

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the September 20, 2024, business meeting. This is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



**Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
September 20, 2024
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY**

Call to Order

Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Warren Beeler presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Deputy Commissioner Warren Beeler (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Dean Nancy Cox, Wayne Hunt, Neil Denton, Bobby Foree, Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Hinton, Laura Sanderfur, Kevin Fields, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Michael Peterson and Mark Barker.

Notification of Media

Deputy Commissioner Beeler received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Boards & Special Events Manager, that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

Welcome

Deputy Commissioner Beeler welcomed everyone to the KADB meeting. Board members and guests participated in person.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Commissioner Beeler entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2024, board meeting.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report

Deputy Commissioner Beeler updated the board on activities of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

Executive Director's Report

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Brandon Reed to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Reed gave an overview of his activities since the August board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program total projects to date and dollar amount. Mr. Reed introduced

new staff member Landon Peach. Lastly, Mr. Reed referenced the 2024 County Agricultural Development Council submissions.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance and financial report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of August 30, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of August 26, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the K AFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of August 31, 2024.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Program Evaluation Committee

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Dr. Jones to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

A2020-0062 University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Sarah Bryant to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding authorization for 2025 CAIP Large Animal Investment Area Guidelines. Ms. Bryant called on Dr. Darrh Bullock to give a presentation on the Beef Systems Analyzer (A2020-0062). Staff recommends not requiring the Beef Systems Analyzer in 2025, but rather, advertise its benefits with producers, administrators, and extension agents, and allow it to meet the educational requirements for CAIP.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox Abstained.

A2022-0035 Loretto Butcher Shop, LLC

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Savanna Hill to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2022-0187 University of Kentucky Research Foundation – UK Value Chain Collaborative

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Mr. McCloskey to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox Abstained.

Project Time Extensions

Ms. Hill referenced (1) project requesting time extension (on file).

Staff recommended approval of one time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

New Business

New Applications for Referral

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Mr. McCloskey to present the new applications for referral.

Mr. McCloskey referenced sixteen (16) new applications for referral.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Ms. Bryant to present the programs recommended for approval.

Ms. Bryant referenced seven (7) County Agricultural Investment Programs (CAIP) applications totaling \$1,092,514; two (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$17,500; three (3) Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth) totaling \$60,100. The total program funding is \$1,170,114.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Requested Program Amendments

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Ms. Bryant to present the requested program amendments.

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP programs totaling \$72,799 (Marion and Trimble Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

Ms. Sanderfur moved to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Ms. Hill & Mr. McCloskey to present the following projects.

A2024-0195 Logan premium Meats and Processing LLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$1,000,000 in state funds to support the expansion of their facility to increase the harvest and holding capacity.

The Food Safety and Efficiency Committee recommends funding the applicant \$500,000 in the form of a forgivable loan, and \$500,000 as a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0198 Wonderlich Veterinary Services, PLLC

Mr. McCloskey referenced the above application requesting \$2,557 in county funds and \$12,790 in state funds to purchase ultrasound equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$12,790 in state funds and \$2,557 in Shelby County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0201 University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Mr. McCloskey referenced the above application requesting \$352,145 in state funds over a two-year period to support the state's Viticulture and Enology Extension Program.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$176,073 in state funds for one year of funding, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox Abstained.

A2024-0202 Shelby Veterinary Clinic, P.L.L.C.

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$19,033 in state funds and \$3,807 in Shelby County funds as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase an ultrasound machine.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding up to \$19,033 in state funds and \$3,807 in Shelby County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated four (4) applications are pending.

A2023-0278 Maxwell Farm

A2024-0134 Stephen J. Powers

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0210	Brian K. Peake <i>Brian K. Peake</i>	Taylor	Energy
A2024-0211	Skinner Farms LLC <i>Skinner Farms LLC</i>	Shelby	Blue
A2024-0218	Kyle Lancaster d/b/a Lancaster Poultry <i>Kyle Lancaster d/b/a Lancaster Poultry</i>	Webster	Energy
A2024-0219	Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC <i>Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC</i>	Fayette	Blue
A2024-0220	Kentucky Horticulture Council <i>Kentucky Horticulture Council</i>	_ALL	RRC
A2024-0221	University of Kentucky Research Foundation <i>Kentucky Value Chain Collaborative</i>	Fayette	Blue
A2024-0222	Kentucky Department of Agriculture <i>Kentucky Department of Agriculture</i>	_ALL	RRC
A2024-0223	Riney Dairy LLC <i>Riney Dairy LLC</i>	Washington	Energy
A2024-0224	Meadowbrook Farms, Inc. <i>Meadowbrook Farms, Inc.</i>	Barren	Energy
A2024-0225	Year Ten Inc. <i>Year Ten Inc.</i>	Monroe	Energy
A2024-0226	Keeneland Sustainability, LLC <i>Keeneland Sustainability LLC.</i>	Fayette	Blue
A2024-0227	Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc. <i>Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.</i>	_ALL	RRC
A2024-0228	Kentucky Beef Network, LLC <i>Kentucky Beef Network, LLC</i>	Fayette	RRC
A2024-0229	Alvios Cuban Meats, LLLP <i>Alvios Cuban Meats, LLLP</i>	Jefferson	Processing
A2024-0230	Benjamin B. Stivers <i>Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Woodford	Blue
A2024-0231	John Murphy <i>John Murphy</i>	Daviess	Energy

Board Meeting

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0203	Lee County Conservation District	Lee	\$93,000.00
A2024-0204	Breathitt County Farm Bureau of Breathitt County, Kentucky	Breathitt	\$75,000.00
A2024-0207	Graves County Conservation District	Fulton*	\$30,205.00
A2024-0208	Ballard County Agricultural Development Fund LLC	Ballard	\$322,309.00
A2024-0213	Casey County Conservation District	Casey	\$250,000.00
A2024-0214	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	Bourbon	\$252,000.00
A2024-0217	Bell County Conservation District	Bell*	\$70,000.00
			\$1,092,514.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0212	Mason County Conservation District	Mason	\$7,500.00
A2024-0216	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	Bourbon	\$10,000.00
			\$17,500.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0200	Mercer County 4-H Council, Incorporated	Mercer	\$15,000.00
A2024-0209	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer	\$5,100.00
A2024-0215	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	Bourbon	\$40,000.00
			\$60,100.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$1,170,114.00**

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

Requested Program Amendments

App # A2024-0104
Applicant Name Marion County Conservation District
 Original Amount Approved \$150,000
 Execution Date 06/03/2024
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$21,384 in Marion 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 \$171,384.
Recommend Approval

App # A2024-0118
Applicant Name Trimble County Conservation District
 Original Amount Approved \$131,000
 Execution Date 06/10/2024
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$51,415 in Trimble 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 \$182,415.
Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D: KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 20, 2024
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Bobby Foree, Dr. Jones and Warren Beeler (KDA). KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Brandon Reed, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Alexis Scheidt, Landon Peach, Sarah Bryant, and Savanna Hill.
Minutes Issued By:	Savanna Hill
Meeting Call to Order:	12:37 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	1:20 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

Consultants to Approve:

1. Alfred Scoglio

- a) Mr. Hunt made a motion to approve Alfred Scoglio as a consultant; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

Motion passed; Unanimous.

Pended Budget Amendment Request:

2. A2022-0035 Loretto Butcher Shop, LLC

- a) The Applicant requested a budget amendment to use the remaining project funds.

Mr. Hunt made a motion to approve the budget amendment, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

Motion passed; Unanimous.

New Application:

3. A2024-0229 Alvios Cuban Meats

- a) The Applicant requested \$3,750 in state funds for a third-party audit and labels as part of the Food Safety & Efficiency Incentives Program.

Mr. Beeler moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss application A2024-0229; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 12:49 p.m.

APPENDIX D: KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee Minutes

Agenda Items:

Mr. Pedigo moved to adjourn into open session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on application A2024-0229; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 12:59 p.m.

Mr. Pedigo made a motion to approve the applicant up to 75% of the cost of the audit which is \$2,243; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passed; Unanimous.

Industry Reports:

4. KCARD Update

- a) Brent Lackey stated that KCARD is working to inform processors of a new grant opportunity. He also stated that they are continuing to work with a halal processor in London, KY.

5. KAMP Update

- a) Jennifer Hardin gave an update on the Master Butcher Program. Ms. Hardin mentioned that the Master Butcher has visited a few facilities so far. Lastly, Ms. Hardin stated that they will be hosting a conference in March 2025 in Indiana.

6. KOAP Update

- a) Bill McCloskey presented the Food Safety & Efficiency Incentives Program guidelines.

Pedigo made a motion to approve the guidelines with no changes; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

Motion passed; Unanimous.

- b) Bill McCloskey presented the Meat Processor guidelines. The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having a maximum amount of funding. Sarah Bryant recommended adding a question to the board survey regarding changes to the guidelines/criteria.

Mr. Foree made a motion to pend the Meat Processor guideline changes and discuss the guidelines at the October Strategic Meeting; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

Motion passed; Unanimous.

APPENDIX D: KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee Minutes

Agenda Items:

Adjournment

<p>Mr. Hunt made the motion to adjourn the KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.</p>

<p>Motion passed; Unanimous.</p>

APPENDIX E: Blue Application Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 20, 2024
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Bobby Foree, Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, and Warren Beeler (KDA). KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savannah Hill, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Sarah Bryant, Alexis Scheidt, and Landon Peach
Minutes Issued By:	Hannah Sharp-Johnson
Meeting Call to Order:	1:32 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	2:57 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

The Blue Application Review Committee reviewed one time extension A2023-0248 and applications A2024-0211, A2024-0219, A2024-0230, A2024-0221, and A2024-0226.

Time Extension Request:

1. A2023-0248 Wilderness Trail Area Beef Marketing Alliance
 - a) The Recipient requested a three month time extension to receive an additional \$33,000 in Laurel County funds, to be matched by state funds. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Pedigo moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2024-0211, A2024-0219, A2024-0230, A2024-0221, and A2024-0226; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 2:26 p.m.

Mr. Hunt moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2024-0211, A2024-0219, A2024-0230, A2024-0221, and A2024-0226; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 2:52 p.m.

APPENDIX E: Blue Application Review Committee Minutes

Agenda Items:

1. A2024-0211 Skinner Farms LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$6,175 in state funds and up to \$10,000 in Shelby County funds to purchase a walk-in freezer.

2. A2024-0219 Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$1,875 in state funds and up to \$375 in Campbell County funds to purchase equine dental equipment as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

3. A2024-0230 Benjamin B. Stivers
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$66,310 in state funds and up to \$13,262 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck, vet box, and an ultrasound machine as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

4. A2024-0221 University of Kentucky Research Foundation
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$300,513 in state funds to fund three full-time Value Chain coordinators for two years.

5. A2024-0226 Keeneland Sustainability, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information.

Adjournment:

Committee adjourned in acclamation.

APPENDIX F: KADB Program Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 18, 2024
Meeting Location:	KOAP <i>via</i> Zoom Meeting ID: 848 7422 4035
Meeting Chair:	Sarah Bryant
Attendees:	Committee: Matt Hinton, Dr. Gordon Jones, and Warren Beeler KOAP Staff: Sarah Bryant, Becca Besok, Savanna Hill, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Jeff Parman, Landon Peach, Alexis Scheidt, Bailey Siry-Crowder, and Chelsea Smither Guests: Dr. Darrh Bullock
Minutes Issued By:	Sarah Bryant
Meeting Call to Order:	9:01 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:28 a.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

- I. **Revised Bull EPD Guidelines for CAIP 2025**
 - a. Dr. Darrh Bullock presented the newest revised bull EPD standards for CAIP. Dr. Bullock has updated the bull guidelines to be more consistent with Tennessee. Due to the considerable changes to the guidelines, Dr. Bullock and the Committee recommended the KADB to review and approve the new standards and remove the "Heifer Acceptable" bull category from the Large Animal Investment Area Guidelines at the October KADB meeting.
- II. **Update on Online Beef Assessment Tool/Beef Systems Analyzer**
 - a. KOAP staff and Dr. Bullock discussed feedback from the annual KOAP/UK CES Partnership Panel about the Beef Systems Analyzer. Extension agents in attendance communicated that they liked the program/software but had several concerns about making it a requirement in the upcoming 2025 CAIP. Dr. Bullock discussed the financial needs to make software upgrades to address the extension agent's concerns and the Committee encouraged him to submit a new application. The Committee mentioned the importance of producers utilizing the software prior to making it a requirement in CAIP and discussed different ways of advertising, including an article in the Cow Country News and adding it into the CAIP Administrator Training presentations for 2025.
 - b. Dr. Bullock will present the Beef Systems Analyzer and the suggested addition to the Large Animal Investment Area Guideline Prerequisites for Cattle – Beef & Dairy for 2025 at the KADB monthly meeting on September 20, 2024. However, the Committee and KOAP staff recommends taking a slow approach based on extension agent concerns.
- III. **Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program**
 - a. The Committee discussed continuing to gather more information from various stakeholders prior to changing the guidelines.
- IV. **2025 KADB Planning Questionnaire**
 - a. The Committee made several suggestions for revisions to the 2025 KADB Planning Questionnaire. The Committee recommends approving the questionnaire as revised for the KADB to complete by October 18, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next Meeting: TBD

APPENDIX G: On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 25, 2024
Meeting Location:	Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81773141950?pwd=nVBIF8PVPnVh8FQaphhHCxfOOtiik.1
Meeting Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee Members: Scott Maas KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, Savannah Hill, Bailey Siry-Crowder, and Landon Peach. Advisory: Doug Overhults, Sam McNeill, Zachary Byrd, Andy Miller, and Morgan Hayes.
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:19 a.m. EDT

Pending Applications:

1. A2023-0278 Maxwell Farm
The committee unanimously recommended not funding the application due to not receiving third-party audit information.

2. A2024-0134 Stephen J. Powers
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$9,502 in state funds to install solar panels for a grain operation.

3. A2024-0137 River Bottom Tobacco Farms Inc.
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install solar panels for a grain operation.

New Applications:

1. A2024-0210 Brian K. Peake
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install lights and fans for a dairy operation.

2. A2024-0218 Kyle Lancaster DbA Lancaster Poultry
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$6,931 in state funds to install vent doors for a poultry operation.

3. A2024-0223 Riney Dairy LLC
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install a vacuum pump for a dairy operation.

4. A2024-0224 Meadowbrook Farms, Inc.
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$9,229 in state funds to install fans and doors for a poultry operation.

APPENDIX G: On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program Committee Meeting Minutes

5. A2024-0225 Year Ten Inc.
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install heaters, lights, and fans for a poultry operation.
6. A2024-0231 John Murphy
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next meeting: February 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST via Zoom.