

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting APPROVED Minutes

July 13, 2026

612 Main Street,

Courthouse Conference Room 200

Bland, VA 24315

Call to Order:

Mr. Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks

Mr. John Martin

Mr. Wade Hall

Mr. Timothy Havens

Mr. Andy Davis

Members Absent:

Mrs. Linda Townley

Mr. John Babbitt

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor member

Mrs. Cameron B. Buton, County Administrator, Interim EDA Secretary

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Mr. Martin led the pledge to the U.S. Flag and offered an invocation.

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026, as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Burton presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Starks made a motion to appoint Mrs. Burton as the interim EDA Secretary, until the position is filled. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Drainage Request located at the Va Steel Property. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (1), (3) and (5) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion of personnel, *more specifically secretarial duty*, real property acquisition/disposition and a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding, *more specifically Project Iron Bridge, Project Rocky Road and Project Legacy*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion passed.

The Authority retired into closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion to exit closed session was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Hall. the motion carried.

Mr. Martin read the following certification:

"Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3712 of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority team while in closed session discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as previously stated in Virginia Law and that only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered." This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Roll call vote: Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Babbitt-absent; Mr. Hall-yes; Mr. Starks-yes; Mrs. Townley-absent, and Mr. Havens-yes.

ACTION

Mr. Martin made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to appoint an EDA Secretary to fill the vacancy and to proceed with the purchase of Project Legacy. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL

Mrs. Burton provided the Authority with an update on the new Industrial Park Sign.

Mrs. Burton presented September 9, 2026, at 11:00 am as a potential date for the EDA Picnic. The picnic will be held at the Wolf Creek Indian Village Shelter. Taste of Home Catering will provide the food. County Administration staff will be on site to offer assistance during the event.

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Mrs. Burton addressed the Authority regarding sending future agendas and minutes by email. The Authority agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 10, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.