

Bland County Economic Development Authority

**Authority Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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

Mrs. Townley made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Project Iron Bridge and Project Pull-In. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer's report. Treasurer stated that the new money market rate is 3% and CD rates will be reviewed when the CD matures on the 25th of April. Also, \$50,000 can be transferred from the operating account to the Money Market account. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and transfer \$50,000 to the money market account. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Project update—Mrs. Burton provided an update.

NEW BUSINESS

I-77 Industrial Park signage. It was the CONCENSUS of the Authority to obtain quotes on a sign “refresh”.

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 Pull-In, Project Iron Bridge and 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. 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 Mrs. Townley. 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.

MOTION to extend the option agreement on Project Legacy through August 2026, with an offer of \$10,000 additional compensation, by Mr. Martin, Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

May 11, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.