

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025

EDA Conference Room

20 Fairground Street,

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. Timothy Havens

Mr. James Starks

Mr. Wade Hall

Mrs. Linda Townley

Mr. John Martin

Mr. Andy Davis

Mr. John Babbitt

Members Absent: *none*

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelly, 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. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a closed session A(5) for Project 28 and Project Precision. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, and July 21, 2025 meetings as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the report as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Projects Update

Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning session. It was the Consensus of the Authority to work on the formation of a Community Vitalization Committee consisting of County Business Leaders, Authority member(s) and the County Administrator. This Committee will work in phases, or from corner to corner, or from I-77 Interchange to the stop sign in Bland on plans to vitalize the sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, business awnings, etc. along the chosen route(s) to attract more visitors and businesses to the Bland area. Mrs. Burton and Mr. Havens will work on getting volunteers from the local businesses who are interested in vitalizing the Bland area.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (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 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 Precision's loan/performance agreement and Project 28 development.* This motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion passed.

The Authority retired into closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.