

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Byars	Wright Bagby
John Cothran	Sundai Stevenson
Kenna Stock	Doc Kibler
Lowrey May	Andy Davis, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Meredith Ulmer (City of Rome), Pam Powers-Smith (Rome Floyd Chamber) Mary Grace Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), John Bailey (RNT).

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes for the July 19, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Kenna Stock made the motion to approve the minutes and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Bagby, Byars, Cothran, Kibler, Stevenson, and Stock voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. July 2022 – Doc Kibler gave the financial report and mentioned the \$3,386,983.00 increase in total assets from July 2021. Doc referred to the P&L and noted the increase in income due to the sale of propane tanks at the Northwest Regional Hospital Property. Doc also noted net operating income has greatly increased compared to last year with a total of \$79,768.00. Doc Kibler made the motion to approve the financials and Sundai Stevenson seconded. Kibler, Cothran, Stevenson, Bagby, Byars and Stock voted in favor.
- B. Lowrey May arrived at the meeting.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. **NW Georgia Regional Hospital Property**
 1. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant –The EPA Assessment grant will be reviewed for approval by the end of this week.
 2. Congressional Appropriation - Jimmy Byars explained that Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock have approved to allocate \$5.1 million of Congressionally Directed Spending for asbestos mitigation and demolition on the property. The budget will go to the Senate for approval sometime in October.
- B. **Ball Variance – July 21, 2022**
 1. Jimmy Byars mentioned that a variance was approved for parking, height, and setback requirements for Ball Corporation.
- C. **Enterprise Corner**

1. Jimmy mentioned that Andy's legal team is still working on the details of the Imagine Music Festival Lease.

D. North Floyd Industrial Park

1. Wetlands Delineation – Jimmy said that the RFCDA has received four bids for wetlands delineation and will decide on which firm to engage on the project.

E. **Project Wheat** – Jimmy explained that Kellogg is purchasing the land on Old Lindale Road. RFCDA has approved the contract and the property has yet to close.

F. **Letter from Dr. Whatley** – Dr. Whatley sent a letter thanking the Authority for the donation of additional land for the cemetery behind the Lowe's Distribution Center.

G. **Tour of GNTC Aviation School** – Mary Grace Davis mentioned that the RFCDA team had the opportunity to tour the aviation school at Georgia Northwestern Technical College and mentioned that they have a waiting list for applicants to attend the school.

H. **Georgia Power Good News Gathering** – Mary Grace said that the RFCDA team attended the Georgia Power Annual Good News Gathering and heard from Development Authority Executives from all over the Northwest Georgia region about growth happening in their communities.

I. **Georgia Academy for Economic Development**– Sammy Rich and Missy were invited to sit on a panel discussion on housing for the Georgia Academy for Economic Development.

BY-LAWS CHANGE – OFFICER ELIGIBILITY

A. Andy Davis reminded the Board of a suggestion to amend the Bylaws to allow for a secretary to sign documents that require multiple signatures. This will allow for flexibility and convenience in getting documents signed.

B. John Cothran makes a motion to change the bylaws to allow for a non-member (Secretary) to sign documents and Sundai Stevenson seconds. The motion was approved by Bagby, Byars, Stock, Stevenson,

C. Jimmy Byars mentions the terms of Authority members and that there will be some upcoming changes to the Board due to the end of current Board Members terms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sundai Stevenson made a motion to go into executive session and Wright Bagby seconded. Stevenson, Cothran, Bagby, Byars, Kibler, Stock and May voted in favor. Wright Bagby made a motion to come out of executive session and Lowery May seconded. Kibler, Stock, Bagby, Byars, Stevenson, May and Cothran voted in favor. No action was taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business before the authority, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Byars, Chairman