

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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**Authority Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2025  
Courthouse,  
612 Main Street, Suite 200,  
Bland, VA 24315**

## **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. James Starks  
Mr. Timothy Havens  
Mr. Wade Hall  
Mrs. Linda Townley  
Mr. John Martin

Members Absent:

Mr. John Babbitt  
*Vacant member position*

Others present:

Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator  
Mr. Stephen Kelly, Board of Supervisor Member  
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. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve April 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Projects update. Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

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## Business/Industry Appreciation Picnic

Mr. Hall made a motion to hold the picnic on June 18<sup>th</sup> and use Taste of Home Catering services. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*none*

## **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. Starks. Motion passed.

## **OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Martin made the motion that the EDA return to open session. Mr. Hall 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. Hall. Member roll call: Mrs. Townley – yes; Mr. Starks– yes; Mr. Babbitt–absent; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Havens –yes, and Mr. Hall– yes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Mr. Martin to approve Project Bacon lease agreement addendum regarding addition of 'major repairs to building' clause. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

June 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.