

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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**Authority Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2025  
Courthouse Conference Room 200  
612 Main Street,  
Bland, VA 24315**

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Martin, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks  
Mr. Wade Hall  
Mrs. Linda Townley  
Mr. John Martin  
Mr. Andy Davis  
Mr. John Babbitt

Members Absent:  
Mr. Timothy Havens

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. Starks 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 a closed session A(3) for Project Legacy. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, meeting as presented. Mr. Babbitt 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. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Projects Update

Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

Revitalization Committee: Mrs. Burton detailed some preliminary efforts to revitalize the area around the Courthouse.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Business Awards 2025.** Mr. Hall made a motion to award the Business of the Year Award to Wilderness Mountain Water Company and the Business for Community Impact Award to Grants. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting.** Mr. Davis and Mrs. Townley expressed interest in attending this meeting representing the Authority.

**October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is on Columbus Holiday.** It was the consensus of the Authority to meet as usual on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Starks 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 discussing 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 the acquisition or disposal of real property more specifically Project Legacy.* This motion was seconded by Mrs. Townley. Motion passed.

*The Authority retired into closed session.*

## OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Mr. Starks 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–yes; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Havens –absent, Mr. Davis—yes, and Mr. Hall– yes. Motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Davis. Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

October 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.