

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the December 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
December 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 9:01 a.m. (EST).

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, Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Wayne Hunt, Neil Denton, Dr. Gordon Jones, Fritz Giesecke, Kevin Fields, Mark Barker, Al Pedigo, Bobby Foree, Matt Hinton, and Heather Graham.

Absent Member: Laura Sanderfur

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 November 15, 2024, board meeting.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Giesecke 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 November board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced the 2024-

2026 County Agricultural Development Council Submissions update. Lastly, Mr. Reed referenced the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program total projects to date and dollar amount.

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 November 25, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of November 25, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the K AFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of November 30, 2024.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Presentations

A2023-0264 Kentucky Agricultural Council, Incorporated

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Jennifer Elwell to provide an overview of the 2025-2030 Strategic Roadmap for Kentucky Agriculture.

Memo Action Items

Project Time Extensions

Mr. McCloskey referenced (2) projects requesting time extensions (*on file*).

Staff recommended approval of one time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2018-0211 University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Brian Murphy to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding an update.

Mr. Foree moved to amend the current agreement to add an additional five years; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox and Ms. Graham Abstained.

New Business

New Applications for Referral

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced four (4) new applications for referral.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Programs Recommended for Approval

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

Ms. Bryant referenced three (3) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications totaling \$171,729; one (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$5,000; one (1) Shared-Use Equipment Program totaling \$17,000; one (1) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) totaling \$5,000. The total program funding is \$198,729.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Fields 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 three (3) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP programs totaling \$189,939 (Jessamine, Adair, and Taylor Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, Savanna Hill, & Alexis Scheidt to present the following projects.

A2024-0222 Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$3,189,000 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 to fund the Kentucky Proud program.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$1,684,000 in state funds for 2025, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Giesecke moved to fund the applicant \$3,189,000 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0227 Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.

Ms. Scheidt referenced the above application requesting \$1,891,560 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 to continue educating, representing, and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and industry.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$1,291,560 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0228 Kentucky Beef Network, LLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$2,316,516 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 to continue to provide programs to cattle producers that will enhance their net returns through increased marketing opportunities, data management, education, and comprehensive farm management systems.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding \$2,316,516 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0248 Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentucky

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds to purchase grain rescue equipment for local EMS to utilize in case of a grain entrapment accident.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0254 Woodford County Board of Education

Ms. Scheidt referenced the above application requesting \$40,000 in Woodford County funds to construct a new livestock education barn.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$40,000 in Woodford County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0258 Spencer County Fiscal Court

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$50,000 in Spencer County funds and \$250,000 in state funds for the construction of a new farmers market.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$250,000 in state funds and \$50,000 in Spencer County funds for the construction of a farmer's market, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0261 Cowan Community Action Group, Inc

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$251,000 in state and Letcher County funds to build a farmers market pavilion.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$251,000 in state and Letcher County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0263 University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$44,823 in state funds to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$44,823 in state funds to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox and Ms. Graham Abstained.

Pending Applications

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

- A2024-0238 Grow Farms, LLC
- A2024-0247 Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC
- A2024-0262 Kentucky Young Farmers Association
- A2024-0265 Kentucky Halal Meats LLC

Expired/Withdrawn Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated one (1) application withdrew.

- A2024-0124 AppleAtcha Agritech KY, LLC

No action necessary on expired/withdrawn projects or programs.

Closing Remarks

Deputy Commissioner Beeler stated the KADB Application Review Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of the KADB meeting.

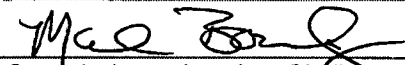


The next KADB meeting will be on Friday, January 17, 2025, at the Franklin County Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. (EST).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Deputy Commissioner Beeler entertained a motion to adjourn the December meeting at 11:24 a.m. (EST).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the December KADB meeting; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: 1-17-25
PRESIDING OFFICER: 
Commissioner Jonathan Shell  Chief of Staff
BOARD SECRETARY: 
Hanjah Sharp-Johnson, 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 requested Program Amendments is attached as Appendix C.
 4. A copy of the KADB Application Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix D.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0267	Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC <i>Processing Upgrades</i>	Lincoln	ARC
A2024-0274	Rockcastle County Conservation District <i>Exhaust Fans</i>	Rockcastle	ARC
A2024-0275	Rockcastle County Conservation District <i>Livestock Show Panels</i>	Rockcastle	ARC
A2024-0276	Kentucky State Beekeepers Association <i>Certified Honey Program</i>	_ALL	ARC

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0269	Crittenden County Soil Conservation District	Crittenden*	\$30,000.00
A2024-0271	Leslie County Conservation District	Leslie*	\$52,002.00
A2024-0272	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan*	\$89,727.00
			\$171,729.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0266	Oldham County Fiscal Court	Oldham	\$5,000.00
			\$5,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0270	Rockcastle County Conservation District	Rockcastle	\$17,000.00
			\$17,000.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0273	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan*	\$5,000.00
			\$5,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$198,729.00**

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

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2024-0081
Applicant Name	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	05/13/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$100,000 in Jessamine County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$200,000.</p>

Recommend Approval

App #	A2024-0139
Applicant Name	Adair County Cattlemen’s Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$200,000
Execution Date	07/17/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$14,939 in Adair County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$214,939.</p>

Recommend Approval

App #	A2024-0172
Applicant Name	Taylor County Cattlemen’s Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	08/06/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$75,000 in Taylor County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$175,000.</p>

Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D: Application Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	December 20, 2024
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	<p>Committee Members: Bobby Foree, Mark Barker, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Ashlee Chilton, Deputy Commissioner Warren Beeler (KDA), Wayne Hunt, Dr. Marcus Bernard, Al Pedigo, Fritz Giesecke, Neil Denton, and Matt Hinton.</p> <p>KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Becca Besok, Chelsea Smither, Hannah Johnson, and Landon Peach.</p>
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither
Meeting Call to Order:	12:00 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	2:02 p.m. EDT

<p>Agenda Items:</p> <p>The Application Review Committee reviewed applications A2024-0274, A2024-0275, A2024-0247 (pending), A2024-0262 (pending), A2024-0264 (pending), A2024-0265 (pending), A2024-0267, A2024-0276, and A2024-0238.</p> <p>Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2024-0274, A2024-0275, A2024-0247 (pending), A2024-0262 (pending), A2024-0264 (pending), A2024-0265 (pending), A2024-0267, A2024-0276, and A2024-0238; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The committee entered executive session at 1:18 p.m.</i></p> <p>Mr. Beeler moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2024-0274, A2024-0275, A2024-0247 (pending), A2024-0262 (pending), A2024-0264 (pending), A2024-0265 (pending), A2024-0267, A2024-0276, and A2024-0238; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The committee reconvened in open session at 1:56 p.m.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A2024-0274 Rockcastle County Conservation District <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$3,212.24 in Rockcastle County Funds to purchase exhaust fans for the fairgrounds.

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2. A2024-0275 Rockcastle County Conservation District
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$3,367.50 in Rockcastle County Funds to purchase livestock panels for the fairgrounds.
3. A2024-0247 Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC (pending)
 - a) The application is already pending until all county funds are committed so no action was necessary.
4. A2024-0262 Kentucky Young Farmers Association (pending)
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended denying the applicant's request due to the understanding that they would only be funding the pilot program from 2023.
5. A2024-0264 Community Farm Alliance (pending)
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$868,008 in State funds over a 2 year period to continue supporting market and nutrition incentives, increasing access to local food for low income populations, and leveraging federal funds to support the food and farming systems in Kentucky.
6. A2024-0265 Kentucky Halal Meats LLC (pending)
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application until a tour of Foothills was completed to provide an update at the January meeting.
7. A2024-0267 Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended denying the applicant's request due to the project not increasing harvest capacity.
8. A2024-0276 Kentucky State Beekeepers Association
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$109,000 in state funds over 2 years to support the Certified Kentucky Honey Program.
9. A2024-0238 Grow Farms, LLC (pending)
 - a) The application was already in a pending status. No action was necessary.

Adjournment:

Committee adjourned in acclamation.