

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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## Authority Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025 20 Fairground Street, EDA Conference Room, Bland, VA

### Call to Order:

Mr. Havens, Chairman, 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  
Mr. John Babbitt  
Mrs. Linda Townley

Members Absent:  
*Vacant member position*

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

Mr. Martin led the pledge and offered an invocation.

### AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Mt. Roger's Regional Partnership board member position appointment and an informational item. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve February 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

Mt. Roger's Regional Partnership Executive Board Member position. Mr. Martin made a motion to appoint Mrs. Townley to this position. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Projects update. Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

Building 9 Building transfer from BOS Public Hearing. Mr. Havens shared the comments he made at this public hearing.

Mrs. Townley enters meeting.

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

## **AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER’S REPORT APPROVAL con’t**

### Treasurers’ Report

Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer’s report. Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Babbitt. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

April 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.