

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars Doc Kibler
Allison Watters Nat Massey
Craig McDaniel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County Manager), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), Michelle Phillips (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), Adam Carey (Rome News Tribune), Tom Couch (Citizen)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- A. Introduction – Jimmy Byars called the meeting to order.

NEW MEMBER SWEAR-IN CONFIRMATION

- A. Andy Davis confirmed that Dr. Heath Hooper and Dr. Craig McDaniel were sworn in as new board members prior to this board meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Allison Watters made a motion to re-elect Jimmy Byars as Chairman, Lowery May as Vice Chair, and Doc Kibler as secretary. Nat Massey seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND RESOLUTION

- A. Andy Davis explained that the general conflict of interest policy for all board members and the Resolution related to Jimmy Byars were previously approved in 2023 and need to be approved for 2024. Craig McDaniel makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Allison Watters seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor. Nat Massey makes a motion to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Doc Kibler seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. December 19, 2023
Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on December 19, 2023, for approval. Allison Watters makes a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Nat Massey seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Doc Kibler presented the financial report for December 2023 with a net income of \$-20,261.49 and a balance sheet total of \$15,899,845.33. Doc Kibler’s report comes as a motion and Craig McDaniel seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.
- B. Budget 2024 – Doc presented the 2024 budget for approval. Craig McDaniel made a motion to approve the 2024 budget and Allison Watters seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. FAM Tour– Missy Kendrick notes the date of the 2024 FAM Tour is February 23, 2024, and said to please RSVP if the members have not yet done so.
- B. 2024 DCA Tier Status and Less Developed Census Tract Changes – Missy mentioned that the DCA Tier status did not change for 2024. She also noted that the only change to the Less Developed Census tracts is that we lost census tract 13.01 (area south of Technology Parkway).
- C. Sewer Easement for the City of Rome – Missy asked for this topic to be tabled until the next board meeting. Doc made a motion to remove this item from the agenda and discuss it later. Nat Massey seconded and Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation

Allison Watters made a motion to go into Executive Session and Craig McDaniel seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

Craig McDaniel made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Allison Watters seconded. Byars, Watters, McDaniel, Massey, and Kibler voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business before the Authority the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary