

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars
Allison Watters
Doc Kibler

Evie McNiece
Craig McDaniel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Spencer Hogg (RFCDA) Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), Adam Carey (RNT).

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting on August, 2025 for approval. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Evie McNiece seconded. Watters, McNiece, Byars, Kibler and McDaniel voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. August 2025 – Doc Kibler presented the financial report for August 2025 with a net income of \$12,696.10 and a balance sheet total of \$6,725,307.15. Kibler’s financial report came as a motion to approve, and Craig McDaniel seconded. Kibler, McDaniel, Watters, McNiece, and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. New Projects – Spencer Hogg said that there have been 12 new prospect inquiries since the last meeting and negotiating with existing industry expansion.
- B. Grants Update – Mary Grace presented the grant update stating that Celanese and the O'Neill properties will be considered on the application for a third Assessment grant. The Clean Up Grant and HUD grants for Battey Business Complex are on schedule and on budget. Demolition and remediation will go out for bid around January of 2026 with the goal for it to be complete by October 2026.
- C. Annual Member Training – January 20, 2026 – Spencer explained that following the January board meeting, Georgia Power will offer a 2-hour training course to fulfill development authority training requirements.

- D. Roam Around Rome – February 26-27, 2026 – Spencer explained that the development authority will host “*Roam Around Rome*” showcasing Rome and Floyd County to state project managers, representatives from the Transatlantic Business and Investment Council, Site Selection and Area Development publications.
- E. Marketing Update – Spencer explained that he is working to promote Rome and Floyd County’s positive economic environment to more and various entities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Allison Watters made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation and Real Estate and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, McNiece, Kibler, and Byars voted in favor. Evie McNiece made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Allison Watters seconded. McNiece, Watters, McDaniel, Kibler, and Byars voted in favor. No vote was taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Allison Watters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Evie McNiece seconded. Watters, McNiece, Kibler, McDaniel, and Byars voted a favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Jimmy Byars
Chairman

Spencer Hogg
President