

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting APPROVED Minutes

August 10, 2026

612 Main Street,

Courthouse Conference Room 200

Bland, VA 24315

Call to Order:

Mr. John Martin, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks
Mr. John Martin
Mr. Wade Hall
Mrs. Linda Townley

Members Absent:
Mr. John Babbitt
Mr. Timothy Havens
Mr. Andy Davis

Others present:
Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor member
Mrs. Cameron B. Buton, County Administrator
Dr. Adam Kidd, EDA Secretary

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Mr. Starks 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; Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Burton mentioned that the Treasurer's Report was not currently available until Dr. Kidd and herself are added to the bank accounts. This will take place now that the minutes of the July 2026 meeting were approved.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Business Appreciation Picnic will be held on September 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Taste of Home Café will cater. Ms. Burton will order door prizes and other apparel in line with previous years' spending.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Burton informed the board of a request from WL Construction regarding the use of county property during VDOT project. Ms. Burton will follow up with WL Construction to obtain additional information to bring back to the board at a future meeting.

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 discussion of real property acquisition/disposition, *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

A motion to exit closed session was made by Mr. Starks and seconded by Mr. Hall. the motion carried.

Mr. Starks 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-absent; Mr. Babbitt-absent; Mr. Hall-yes; Mr. Starks-yes; Mrs. Townley-yes, and Mr. Havens-absent.

ACTION

N/A

INFORMATIONAL

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Monday, September 14, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.