

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting APPROVED Minutes

September 14, 2026

612 Main Street,

Courthouse Conference Room 200

Bland, VA 24315

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Tim Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks

Mrs. Linda Townley

Mr. John Babbitt

Mr. Andy Davis

Mr. Tim Havens

Members Absent:

Mr. John Martin

Mr. Wade Hall

Others present:

Mrs. Cameron B. Buton, County Administrator

Dr. Adam Kidd, EDA Secretary

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

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

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Ms. Burton requested that Item B under New Business be removed from the agenda. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the revision of removing Item B under New Business; Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026, as presented. Mr. Babbitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the 2nd installment payment to Skyway Outdoor in the amount of \$10,220.00. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mrs. Burton informed the board that W&L Construction located a different site and no longer needed to use county property during the VDOT project. No action was needed.
- c. Mrs. Burton informed the board that the Larry L. Burton Trust (no relation to herself) was interested in donating property to the EDA in Rocky Gap. No action was needed at this time.
- d. Mr. Davis made a motion to proceed with staff working with Douglas Equipment on exchanging the char-grilled stove in Building 9 with a deep-fryer and for the EDA to cover any additional costs as needed. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Davis made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A)(3) 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; Project Opportunity; and Project Precision*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion passed unanimously.

The Authority retired into closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion to exit closed session was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Babbitt. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis 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. Babbitt. Roll call vote: Mr. Havens-yes; Mr. Martin-absent; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Babbitt-yes; Mr. Hall-absent; Mr. Starks-yes; Mrs. Townley-yes, and Mr. Havens-absent.

INFORMATIONAL

- a. Mrs. Burton provided positive feedback from participants at the Business Appreciation Dinner along with a slideshow with pictures of the event.
- b. Mrs. Burton updated the board that Trial Memberships to Mount Rogers Regional Partnership were going out this week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.