

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025 20 Fairground Street, EDA Conference Room, Bland, VA

Call to Order (re-organizational meeting):

Mrs. Burton, County Administrator, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. John Martin
Mr. James Starks
Mr. Timothy Havens
Mr. Wade Hall

Members Absent:

Mr. John Babbitt
Mrs. Linda Townley
Mr. David Dillow-deceased January 31, 2025

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor member
Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator
Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Invocation

Mrs. Burton led the pledge and offered an invocation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SET MEETING DATE, ADOPT MISSION STATEMENT, etc.

Mrs. Burton opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Martin nominated Mr. Havens; Mr. Starks seconded this nomination. No other nominations were offered. Mr. Havens was elected Chairman by acclamation.

Mrs. Burton turned the meeting over to Chairman Havens and he opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Starks nominated Mr. Martin; Mr. Hall seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered. Mr. Martin was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Havens opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Hall nominated Mrs. Townley, Mr. Martin seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered. Mrs. Townley was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

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Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a transfer of funds from the EDA Money Market account. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve December 10, 2024, January 14, 2025 (no meeting, no quorum) and February 11, 2025 (no meeting, inclement weather) meeting minutes. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report. Approval tabled pending arrival of Treasurer Townley.

Election of Officers, set meeting date, adopt mission statement, etc. con't

Meeting, Date, Time, and place set. Mr. Starks made a motion to change the regular meeting date of the Authority to the second Monday of each month beginning with the March 10, 2025, meeting and continue to meet at the EDA conference room, 20 Fairground Street, Bland, VA, beginning at 5pm. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mission Statement.

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept and re-adopt the current mission statement, Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee.

Mr. Havens and Mr. Starks volunteered for the budget committee—meeting date to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Projects update. Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (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 the Authority's disposition/acquisition of property and the business of 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 Bacon's lease and grant/loan performance agreement stipulations*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the motion that the EDA return to open session. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "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

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convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.” This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Member roll call: Mr. Dillow– absent; Mrs. Townley – absent; Mr. Starks– yes; Mr. Babbitt–absent; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Havens –yes, and Mr. Hall– yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers’ Report

Approval tabled.

Transfer funds. Mr. Martin made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from the Money Market account to the operating checking account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.