

Bland County Economic Development Authority

**Authority Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026
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. Wade Hall
Mrs. Linda Townley
Mr. Timothy Havens
Mr. John Babbitt

Members Absent:

None

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor member
Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator
Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

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

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Davis enters meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Project update—Mrs. Burton provided an update.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Supervisor funding. Mrs. Townley made a motion to request the third quarter of allocation. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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 real property acquisition/disposition and a 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, Project Legacy and Project Smoke*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Babbitt. 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 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. Hall. Roll call vote: Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Babbitt-yes; Mr. Hall-yes; Mr. Starks-yes; Mrs. Townley-yes, and Mr. Havens-yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

April 13, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.