

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Carter, (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Missy Kendrick (RFCDA), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Michelle Phillips (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Doug Walker (City of Rome), John Bailey (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 October 15, 2024 for approval. Allison Watters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Heath Hooper seconded. Watters, Hooper, McDaniel, Kibler, Byars and Massey voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. October 2024 – Doc Kibler presented the financial report for October 2024 with a net income of \$1,003,195.67 and a balance sheet total of \$4,793,183.22. Doc Kibler’s report came as a motion and Craig McDaniel seconded. Kibler, McDaniel, Watters, Hooper, Massey and Byars voted in favor.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

A. Battey Business Complex

1. Sewer Relocation and Right of Way – Missy explained that the sewer line relocation is complete, and the state will reimburse the development authority for 75% of the cost.
2. Project Whiskey Updates – Missy explained that the 22-acre portion of the property adjacent to VTI is now ready for sale. Allison Watters made a motion to proceed with the sale of 22 acres and a building (appraised at \$1,200,000) to VTI and authorize the chair to sign the closing documents and Nat Massey seconded. Watters, Massey, McDaniel, Hooper, Kibler and Byars voted in favor.

3. “Echoes of Hope” Update – Michelle explained that the documentary is nearing completion with a few more interviews to film. The documentary has been funded mostly by grants and donations.
4. Grant Updates
 - a) Cleanup Grant Admin/Implementation – CHA - CHA was awarded the administration of the Clean Up grant.
 - b) HUD CPF Grant – ASC has completed the NEPA process for the HUD grant. CHA and ASC will work together with one RFP for the remediation and demolition.
 - c) Assessment Grant #1 – The Authority has \$49,000 left from the first Assessment and has spent approximately \$403,000 at BBC to date.
 - d) Assessment Grant #2 – The Authority has also applied for a 2nd Assessment grant and has identified several priority sites including Cave Spring Elementary.
 - e) Total Grant Amount for Battey – The total of grant funds allocated to the Battey Business Complex is \$7,563,312.33
- B. Georgia’s Rome Film and Entertainment Alliance Workshop – Missy explained that the Georgia’s Rome Film and Entertainment Alliance Workshop was a huge success with over 60 people in attendance wanting to learn more about the industry.
- C. Strategic Planning – Heather explained that the Strategic Planning Session will be January 9-10, 2025 in Augusta, Georgia and encouraged everyone to attend.
- D. C-Pace Legislation - Mary Grace has been in communication with the C-Pace Alliance since August to establish C-Pace in Rome and Floyd County and said the documents will be made available in January of 2025.
- E. Project Activity Report – Missy explained that activity had slowed in October but has increased in November with approximately 150 projects worked this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Craig McDaniel made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate and Doc Kibler seconded. McDaniel, Kibler, Watters, Hooper, Massey and Byars voted in favor. Allison Watters made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Craig McDaniel seconded. Watters, McDaniel, Kibler, Hooper, Massey and Byars voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Doc Kibler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nat Massey seconded. Kibler, Massey, McDaniel, Watters, Hooper and Byars voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick, Secretary