

**Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 8:45 AM**

Minutes

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Evie McNiece Rhonda Wallace
Jim Bojo Lowery May
Ryan Miller Doc Kibler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Byars (Hardy Realty), Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Spencer Hogg (RFCDA) Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Gene Richardson (Magistrate Judge), Lori Dowdy (GDEcD), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Adam Carey (RNT), Members of the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Andy Davis called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

SWEARING IN OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS

The Honorable Gene Richardson swore in the Constitutional Officials:

1. Jim Bojo – Rome City Mayor
2. Rhonda Wallace – Floyd County Commission Chair
3. Evie McNiece – Rome Floyd Chamber Chair
4. Ryan Miller – GREIA Chair

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to re-appoint Jimmy Byars to the RFCDA board for another term and Evie McNiece Seconded. Wallace, McNiece, Miller, Bojo, Byars, Kibler, and May voted in favor.

ANNUAL MEETING:

SWEARING IN OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS (IF AVAILABLE)

The Honorable Gene Richardson swore in the At-Large Members:

1. Jimmy Byars – 2026-2028
2. Doc Kibler – 2026-2028
3. Lowery May – 2027-2029

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lowery May called the January meeting to order.

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE AND QUORUM

Andy Davis confirmed and quorum was present and the media notified.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Rhonda Wallace nominated Lowery May and there was not a second. Lowery May nominated Jimmy Byars for chair and Evie McNiece seconded. May, McNiece, Miller, Bojo, and Wallace voted in favor.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Rhonda Wallace nominated Lowery May as Vice Chair and Jimmy Byars seconded. Wallace, Byars, McNiece, Miller, Bojo, and Kibler voted in favor.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Andy Davis recommended having Spencer serve as Secretary for the signature purposes. Lowery May nominated Spencer Hogg and Doc Kibler seconded. May, Kibler, Byars, Miller, Bojo, McNiece and Wallace voted in favor.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Lowery May nominated Doc Kibler as Treasurer and Evie McNiece seconded. May, McNiece, Byars, Miller, Kibler, Bojo, and Wallace voted in favor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the meeting in December 16 2025 for approval. Evie McNiece made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Lowery May seconded. McNiece, May, Byars, McNiece, Miller, Bojo, Kibler, and Wallace voted in favor.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Andy Davis explained the purpose of the resolution and all members signed copies of the resolution. Jimmy Byars also signed with regards to his position on the Synovus Advisory Board and will abstain on any votes related to conflict of interest.

Adam Carey with the Rome News Tribune arrived at 9:00am.

Lowery May called for a motion to approve Jimmy's resolution. Evie McNiece made a motion to approve Jimmy's resolution and Doc Kibler seconded. McNiece, Kibler, May, Bojo, Miller, Byars and Wallace voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. December 2025 – Doc Kibler presented the financial report for December 2025 with a net income of \$11,456.35 and a balance sheet total of \$17,959,973.18. Doc’s report came as a motion to approve the financial report, and Evie McNiece seconded. Kibler, McNiece, McDaniel, Watters, Miller, and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. New Projects – Spencer reported on five new RFIs, three company visits and four projects close to announcing. The authority will continue to focus on advanced manufacturing along with medical and aerospace industries.
- B. Marketing Update – “*Roam Around Rome*” – Spencer invited the members to mark their calendars and to attend a dinner on February 26 to welcome project managers with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Power, Georgia EMC and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to Rome and Floyd County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The development authority went into executive session to discuss real estate and litigation. Lowery May made a motion to go into executive session and Doc Kibler seconded. May, Kibler, Miller, Byars, Bojo, McNiece, and Wallace voted in favor.

Lowery May made a motion to come out of executive session and Doc Kibler seconded. May, Kibler, Miller, Byars, Bojo, McNiece, and Wallace voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jimmy Byars
Chairman

Spencer Hogg
President