

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the December 18, 2020 business meeting. This is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, 404 Ann Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



**Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
December 18, 2020
404 Ann Street
Frankfort, KY 40601**

Call to Order

Governor Andy Beshear, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. (EST).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Governor Andy Beshear, Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles, Sarah Butler (designee for interim Secretary Larry Hayes), Dr. Kirk Pomper (designee for KSU President Dr. Christopher Brown II), Dean Nancy Cox, Tom McKee, Bobby Foree, Pat Henderson, Fritz Giesecke, Robbie Williams, Mark Barker, Matthew Hinton, Wayne Hunt, Dr. Gordon Jones, Katie Moyer and Al Pedigo.

Notification of Media

Governor Beshear received verification from Marielle McElmurray, Director of Public Affairs, that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

Welcome

Governor Beshear welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an update on the status of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Approval of Minutes

Governor Beshear entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2020 board meeting.

Ms. Moyer moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report

Gov. Beshear yielded the floor to Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles. Commissioner Quarles welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting and highlighted some of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) activities since the last meeting. He encouraged everyone to support Kentucky Proud products and mentioned the Kentucky Proud campaign released for the holidays. Dr. Quarles thanked the state universities for the work being done through their respected agriculture programs and how it supports farmers across the state and beyond. He indicated the Farm Machinery Show would be moved to March 31 through April 3, 2021. Dr. Quarles stated that the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) continues to be active in Washington D.C. and a the new EPA administrator was named out of North Carolina. He noted that NASDA is planning to have its national conference in Louisville in September.

Executive Director's Report

Governor Beshear yielded the floor to Dorsey Ridley, GOAP Executive Director, to report to the board.

Mr. Ridley welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting and updated the board on his recent activities. He referenced the board to articles concerning a commercial rye cover crop initiative and AppHarvest's

recent AgriTech venture in Kentucky. Mr. Ridley discussed additional funding for meat processing through the CARES Act and introduced GOAP spring intern, Aubrey Wells.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Governor Beshear yielded the floor to Bill McCloskey, GOAP Deputy Executive Director, to report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the October 2020 Kentucky Broadcaster's Association Public Education Partnership (PEP) Program memorandum (*on file*).

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Update on 2020 County Initiatives memorandum (*on file*). The deadline for submitting names for the county councils and five-year update of the comprehensive plans was extended to October 31, 2020 due to COVID-19. Mr. Pedigo requested an updated copy of the county initiative information.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the 2020 Kentucky CARES for Meat Processing memorandum (*on file*). To date, the 2020 Kentucky CARES for Meat Processing has approved 12 projects in 12 different counties and committed all in CARES Act funding with a waiting list.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of November 24, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of November 24, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of November 30, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the Category B Loans (*on file*) as of November 30, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the November KAFC agenda and list of applications presented for approval (*on file*).

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the Deputy Executive Director's Report; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp Report

Governor Beshear called on Ms. Moyer to provide the Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp Report.

Ms. Moyer indicated that KDA and Keith Rogers reported to the committee the status of the hemp program in the state and Mr. McCloskey provided updates on projects that had been funded by the KADB. The committee recommended KADB to continue to fund equipment and infrastructure needed to support the KDA plan for hemp. A memo for approval of a joint statement on hemp was considered later in the meeting under memo action items.

Ms. Butler moved to approve the committee report; Dr. Cox seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Recipient Review Committee

Governor Beshear called on Mr. Henderson and Melanie McPartlin, Executive Director for Kentucky Proud, to provide the KDA Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Henderson reminded the board it had previously approved the KDA's application for a two year program and indicated there would be a memo for action concerning remaining funds that were not utilized due to the pandemic.

Ms. McPartlin gave an update to the board concerning the campaign for Kentucky Proud and shared advertisements currently being used.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee report; Dr. Cox seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles abstained.

Kentucky Horticulture Council (KHC) Recipient Review Committee

Governor Beshear called on Dr. Pomper to provide the KHC Recipient Review Committee report.

Dr. Pomper indicated the committee had met recently. He stated the horticulture industry is very vibrant in state and the KHC is doing an excellent job to implement objectives. He highlighted some of the initiatives of the council and mentioned in addition to the KADB funding, they have been seeking out grants to also help with the budget.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the committee report; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Water Management Committee Report

Governor Beshear called on Mr. Giesecke to provide the On-Farm Water Management Committee report.

Mr. Giesecke gave an overview of projects considered by the committee. Recommendations were considered later in the meeting under new business.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee report; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Meat Processing Expansion Committee Report

Governor Beshear called on Renee Carrico to provide the Meat Processing Expansion Committee report.

Ms. Carrico provided the Meat Processing Expansion Committee report and mentioned there will be action memos from the committee for vote including the approval of Bobby Pace as the processing consultant. Ms. Carrico reviewed the status of the funds for Kentucky CARES for Meat Processing and noted Porter Road is the first applicant on the wait list.

Mr. McKee moved to approve the committee report; Dr. Pomper seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Program Evaluation Committee

Governor Beshear called on Mr. Hinton to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

Mr. Hinton updated the board on the recent activities of the committee. Mr. Hinton reported the committee has recommended that staff organize meetings for focus groups to get input on KADF programs and will be making a recommendation to the board to add a log loading trailer with boom to the list of eligible equipment to the 2021 shared-use equipment program.

Mr. Hinton moved to accept the committee report; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Compliance Committee Report

Governor Beshear called on Mr. Barker to provide the KADB Compliance Committee report.

Mr. Barker updated the board on the recent activities of the committee. Activities included reviewing requests from Beef & Bacon Custom Processing (A2013-0301, A2017-0185); Kentucky State Fair Board (A2019-0001); Foothills Products and Services, Inc. (A2008-0280); other project updates from staff reporting compliance and the status of the five-year county comprehensive plans update.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee report; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

Governor Beshear called on Anne Marie Franklin, Brian Murphy, Ms. Carrico, Stefanie Osterman, Mr. McCloskey, and Danielle Milbern to present the following memo action items:

AgriTech Guidelines and Project Application

Anne Marie Franklin, AgriTech Project Manager, presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced program. The requested 2021 program funding would allow for up to 50 AgriTech projects at the full \$10,000 cost-reimbursement award to be approved throughout the state. The AgriTech Program will be cost-reimbursement grants up to 50% of a given project's costs.

Governor Beshear commented on the importance of the AgriTech initiative and its goal to include all size farms, especially Kentucky's small farmers. Gov. Beshear stated his concerns with an AgriTech program not being inclusive of all of Kentucky's farmers. He also mentioned that the KADB would act as a fail-safe by having the opportunity to review all applications before approval and stated the KADB's large part in making this progressive movement in 2021.

Mr. McKee expressed his support of this program from the standpoint of a small scale farmer and his excitement for the initiative.

Mr. Hunt stated his support of the initiative and program, but wanted clarification on AgriTech funds being directly disbursed to individual farmer's capital. He proposed a committee structure to better categorize application types to prevent funds being committed too quickly.

Mr. Barker commented on the various definitions of AgriTech and asked the board to consider having a clear understanding of the program's goals to incorporate all forms of AgriTech before moving forward on the approval of the program.

GOAP staff explained a multitude of AgriTech businesses in Kentucky that currently offer AgriTech and the broad equipment list on the guidelines was in order to be all-inclusive. The proposed AgriTech Committee will allow applications to be more focused and an evolution of the program going forward.

Dr. Pomper indicated that small farmers have a variety of needs on their operations and agreed that the \$500,000 allocated would go quickly. He expressed his support of the program and his hopes to see it expand in the future.

Dr. Jones stated his support of the committee structure idea to allow time to have a more clearly defined program.

Dr. Jones moved to refer the guidelines and application to the Blue Application Review Committee for a recommendation to the full board.

Mr. Williams expressed his support of the program on behalf of grain farmers and stated the large potential economic impact this initiative will have across multiple industries.

Dean Cox thanked GOAP staff for recognizing the role of universities and post-secondary education leaders on the proposed AgriTech Committee.

Mr. Foree stated his support of the program's intent, but stated he would like to further develop the program guidelines before the next KADB meeting.

Mr. Henderson recommended the board look to the Meat Processing Expansion Committee structure to develop an AgriTech Committee. He supported sending the guidelines and application to a committee for review. Mr. Henderson asked Dr. Jones to amend his motion in order to establish an AgriTech Committee for recommendation to the full board.

Dr. Jones retracted his original motion.

Mr. Henderson moved to refer the guidelines and application to the new AgriTech Committee for review and revised recommendation by the January KADB meeting; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

Commissioner Quarles stated his support of a KADB-driven AgriTech program. He mentioned his work on AgriTech over the past two year and encouraged the AgriTech Committee to include County funds in the program funding as well.

Ms. Moyer inquired on the list of eligible equipment being potentially used for hemp production and processing.

GOAP staff indicated hemp project approvals would need to align with the KADB/KAFC Joint Committee on Hemp's guidelines.

VOTE: Motion Passed: Unanimous.

Meat Processing Consultant

Mr. Murphy presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for approval. The Meat Processing Expansion Committee expects that an opinion of an expert in the field of meat processing will be of considerable value to the committee in making its recommendations to the board on how to award funds to applicants.

The Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommended awarding the personal services contract to provide meat processing services to Bobby Pace, President RDP Consulting, LLC.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Commissioner Quarles assumed the chair at 11:32 a.m.

Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request to accept the 2021 Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp policy statement.

The committee recommended approval of the following statement:

Ms. Moyer moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Water Management

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request to accept the 2021 On-Farm Water Mangement Program Guidelines and commitment of remaining funds to the 2021 program

The committee recommended approval of the request.

Ms. Moyer moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADF Program Evaluation Committee

Ms. Osterman presented a memorandum (*on file*) from the above referenced committee to approve the addition of a log-loading trailer with hoist to the 2021 Shared-Use Equipment Program.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2008-0280 Foothills Products and Services, Inc. (FPSI)

Mr. McCloskey presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced project concerning the sale of the business.

The KADB Compliance Committee is recommending the sale based on the following conditions:

1. Buyer will assume the KHIC loan with a first position – approximately \$300,000.
2. Write off \$250,000 from the KADB loan (Based on 2020 Meat Processing Investment Program – Level 4).
3. Buyer will assume the \$161,815 KADB zero interest loan based on terms below less any payments by FPSI before exchange of ownership:
 - Three month grace period before first loan payment.
 - Monthly payments at \$650 with electronic deposit.
 - 15 year term with balloon payment in the amount up to \$44,815.
 - KADB will have a second position on real estate with improvements and equipment.
 - Buyer will provide a personal guarantee.
4. New owner will NOT be eligible under 2020 Meat Processing Investment Program.
5. New owner will be eligible to apply for KADF in 2021.
6. KADB commitment contingent on KHIC approving buyer and assumption of its loan.
7. Recommend buyer work with KCARD to develop a business plan.
8. Recommend buyer work with Meat Processing Consultant contracted with GOAP.
9. Finalize sale with FPSI ownership.

There was further discussion on making some of the recommended items a requirement. GOAP staff indicated that finding a buyer had been difficult and making additional demands could jeopardize the sale potentially resulting in KADB having a greater loss.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2018-0032 Magoffin County Extension District Board – Danielle Milbern

Ms. Milbern presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a time extension for construction of the farmers market facility. This extension is requested due to construction being delayed from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff recommends approving the request for a 12 month time extension. The new expiration date would be December 25, 2021.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Moyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2018-0169 Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a budget revision and retain approximately \$30,000 in State funds for the 2021 budget.

The Recipient requested a transfer of \$88,746 in State funds to “Branding and Advertising” budget category from the “Buy Local” and “Farm to Fork” budget categories.

Additionally, the Recipient requested to transfer any remaining “POP” and “Buy Local” funds from grantee payout period January – June 2021 from the A2018-0169 grant to the same budget categories with 2021 funding in the A2020-0250 grant.

KDA Recipient Review Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment.

There was discussion on the process of returning and reissuing funds.

Mr. Henderson moved to accept the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Commissioner Quarles abstained.

A2019-0001 Kentucky State Fair Board

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a time extension to allow time to complete the project and reimbursement paperwork.

The KADB Compliance Committee reviewed this request due to it being made after the project expired. The Committee recommended the request be approved. The new expiration date would be April 30, 2021.

Mr. Giesecke moved to accept the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2019-0068 The Jericho Farmhouse LLC

Ms. Milbern presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a six-month time extension to complete a final check request.

Staff recommended approving the request for a six-month time extension. The new expiration date will be July 3, 2021.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the time extension; seconded by Ms. Moyer.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2019-0224 City of Hazard

Ms. Milbern presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a budget amendment and \$19,000 additional funds. The additional funds request is due to increased expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approving the request.

Mr. McKee moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; seconded by Dr. Jones.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2019-0254 Kentucky State Fair Board

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a seven-month time extension to complete the project and reimbursement paperwork. The new expiration date would be September 10, 2021.

Staff recommended approval of the time extension request.

Ms. Moyer moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; seconded by Mr. Hunt.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020-0142 Central Kentucky Meats

Ms. Milbern presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced request for a budget amendment to change the vacuum stuffer for the patty former equipment.

The Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; seconded by Mr. Foree.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Presentations

A2018-0211 UK Research Foundation and Kentucky Beef Mobile App (X10D Platform)

Commissioner Quarles yielded the floor to Sandy Gardner to introduce Dr. Les Anderson, UK Assistant Extension Professor, to provide an update on the above mentioned project.

No action required.

A2019 – 0223 Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), Inc.

Commissioner Quarles yielded the floor to Sandy Gardner to introduce Aleta Botts, Executive Director, to provide an update on the above mentioned project as a requirement of the legal agreement.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve presentation and to release second year funding, as presented; seconded by Mr. Hinton.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

New Business

New Applications for Referral¹

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. McCloskey to present new applications for referral.

Mr. McCloskey referenced one (1) new application for referral.

Mr. Foree moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval²

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. McCloskey to present programs recommended for approval.

Mr. McCloskey referenced seven (7) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications totaling \$761,493; one (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) application totaling \$7,500; one (1) Shared-Use Equipment application totaling \$5,000; and two (2) Youth Ag Incentives Program application totaling \$25,000. The total program funding is \$798,993.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Requested Program Amendments³

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. McCloskey to present requested program amendments.

Mr. McCloskey referenced two (2) counties requesting additional funds for an existing CAIP; Carter County \$50,564 and McLean County \$15,033. Total program amendment funding is \$65,597.

Mr. Barker moved to approve program amendment requests, as presented; Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Project Recommendations for Funding

Commissioner Quarles called on Ms. Carrico, Ms. Milbern and Ms. Osterman to present the following recommendations for funding:

Meat Processing Investment Program Recommended for Funding

A2020 – 0270 Kunkle Farm (Level 2)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$37,500 in State funds to purchase and install a walk-in cooler and freezer and various equipment for its custom processing facility.

The Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommended approving the request up to \$37,500 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020-0277 Yoder's Custom Processing, Inc. (Level 2)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$37,500 in State funds to purchase and install a freezer box and unit and building addition for its custom processing facility

The Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommended approving the request up to \$37,500 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020-0286 Spencer County Butcher Block (Level 2)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$37,500 in State funds to purchase and install a band saw, meat saw, vacuum sealer and various kill floor equipment for its custom processing facility.

The Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommended approving the request up to \$37,500 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Water Projects Recommended for Funding- Producer Implemented Project (PIP) and Small Scale Grant (SSG)

A2020-0287 River Farm Nursery, LLC (PIP)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$45,443 in State funds to implement pot-in-pot tree production and micro-irrigation system.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$45, 443 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the PIP guidelines.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020-0233 Andrew Ellison d/b/a Southern Sweet Berry Farm (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$2,000 in State funds to install a micro-irrigation system to increase efficiency of water use of their strawberry operation in Graves County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$2,000 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the SSG guidelines.

Mr. McKee moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020-0234 Barton D Rudolph (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$1,500 in State funds to install a micro-irrigation system to increase efficiency of water use for their strawberry operation in McCracken County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$1,500 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the SSG guidelines.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Pomper seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0269 Conyea Farms, LLC (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$5,644 in State funds to install an irrigation pipeline and micro-irrigation system to increase efficiency of water use of their strawberry operation in Graves County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$5,644 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the SSG guidelines.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0272 Sustainable Harvest Farm LLC (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$10,000 in State funds to purchase and install subsurface and drip irrigation systems for its horticulture operation in Laurel County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$10,000 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the SSG guidelines.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0288 Lazy Eight Stock Farm, LLC (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$8,983 in State funds to install pump, pipeline and drip irrigation system for its organic vegetable operation in Madison County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended funding the request for \$8,983 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions under the SSG guidelines.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Water Projects Recommended for No Funding

A2020-0271 Barr Farms Organic Produce, LLC (SSG)

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$2,814 in State funds for a pond renovation and pump house construction for its beef cattle operation in Breckinridge County.

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended no funding for this request due to lack of an adequate water source.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the committee recommendation of no funding; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects Recommended for Funding
A2020 – 0245 City of Fulton

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$88,150 in State funds for the construction of a farmers market pavilion.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request for up to \$88,150 in State funds and the 2021 Fulton County allocation up to \$150, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Moyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0251 Kentucky Horticulture Council

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$803,404 in State funds over two years for Kentucky Small Fruit Crops Program expansion.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request for the reduced amount of \$500,000 in State funds over a two year period, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0260 Edwards Woolworks

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$24,838 in multiple County Funds and \$24,838 in State funds to establish a wool mill.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request for up to \$49,676 in multiple County funds matched by State funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0263 Nocheleinda Farms, L.L.C.

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$4,722 in Bourbon County funds to build a walk-in freezer to support marketing farm raised beef.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request for up to \$4,722 in Bourbon County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$1,521 in Metcalfe County funds to purchase 18 hams of Metcalfe County 4-H members.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request for up to \$1,521 in Metcalfe County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. McCloskey to present the following pending applications:

Mr. McCloskey stated there were seven (7) project applications pending.

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

Closing Remarks

Before the meeting adjourned, it was announced there would be an Agritech committee meeting on Tuesday, December 22 at 9 a.m. with the following people volunteering to serve: Sarah Butler, Pat Henderson, Commissioner Ryan Quarles, Dr. Kirk Pomper, Wayne Hunt, Dean Nancy Cox, Robbie Williams, Mark Barker, Dr. Joyce Stubbs (Morehead), Dr. Ed Davis (EKU), Dr. Fred DeGraves (WKU), and Dr. Tony Brannon (Murray).

Commissioner Quarles asked if there was any additional business for the board to discuss and thanked everyone for participating.

The KADB Blue Application Review Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of the regular business meeting.

Next Meeting

Commissioner Quarles stated the next KADB meeting will be held on Friday, January 15, at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Quarles adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm (EST).

APPROVED DATE:

11-29-21

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ryan Quarles

Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles

BOARD SECRETARY:

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1. A detailed list of the New Applications for Referral is attached as Appendix A.
 2. A detailed list of the applications funded under the listed programs is attached as Appendix B.
 3. A detailed list of amendments funded under the listed programs is attached as Appendix C.
 4. A copy of the Meat Processing Expansion Committee minutes is attached as Appendix D.
 5. A copy of the KADB Program Evaluation Committee minutes is attached as Appendix E.
 6. A copy of the KADB Compliance Committee minutes is attached as Appendix F.
 7. A copy of the KY Department of Agriculture Recipient Review Committee minutes is attached as Appendix G.
 8. A copy of the Blue Application Review Committee minutes is attached as Appendix H.
 9. A copy of the Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp is attached as Appendix I.

APPENDIX A: New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2020-0312	Hardin County Regional Farmers' Market Foundation, Inc. <i>Farmers Market</i>	Hardin	Blue

APPENDIX B: Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0290	Grayson County Cattlemens Association Inc.	Grayson	\$120,000.00
A2020-0291	*Letcher County Conservation District	Letcher	\$29,685.00
A2020-0294	Grant County Cattlemens Association, Inc.	Grant	\$180,000.00
A2020-0295	*Leslie County Conservation District	Leslie	\$56,205.00
A2020-0296	Marshall County Conservation District	Marshall	\$54,000.00
A2020-0297	Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Green	\$242,500.00
A2020-0306	Simpson County Conservation District	Simpson	\$79,103.00
			\$761,493.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0289	Harrison County Fiscal Court	Harrison	\$7,500.00
			\$7,500.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0247	Daviess County Conservation District	Daviess	\$5,000.00
			\$5,000.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0308	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	McLean	\$5,000.00
A2020-0311	Wolfe County Farm Bureau Federation	Wolfe	\$20,000.00
			\$25,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$798,993.00**

*Indicates a portion of the project is funded from the "State Funds to Support to Counties with Limited Allocation Initiative."

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APPENDIX C: Requested Program Amendments

App # A2020-0138
Applicant Name Carter County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved \$129,472
Execution Date 09/17/2020
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$50,564 in Carter County funds for the *CAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.

This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.

Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$180,036.

Recommend Approval

App# A2020-0169
Applicant Name Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc
Original Amount Approved \$36,480
Execution Date 09/10/2020
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$15,033 in McLean County funds for the *CAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.

This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.

Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$51,513

Recommend Approval

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APPENDIX D: Meat Processing Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Monday, December 11, 2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Renee Carrico
Attendees:	Committee: Dr. Gordon Jones, Pat Henderson, Bobby Foree, Tom McKee, Al Pedigo, and Keith Rogers KCARD Staff: Aleta Botts, Brent Lackey, and Kellie Padgett UK Staff: Dr. Gregg Rentfrow GOAP Staff: Dorsey Ridley, Bill McCloskey, Danielle Milbern, Renee Carrico, Brian Murphy, Sandra Gardner, and Anne Marie Franklin Other: Dr. Kenny Burdine, Kara Phillips, Dr. Greg Halich, Dave Maples, Laurie White, Katelyn Hawkins, Steve Skelton, and Brooke Gentile
Minutes Issued By:	Renee Carrico
Meeting Call to Order:	2:03 PM
Meeting Adjourned:	3:45 PM

Agenda Items:

- I. Chairman Renee Carrico called the meeting to order.
- II. Brian Murphy gave an update on the RFP
 - The deadline for application submission was November 30.
 - Two applications were received and the selection committee chose Bobby Pace consultant from Georgia. It was noted that he will do site visits, quick report turnaround and is familiar with Kentucky agriculture.
 - Members discussed the order in which to direct Mr. Pace to schedule site visits. It was decided that Level 4 should take priority and should be done in the order with which they were submitted.
 - It was requested that Staff obtain a list of what is needed from applicants prior to site visits to ensure they are prepared upon his arrival.
 - A motion was made by Pat Henderson and seconded by Dr. Gordon Jones to recommend GOAP go into contract with Mr. Pace at the December KADB meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Ms. Carrico gave an update on CARES and MPIP projects.
- IV. Danielle Milbern presented a budget revision for A2020-0142 Central KY Custom Meats, Inc.
 - A motion was made by Keith Rogers and seconded by Bobby Foree to recommend approval of the budget revision. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Ms. Carrico gave an overview of CARES project A2020-0303 Porter Road Butcher Meat, the first application from a processor that does not have a kill floor and outsources their slaughter.
 - Producer impact paperwork was reviewed by the committee.

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- Motion was made by Mr. Foree and seconded by Mr. Rogers to recommend that staff confirm the applicant's eligibility for CARES pending the availability of funds.

VI. KSU Staff gave an overview of timeline and progress of the poultry unit expansion project.

- Committee and staff discussed the project and obtained clarification on the goals and potential impact of the expansion.
- The Committee recommended KSU submit a regular KADF application since the MPIP is directed towards for-profit processors and the need for expansion in poultry processing.

VII. 2021 Program discussion

- OAK representative, Brooke Gentile gave overview of requests and suggestions from their producers for the 2021 MPIP Program.
- A new timeline was established as follows:
 - January 4, 2020 Committee 2021 Guidelines Meeting
 - January 15, 2020 Presentation of 2021 MPIP Guidelines at KADB Meeting.
 - January 19, 2020 Meat Processing Expansion Committee Meeting for application review.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: January 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. EST via Zoom Video Conferencing

APPENDIX E: Program Evaluation Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	December 8, 2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Stefanie Osterman
Attendees:	Members: Pat Henderson, Mark Barker, Matt Hinton and Gordon Jones. Extension: Jeff Casada GOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Sandra Gardner, Renee Carrico and Dorsey Ridley
Minutes Issued By:	Stefanie Osterman
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 AM
Meeting Adjourned:	9:45 AM

Agenda Items:

1. Update on Assessment Tool
 - a. Student worker has been hired and is working through videos across the internet to ensure duplicates aren't made. Dr. Bullock is working with a programmer and specialist this winter to have content ready for video creation.
2. Review of focus groups information
 - a. Pat Henderson made a motion to approve information submitted to the committee for focus groups. Mark Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Review of shared-use equipment-Log Loading Trailer with Boom:
 - a. Bill McCloskey led this discussion with the assistance of Jeff Casada. Keith Rogers made a motion to approve the recommendation of adding the log loading trailer with boom. Matt Hinton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Other:
 - a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPENDIX F: KADB Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	December 8, 2020
Meeting Location:	GOAP via Zoom Meeting ID: 974 5372 5675
Meeting Chair:	Sandra Gardner, Director of Compliance & Outreach
Attendees:	Committee: Mark Barker, Sarah Butler, Bobby Foree, Pat Henderson Staff: D. Ridley, L. Bates, R. Carrico, D. Carrier, K. Childers, A. Franklin, S. Gardner, B. McCloskey, D. Milbern, B. Murphy, S. Osterman, M. Sosby Guests: A. Botts, K. Hawkins, M. Hayes, B. Lackey, D. Maples, S. Parido, B. Thompson, K. Tucker, K. Yates
Minutes Issued By:	Sandra Gardner
Meeting Call to Order:	2:02 p.m. EST
Meeting Adjourned:	4:25 p.m. EST
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. Previous Meeting Minutes Staff reviewed the minutes of the Sept. 29 regular meeting of the committee. Staff also noted that the committee minutes for the regular meeting were approved in October as part of the full KADB September meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill McCloskey provided an update on the Ohio Valley Farm Business Analysis project (A2019-0024) and anticipates an amendment request coming in the future. <p>II. Requests</p> <p>A. Beef & Bacon Custom Processing L.L.C. (A2013-0301 & A2017-0185)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At its Sept. meeting, the committee pended a request from the recipient to waive the pro-rated payback of its cost-reimbursement grants, until conversations with a potential buyer had occurred. 2. Brian Murphy and Bill McCloskey provided updates to the committee. 3. After review and much discussion, <i>Mr. Henderson moved to transfer the agreement and remaining moratorium to the new buyer, noting that the new buyer is eligible to apply for a MPIP Level 4 award up to \$250,000 (50% reimbursement); Mr. Foree seconded the motion.</i> The motion passed. <p>Action: Staff will prepare a memo to the full board in January. It was noted later in the meeting that the Recipient must be current with reporting on the projects prior to a recommendation being made in January.</p> <p>B. Kentucky State Fair Board (A2019-0001)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renee Carrico presented a request from the Kentucky State Fair Board for a 6-month time extension to complete the project and reimbursement paperwork. Ms. Carrico noted that the request was received after the expiration of the agreement, which is why it is being brought before the committee for consideration. 	

2. After discussion, *Mr. Henderson moved to approve the time extension until April 30, 2021; Ms. Butler seconded the motion.* The motion passed.

Action: Staff will present a memo to the full board in December.

III. Updates & Discussions

A. Foothills Products and Services, Inc. (A2008-0280)

1. Mr. McCloskey reviewed previous action by the committee related to this project and updated the committee on direct conversations with the potential buyer. It was also noted that a second potential buyer has been identified.
2. Michael Hayes from Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC) provided an update from KHIC's standpoint on the project and potential buyers.
3. After much discussion, *Mr. Foree moved to forgive \$250,000 of the remaining debt of the project with the new owner assuming the remaining zero interest loan debt, contingent on KHIC approval, and recommend such at the December KADB meeting. Additionally, the new owner will not be eligible for 2020 Meat Processing Investment Program (MPIP) funding, but may be eligible for 2021 MPIP if available. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.* The motion passed

Action: Staff will present a memo to the full board in December.

B. American Black Hereford Association (A2017-0025)

- a. Sandra Gardner reviewed an inquiry from the new president of the association, seeking advice on remaining compliant with agreement to keep its headquarters in Kentucky, but not having a physical office.
- b. The committee discussed the situation and noted that regardless of having a physical office or not, there is not a functional headquarters in Kentucky, as stipulated in the agreement.
- c. After discussion, the committee directed staff to ask the following questions of the Recipient: 1) what do you want to do with the money that would normally cover rent and utilities? and 2) where does money for the rent/utilities come from? The committee suggested submitting a budget of what the Recipient wants to do for consideration in amending the contract.

Action: Staff will contact the Recipient.

C. Edmonton-Metcalf County Industrial Authority (A2011-0154)

- a. Mr. Murphy updated the committee that the recipient had withdrawn its request to waive the pro-rated payback of funds, as a buyer was found.
- b. No action necessary.

D. County Comprehensive Plans for Agriculture Development

- a. Ms. Gardner reminded the committee of the 5-year update of County Plans, as required by the board's Standard Operating Guidelines, noting that no consequences were included should a county not submit its updated plan.
- b. Diana Carrier provided an update on the process of collecting the updated plans for 2020, requesting that non-submission of a county plan be treated the same as non-submission of County Agricultural Development Council membership.

- c. After discussion, *Mr. Foree moved to include a stipulation in the Standard Operating Guidelines that counties without an updated plan on July 31 of the 5-year update shall have county fund commitments held until an updated plan is submitted; Mr. Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Action: Staff will prepare a memo to the full board in January.

IV. Report Review

A. Beef Solutions (A2017-0018)

1. Ms. Gardner referenced the final report submitted for the project that was emailed to the members.
2. Katelyn Hawkins presented a summary of the Recipient's final report and showed how Beef Solutions faired in 2020 with the pandemic.
3. No committee action necessary.

Action: Staff will prepare a formal completion letter for the Recipient.

B. Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office (A2019-0236)

1. Ms. Gardner introduced Kelley Yates, Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office executive director, to present an update on the project's progress towards its goals and objectives.
2. Ms. Yates and Sarabeth Parido updated the committee on successes and challenges of implementing the project and its educational programming during a pandemic year.
3. After discussion, *Mr. Foree moved to recommend release of second year funds at the December KADB meeting; Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Action: The recommendation will be presented as part of the committee report at the December KADB meeting.

V. Compliance Review

- A. The list of twelve (12) 0-2% interest loans was reviewed.
- B. The list of open forgivable loans was reviewed.
- C. The list of projects/programs with reporting 31 or more days late was reviewed. Out of 500+ active projects/programs, 43 were listed.

VI. Next Regular Quarterly Meeting – March 2021

Additional special meetings may be called, as needed.

VII. Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:25 p.m. EST.

APPENDIX G: KDA Recipient Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	December 16, 2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Renee Carrico
Attendees:	Members: Pat Henderson, Sarah Butler, and Wayne Hunt. KDA Staff: Keith Roger, Melanie McPartlin, Chad Smith, Tyler Madison, and David Morris. GOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Sandra Gardner, Dorsey Ridley, Brian Murphy, and Renee Carrico
Minutes Issued By:	Renee Carrico
Meeting Call to Order:	2:08 PM
Meeting Adjourned:	3:47 PM

Agenda Items:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of Budget Revision Request: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. KDA Staff discussed the final request for transfer of remaining Buy Local Program and POP Grants to the Branding and Advertising Program will be \$88,746 in State funds. b. They also further explained the secondary request to be given the ability to transfer the liquidated POP and Buy Local funding from January – June 2021 from the A2018-0169 grant to be utilized with 2021 funding on the A2020-0250 grant. c. Discussion was had about whether this is a one-time request due to COVID-19 or should be allowed for cost-share programs within project applications each year. d. Sandra Gardner explained the process with which funds are returned and redistributed through state government eMARS system and how similar requests have been handled in the past. e. Pat Henderson suggested alternatives in the future for how to better utilize funds in these programs. f. Sarah Butler voiced support of approving the secondary request this year, but cautioned the committee to wait on making long-term decisions that could impact other projects. She mentioned these decisions should be saved for full KADB discussion at a planning meeting once in person again. g. Mr. Henderson requested that GOAP Staff add that as a topic for a planning meeting in the future. h. Mr. Henderson moved that the committee approve the transfer of \$88,746 in State funds remaining from the Buy Local and Farm to Fork programs to Branding and Advertising Program and that KDA be given the opportunity to transfer the liquidated POP and Buy Local funding from January – June 2021 from the A2018-0169 grant to be utilized with 2021 funding on the A2020-0250 grant in the same budget categories. Ms. Butler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. 2. Other: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Renee Carrico went over how this request would be dealt with at the KADB December Meeting and gave final updates from Staff. b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPENDIX H: Blue Application Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	12/18/2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee Members: Bobby Foree, Sarah Butler, Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Katie Moyer and Keith Rogers GOAP Staff: Dorsey Ridley, Bill McCloskey, Danielle Milbern, Brian Murphy, Renee Carrico, Sandra Gardner, Murphy, Renee Carrico, Sandra Gardner, Milinda Sosby and Anne Marie Franklin. Milinda Sosby KCARD: Aleta Botts
Minutes Issued By:	Danielle Milbern
Meeting Call to Order:	1:03 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned:	2:31 p.m.

Agenda Items:	
1. A2019-0224	City of Berea a.) Committee recommends approving the budget amendment request.
2. A2020-0244	Taylor County Fiscal Court a.) Committee recommends not funding, due to lack of producer impact.
3. A2020-0312 0312	Hardin County Regional Farmers Markets Foundation, Inc. a.) Committee recommends funding the project for \$32,400 in State funds and \$1,000 in Hardin County funds for the construction of restrooms at the farmers market pavilion.

APPENDIX I: Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Industrial Hemp Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	November 17, 2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Renee Carrico
Attendees:	Members: Wayne Hunt, Keith Rogers, Bobby Foree, Katie Moyer, Mark Barker, Doug Lawson, Dr. Kenny Burdine, and Sarah Butler GOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Renee Carrico, Brian Murphy, Anne Marie Franklin, Lindsey Bates, Ali Hulett, and Milinda Sosby Other: Chris Ware, Tim Hughes, and Debbie Reed
Minutes Issued By:	Renee Carrico
Meeting Call to Order:	2:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned:	3:15 PM

Agenda Items:

The Joint Committee on Industrial Hemp met to discuss how the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) should move forward regarding the processing of grant and loan applications relating to industrial hemp.

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) staff reviewed the previous meeting's minutes and 2020 KADB, KAFC Industrial Hemp Policy.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) representative Keith Rogers gave an update on 2020 hemp crop in Kentucky as well as state and federal requirements moving into 2021. Rogers mentioned that Kentucky would stay in the pilot program for 2021 and has already notified USDA of the decision, the Kentucky Hemp Program at KDA is completely self-sufficient and utilizes no tax payer dollars, and THC testing at both the University of Kentucky and Breathitt labs is continuing on into the fall.

Bill McCloskey gave an update on all active KADB/KAFC hemp related projects.

The members also discussed needs within the industry including education for farmers and agribusinesses, reliable processors and market stability.

After thorough discussion, the Committee recommends no changes from the 2020 KADB, KAFC Hemp Policy and therefore the 2021 policy recommendation is below:

The Committee recommends that in 2021 the KADB and KAFC consider funding applications involving hemp from universities or public-private partnerships in two areas: 1) to support education of the agricultural community and farmers on hemp production from business planning to final processing, and 2) genetic research and variety development.

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Agenda Items:

The Committee also recommended KADB and KAFC consider funding applications by universities/colleges for equipment and/or infrastructure needed to support the implementation of KDA's state hemp plan approved by the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) and that hemp projects will be eligible for a participation loan under the KAFC Agricultural Processing Loan Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPENDIX J: Meat Processing: Level 2 Expansion Recommended for Approval

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS REQUESTED
A2020-0270	Kunkle Farm <i>Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2</i>	Boone	\$37,500.00
A2020-0277	Yoder's Custom Processing, Inc <i>Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2</i>	Garrard	\$37,500.00
A2020-0286	Spencer County Butcher Block <i>Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2</i>	Spencer	\$37,500.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval:			\$112,500.00
# Awards: 3		# Counties: 3	

**The Meat Processing Investment Program provides funding to incentivize economical expansion of Kentucky meat processors to process Kentucky livestock and poultry.*

Level 1 Incentives are for a USDA-inspected processing facilities or USDA-exempt poultry processing facilities needing assistance in operating costs related to increasing the number of head of Kentucky animals. Incentives are paid on a per head basis above the applicant's established baseline up to \$20,000.

Level 2 Simplified Processor Capacity Expansion is for processors interested in making small or modest facility improvements. Awards are 75% cost-reimbursement up to \$37,500.

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APPENDIX K: On-Farm Water Management Projects Recommended for Approval

On-Farm Water Project

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS REQUESTED
A2020-0287	River Farm Nursery, LLC <i>On-Farm Water Management - PIP</i>	Oldham	\$45,443.00

Awards: 1 # Counties: 1 Total State Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$45,443.00**

On-Farm Water SSG

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS REQUESTED
A2020-0233	Andrew Ellison d/b/a Southern Sweet Berry Farm	Graves	\$2,000.00
A2020-0234	Barton D Rudolph	McCracken	\$1,500.00
A2020-0269	Conyea Farms, LLC	Graves	\$5,644.00
A2020-0272	Sustainable Harvest Farm LLC	Laurel	\$10,000.00
A2020-0288	Lazy Eight Stock Farm, LLC	Madison	\$8,984.00

Awards: 5 # Counties: 4 Total State Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$28,128.00**

**The On-Farm Water Management Program provides funding to promote water resilience on farms. The Small Scale Grant (SSG) is for a private farm that wishes to implement best management practices for water management on the farm on a smaller scale.*

The Producer Implementation Project (PIP) is for private farms that wish to implement best management practices for water management on the farm on a larger scale than SSG.