

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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## Authority Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025 612 Main Street, Courthouse Conference Room 200 Bland, VA 24315

### Call to Order:

Mr. Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks  
Mr. John Martin  
Mr. Andy Davis  
Mr. Timothy Havens  
Mr. John Babbitt  
Mr. Wade Hall

### Members Absent:

Mrs. Linda Townley

### Others present:

Mrs. Cicely Dunford, Tourism & Community Development Director

### PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Mr. Martin led the pledge to the U.S. Flag and offered an invocation.

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

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2025, as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

It was the consensus of the Authority to table the approval of the Christmas Card mailing list until the mailing addresses for the businesses are completed with business' manager/owner names.

Mr. Starks made a motion requesting the quarterly allocation of \$18,750 from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS PROJECTS**

*No update available.*

## **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 prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding, and the acquisition or disposition of real property *more specifically Project Legacy and another potential project TBN*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. 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 and read the following certification:

"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. Roll call vote: Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Babbitt-yes; Mr. Hall-yes; Mr. Starks-yes; and Mr. Havens-yes.

It was the consensus of the Authority to schedule a meeting with representatives of Project BLT on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm in the Courthouse Conference room. The Authority requests Mrs. Burton to reach out to Project BLT for financial information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Special Called meeting on November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.