibler

William Richardson, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), Barbara Reeves (Courtyard by Marriott), John Reeves, Ballard Betz (Lewis Chemical Company), Kelly Hudson (Hydro Dynamics), Doug Mancosky (Hydro Dynamics), Kay Ann Wetherington, (Rome Superior Court), Cassandra Wheeler (Georgia Power Company), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC) and John Bailey (RNT).

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Judge Kay Ann Wetherington administered the Oath of Office for Sundai Stevenson (Mayor of Rome) and Kenna Stock (Chairman of the Rome Floyd Chamber).

ANNUAL GLOBE/GRIT AWARD – HYDRO DYNAMICS, INC.

Missy Kendrick introduced Kelly Hudson and Doug Mancosky of Hydro Dynamics. The Georgia Department of Economic Development gave the GLOBE Award to Hydro Dynamics for increasing global trade for the State of Georgia along with the GRIT Award for winning the GLOBE Award over five times. Kelly Hudson explained that he started his company in 1979 with a low-interest loan. Kelly said that Doug Mancosky is the Vice President and ‘Chief Science Officer’ because Mancosky is the creative mind in the operation and very knowledgeable of the patent process. Doug explained that they now export to Africa making it the 6th continent where they export. He explained that one of their newest technologies is extracting more flavor out of hops, and in this case, for a rum distillery. Some of their technology is in the biogas industry and the food industry, to name a few.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes for the December 21, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were approved by a motion from Wright Bagby and John Cothran seconding. Bagby, Cothran, Byars, Kibler, Stevenson and Stock voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doc Kibler explained the financial report would be deferred to the February meeting.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

A. Activity Report

1. Gordon Floyd Joint Development Authority - Missy explained the Meer's property has been re-zoned to heavy industrial and the structures will be demolished.
2. Personnel Manual – Missy explained that she is working on the personnel manual for the authority and will have it ready for the audit.
3. Floyd County Tier Status – Missy explained that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has ranked Floyd County as a Tier 2 community from the former Tier 3 status. This new ranking gives Floyd County manufacturing employers a \$3,000 Job Tax Credit per job if they hire 10 or more employees.
4. Baxter Property – Missy explained the Baxter property is under contract and a Phase 1 Environmental Study shows the property is clean and a survey is next for the combined 24-acre parcel. Georgia Power Company will help with land development layouts.
5. Transportation – Missy explained that she will be meeting with Polk County Development Authority to discuss a mutually beneficial widening of Highway 101 (Rockmart Highway).

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for Friday, February 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Doc Kibler made a motion to go into executive session and Wright Bagby seconded. Kibler, Bagby, Cothran, Stock, Stevenson and Byars voted in favor. Sundai Stevenson made a motion to come out of executive session and Doc Kibler seconded. Stevenson, Kibler, Bagby, Stock, Cothran, and Byars voted in favor.

After personnel discussion during the Executive Session, Wright Bagby made a motion to authorize expenditures of up to \$150,000 in connection to the Northwest Regional Hospital for contracted services including personnel and remediation and Kenna Stock seconded. Bagby, Stock, Stevenson, Byars, Kibler and Cothran voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Doc Kibler, Secretary