

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Byars Evie McNiece
Allison Watters Craig McDaniel
Lowery May Ryan Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Carter (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Spencer Hogg (RFCDA) Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), JR Davis, (RFCDA), Adam Carey (RNT), Wayne Robinson (Rome City Commission), Eric Brunsen (Rome City Police Department), Elaina Beeman (Rome City Commission), Tom Couch, Members of the Public.

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 in September 2025 for approval. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Byars, May, Miller and McDaniel voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. September 2025 – Evie McNiece presented the financial report for September 2025 with a net income of -\$11,973.63 and a balance sheet total of \$6,884,019.73. Evie made a motion to approve the financial report, and Craig McDaniel seconded. McNeice, McDaniel, Watters, Miller, May and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. New Projects – Spencer Hogg said that there have been 17 new prospect inquiries since the last meeting and negotiating with existing industry expansion.
- B. Grants Update – Mary Grace presented the grant update stating demolition and remediation will go out for bid around January of 2026 with the goal for it to be complete by October 2026.
- C. 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.

- D. Marketing Update – Spencer explained that he is working to promote Rome and Floyd County’s positive economic environment to more and various entities.
- E. Website Update – Mary Grace said the website will go live on November 1, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Spencer Hogg explained that Georgia Power would like to enter into a short-term lease agreement on approximately three acres at the North Floyd Industrial Park. The lease would be for a 90-day period to be used as a laydown yard for electrical upgrades. Lowery May made a motion to approve the 90-day lease and Allison Watters seconded. May, Watters, Miller, McDaniel, McNeice and Byars voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Craig McDaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lowery May seconded. McDaniel, May, Miller, McNeice, Watters and Byars voted a favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Jimmy Byars
Chairman

Spencer Hogg
President