

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

Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Davis (Davis Lucas Carter), Jamie McCord (Floyd County), Sammy Rich, JR Davis (RFCDA), Mary Grace Selman (RFCDA), Pam Powers-Smith (RFC), Members of the Public: Kristie Minor, William Hardin, Vincent Mendes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jimmy Byars called the September Called meeting to order.

CERTIFICATE OF MEETING NOTICE AND QUORUM

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jimmy Byars presented the minutes from August 18, 2026, meeting for approval. Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Lowery May seconded. Byars, Bojo, May, Miller, Kibler, McNiece and Wallace voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No vote was taken in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. New President and CEO – Jimmy Byars mentioned that at the last RFCDA meeting, the board announced that Matthew Thomas was the sole finalist for the President and CEO position. Jimmy explained that the personnel committee spoke with all of Matthew’s references and obtained very positive remarks. Jim Bojo made a motion to select Matthew Thomas as the new President and CEO for the Rome Floyd County Development Authority and Rhonda Wallace seconded. Bojo, Wallace, May, Byars, Miller, Kibler, and McNiece voted in favor.
- B. Regularly Scheduled Meeting – September 22 at 2:00 PM – Jimmy explained that the next regularly scheduled meeting with the RFCDA will occur on September 22 at 2:00 PM.

C. Battey Demolition Update – Jimmy Byars and Andy Davis explained that Sessler Wrecking submitted two bid protests after finding out that they were not awarded the bid for demolition at Battey Business Complex. Both protests have been responded to. The board desires to move forward with the Battey Demolition project and the contract for the bid by Atlanta Demolition. The Standard Form of Agreement Between RFCDA and Atlanta Demolition LLC was signed and awarded on June 24, 2026, and the Authority had held in abeyance until the bid protest had ceased. Jimmy announced that the Authority will now move forward with the demolition as planned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jimmy Byars (Chairman)