

Rome Floyd County Development Authority
800 Broad Street, Suite 102
Rome, GA 30161
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Jimmy Byars Rhonda Wallace
Lowery May Ryan Miller
Jim Bojo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Sammy Rich (City of Rome), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Heather Seckman (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), JR Davis (RFCDA), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jimmy Byars called the May meeting to order.

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE AND QUORUM

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from the April 21, 2026, for approval. Lowery May made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Rhonda Wallace seconded. May, Wallace, Bojo, Byars, and Miller voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. April 2026 – Jimmy Byars explained that Doc Kibler and Evie McNiece were unable to attend the meeting and the April and May financial reports would be presented in June.

ACTIVITY/PROSPECT REPORT

- A. New Projects – Heather Seckman reported on prospect activity with seven new RFIs since the last meeting and continued activity with existing industrial projects.
- B. Grant Update – Mary Grace Selman said there were 32 contractors at the pre-bid conference at Battey Business Complex with the demolition process starting in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Byars asked for a motion to amend the agenda to discuss signatures. Lowery May made a motion to amend the agenda and Rhonda Wallace seconded. May, Wallace, Bojo, Miller, and Byars voted in favor.

- A. VTI at Battey Business Complex – Andy Davis advised Ryan Miller to abstain from discussions. Jimmy Byars explained that electrical power is still connected to the building that VTI purchased from the RFCDA at the Battey Business Complex. Georgia Power Company had stated that disconnecting power could take a year, but VTI needs to use the building immediately. The RFCDA currently pays an average of \$4,800 per month on power to the Battey Business Complex facility. The members discussed allowing the power to remain connected in the authority's name and have VTI pay the authority the difference in the power usage.

Lowery May made a motion to allow VTI to pay the RFCDA the difference in the average monthly charge of \$4,800.00 and Jim Bojo seconded. May, Bojo, Wallace, and Byars voted in favor.

Ryan Miller abstained from voting.

- B. Marglen PILOT ends 12.31.2026 – Request for Early Termination – Andy Davis explained that Marglen's \$17,000,000 PILOT expires on 12/31/2026 and they would like to terminate the agreement early. Andy said they paid their 2025 tax bill and they will pay the \$17,500 final PILOT fee to the authority. The termination would be effective immediately. Lowery May made a motion to terminate the PILOT agreement early and Rhonda Wallace seconded. May, Wallace, Miller, Bojo and Byars voted in favor.

- C. Signatures - Jimmy Byars explained that since Spencer Hogg's departure another signature is needed for various development authority documentation and recommended adding Heather Seckman as Assistant Secretary for signature purposes. Jim Bojo made a motion to add Heather Seckman as Assistant Secretary and Rhonda Wallace seconded. Bojo, Wallace, Miller, May and Byars voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

No vote was taken in executive session.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jimmy Byars
Chairman