

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the April 17, 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
404 Ann Street
Frankfort, KY 40601**

Call to Order

Commissioner Quarles, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Commissioner Quarles, Dorsey Ridley (designee for Governor Beshear), Sarah Butler (designee for interim Secretary Larry Hayes), Dean Nancy Cox, Dr. Kirk Pomper (designee for Dr. M. Christopher Brown II., President), Mark Barker, Bobby Foree, Fritz Giesecke, Pat Henderson, Stewart Hughes, Wayne Hunt, Dr. Gordon Jones, Katie Moyer and Al Pedigo.

Members absent: Jim Mahan, Matt Hinton.

Notification of Media

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

Welcome

Commissioner Quarles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Quarles discussed how the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is helping during the pandemic.

Commissioner Quarles stated the KDA is fielding calls with concerns about the food supply chain. He stressed the importance of making sure the public knows the food supply chain is safe.

Commissioner Quarles discussed bills that were passed in the General Assembly this session.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Quarles entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020 board meeting.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Quarles yielded the floor to Warren Beeler, GOAP Executive Director, to report to the board.

Mr. Beeler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Beeler stated that the budget passed and that we will know the amount of the next MSA payment on April 23, 2020.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Quarles yielded the floor to Bill McCloskey, GOAP Deputy Executive Director, to report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the KADB April 2020 Quarterly Compliance Report and called on Sandy Gardner to address.

Ms. Gardner stated she had no comments unless there were questions from the board or someone needed copies of any reports that were submitted in the first quarter of 2020.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the February 20, 2020 Kentucky Broadcaster's Association Public Education Partnership (PEP) Program (*on file*).

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of April 1, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of March 30, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of March 31, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation meeting agenda (*on file*) as of April 10, 2020.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Applications (*on file*) as of April 10, 2020.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the Deputy Executive Director's Report; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Program Evaluation Committee

Commissioner Quarles called on Dr. Jones to provide the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

Dr. Jones gave the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report. Dr. Jones also gave a brief explanation of the committees' directives for the University of Kentucky Beef Assessment Tool project (*see minutes attached*).

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Nancy Cox abstained.

Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee (KDDC)

Commissioner Quarles called on Dean Cox to provide the KDDC Recipient Review Committee report.

Dean Cox gave the KDDC Recipient Review Committee report and explained what KDDC is doing to help alleviate the stress on Kentucky dairy farmers

Dean Cox presented the following request from KDDC and the committee's recommendation for board consideration.

A2018 – 0201 Kentucky Dairy Development Council

KDDC requested to have the processor match requirement waived for the 2020 MILK program payments.

The KDDC Recipient Review Committee recommended allowing KDDC to make first quarter 2020 MILK payments without processor match. The Committee also recommended giving KDDC 60 days to look into procuring new match or adjusting the budget and report back.

Mr. Beeler yielded the floor to H.H. Barlow, KDDC Executive Director, to address the board.

Mr. Hunt stated his support of the request.

Dean Cox moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Compliance Review Committee

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. Barker to give the Compliance Committee report.

Mr. Barker gave report regarding a number of projects, standard operating guidelines and loans status that were discussed (*see minutes attached*).

Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the committee report; Ms. Moyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Memo Action Items

Commissioner Quarles called on Renee Carrico to present the following memo action items:

A2018 – 0208 Western Kentucky University

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above referenced project requesting a three (3) month time extension until July 10, 2020. Staff recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the staff recommendation; Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2019 – 0162 Owsley Brown Frazier Historical Arms Museum Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Carrico presented a memorandum (*on file*) on the above reference project requesting a six (6) month time extension until May 22, 2021. Staff recommended approval of the request.

Ms. Moyer moved to approve the staff recommendation; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

New Business

New Applications for Referral

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced three (3) new applications for referral.

Ms. Moyer moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Ms. Butler seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced three (3) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications totaling \$294,009, noting that there was an accounting adjustment to Wolfe County to \$123,630, requesting county funds; Three (3) Shared-Use applications requesting funds totaling \$63,180; One (1) Youth Ag Incentives Program application requesting county funds totaling \$28,931. The total program funding \$386,480.

Ms. Butler moved to approve the programs as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Henderson abstained.

Requested Program Amendments³

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced two (2) counties requesting additional funds for existing CAIP's (Bracken and Boone) totaling \$65,282 and one (1) county requesting additional funds for an existing NextGen (Bracken) totaling \$4,000 in additional funds. Total funding: \$69,282. One (1) county requesting to increase the maximum producer limit for CAIP (Bracken) from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the program amendments as presented; Ms. Moyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Project Recommendations for Funding

Commissioner Quarles called on Renee Carrico and Danielle Milbern to present the following recommendations for funding:

A2020 – 0009 Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$10,000 in Breckinridge County funds and \$20,000 in State funds to purchase and install a 20 kW solar panel unit.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended approving the request for up to \$30,000 in multiple County funds and no 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 – 0034 Rockcastle County Board of Education

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$2,000 in Rockcastle County funds to renovate the school greenhouse at Rockcastle County High School.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended approving the request for up to \$2,000 in Rockcastle County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0042 Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$392,700 in State funds to purchase equipment and upgrade its processing facility for capacity, yield optimization and quality demanded by larger customers.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding the request for up to \$392,700 in State funds as a participation loan, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0043 Southeast Kentucky Sheep Producers Association, Inc.

Ms. Milbern referenced the above application requesting \$6,295 in Laurel and \$6,295 in Pulaski County funds to conduct a feasibility study on aggregating and selling lambs into regional market channels.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended approving the request for up to \$6,295 in Laurel and \$6,295 in Pulaski County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2020 – 0045 Grayson County Board of Education

Ms. Carrico referenced the above application requesting \$1,500 in Grayson County funds to upgrade the high school greenhouse and aquaponics system.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended approving the request for up to \$1,500 in Grayson County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Recommendations for No Funding

A2020 – 0049 Muhlenberg County Conservation District

Mr. McCloskey referenced the above application requesting the county's 2020 MSA allocation to administer the 2020 County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP).

Staff recommended denying the request due to the Muhlenberg County Agricultural Council Development Council not committing County funds to this application.

Ms. Butler moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated there are four (4) projects and eleven (11) program applications pending.

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Quarles stated the KADB Red Application Review Committee would meet immediately following the board meeting.

Commissioner Quarles stated that the next KADB meeting would be on May 15, 2020 at a location to be determined.

Adjournment

Commissioner Quarles entertained a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Moyer moved to adjourn the April KADB meeting; Ms. Butler seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

The KADB meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. (EDT).

APPROVED DATE: 5-15-2020
PRESIDING OFFICER: Ben Quarles
BOARD SECRETARY: Marvella McElmurry for Tracey Park
Tracey Park

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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 KADB Program Evaluation Committee minutes is attached as Appendix D.
 5. A copy of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee minutes is attached as Appendix E.
 6. A copy of the KADB Compliance Review Committee minutes is attached as Appendix F.
 7. A copy of the KADB Red Application Review Committee minutes is attached as Appendix G.
 8. A copy of the KADB Processing Expansion Committee minutes is attached as Appendix H.
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APPENDIX A: New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2020-0048	Ecofibre USA, Inc <i>Hemp Processing Expansion</i>	Harrison	Red
A2020-0062	University of Kentucky Research Foundation <i>Integrated CAIP for Beef Cattle Production</i>	Fayette	Red
A2020-0063	Clark County Fair and Horseshow, Incorporated <i>Fairgrounds Renovations</i>	Clark	Red

APPENDIX B: Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0056	Owsley County Conservation District	Owsley	\$140,000.00
A2020-0059	Perry County Conservation District	Perry	\$30,739.00
A2020-0064	Wolfe County Conservation District	Wolfe	\$123,630.00
			\$294,369.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0046	Pulaski County Conservation District	Pulaski	\$9,680.00
A2020-0047	Breckinridge County Extension District Board	Breckinridge	\$16,000.00
A2020-0057	Monroe County Conservation District	Monroe	\$37,500.00
			\$63,180.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2020-0060	Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc.	Mason	\$28,931.00
			\$28,931.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:	\$386,480.00
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APPENDIX C: Requested Program Amendments

App # A2020-0001
Applicant Name Buffalo Trace Area Development District (Bracken)
Original Amount Approved \$30,000
Execution Date 01/21/2020
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$4,000 in Bracken County funds for the *Next Gen Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.
 The applicant also requests to increase the maximum producer limit amount from \$3,000 to \$3,500.
 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 \$34,000.
Recommend Approval

App# A2020-0002
Applicant Name Buffalo Trace Area Development District (Bracken)
Original Amount Approved \$250,000
Execution Date 01/21/2020
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$58,282 in Bracken County funds for the *CAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.
 The applicant also requests to increase the maximum producer limit amount from \$3,000 to \$3,500.
 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 \$308,282.
Recommend Approval

App# A2019-0256
Applicant Name Northern Kentucky Cattle Association (Boone)
Amount Approved \$123,464
Execution Date 1/7/2020
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$7,000 in Boone 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 agreement.
 Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$130,464
Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D : Program Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date:	April 15,2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Meeting
Committee Chair:	Renee Carrico
Attendees:	Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Hinton, Mark Barker, Pat Henderson GOAP staff: Bill McCloskey, Warren Beeler, Renee Carrico, Sandra Gardner, Stefanie Osterman, Shelby Wade UK Staff: Dr. Darrh Bullock, Kevin Laurant, Dr. Jimmy Henning
Minutes Issued By:	Stefanie Osterman
Meeting Call to Order:	9:30 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned:	11:00 a.m.
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. Program Evaluation Committee</p> <p>A. Beef Assessment Tool project The Committee met and listened to a presentation by the UK Beef and Forage Extension Specialist on the development of the Beef Assessment Tool & Educational Videos. The Committee discussed the project at length. UK will be presenting the project to the Red Application Review Committee at their March meeting. The project will be presented today to the Red Application Review Committee.</p> <p>B. CAIP request: extension of 6-month retroactive policy Staff brought up a concern from a county extension agent requesting that they be allowed to waive the 6-month retroactive policy due to the coronavirus outbreak. The program evaluation committee discussed this issue and determined that other counties may also have similar issues as the outbreak continues.</p> <p>The program evaluation committee recommends allowing a local administrative entity the option to extend the retroactivity period for a 2020 program back to the receipt submission deadline of the county's last CAIP, not to exceed 12 months.</p> <p>C. CAIP Education and training update Staff gave a brief update on education and training.</p>	
II. Next Meeting TBA	

**APPENDIX E: KY Dairy Development Council
Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date:	April 17,2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom Meeting
Committee Chair:	Dean Nancy Cox
Attendees:	Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Dean Nancy Cox, Mark Barker, Tim Hughes GOAP staff: Bill McCloskey, Warren Beeler, Danielle Milbern, Sandy Gardner, Marielle McElmurray, Ali Hulett KDDC staff: H.H Barlow, Jennifer Hickerson, Tom Hastings, Freeom Brundige
Minutes Issued By:	Danielle Milbern
Meeting Call to Order:	8:15 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned:	9:00 a.m.
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. A2018-0201 Grant</p> <p>A. KDDC MILK Program Request</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee reviewed a request from KDDC to waive the matching funds requirement for 2020 MILK Program payments, as most of the dairy processors gave notice that they would not agree to match. 2. The KDDC Recipient Review Committee recommended to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board to allow the 1st quarter milk payments to be paid to qualifying dairy farmers without matching funds. 3. The committee also gave KDDC 60 days to find matching funds for the MILK Program. 	
II. Next Meeting June 19, 2020	

APPENDIX F: KADB Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date:	April 17, 2020
Meeting Location:	GOAP via https://zoom.us/j/619683348
Meeting Chair:	Sandra Gardner, Director of Compliance & Outreach
Attendees:	Mark Barker, Sarah Butler, Bobby Foree, Pat Henderson Staff: W. Beeler, R. Carrico, S. Gardner, B. McCloskey, D. Milbern, S. Osterman, S. Wade Guests: Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (Mike Mabry, Tammy Horn Potter, Sarah Preston); Aleta Botts, KCARD
Minutes Issued By:	Sandra Gardner
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	9:50 a.m. EDT
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. Previous Meeting Minutes Committee minutes from the February 21 meeting of the KADB Compliance Committee were reviewed. Staff noted that the minutes were approved as part of the full KADB meeting minutes for February.</p> <p>II. Old Business</p> <p>A. Crowley's Mill L.L.C. (A2017-0020) Bill McCloskey provided an update on a possible buyer for equipment related to the above project.</p> <p>B. Sunstrand LLC (A2016-0218)</p> <p>i. Mr. McCloskey updated the committee on the final settlement of \$50,000, received 3/10/2020.</p> <p>ii. After discussion, <i>Mr. Henderson moved to write off the remaining loan balance; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.</i> The motion passed.</p> <p>III. New Business</p> <p>A. Atalo Holdings, Inc. (A2015-0028)</p> <p>i. Mr. McCloskey reported that the Recipient had filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, noting that the award was a cost-reimbursement grant.</p> <p>ii. After discussion, it was recommended that staff obtain documentation verifying the bankruptcy. Action: Staff will secure appropriate bankruptcy documentation for the master file.</p> <p>B. Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (A2018-0225)</p> <p>i. Danielle Milbern reviewed a memo with the Recipient's request for approval of a fiscal sponsor to allow the project to move forward, while the association works out its non-profit status.</p> <p>ii. Mike Mabry with KSBA provided an update on the timeline for reinstating 501(c)(3) status.</p>	

- iii. After discussion, *Mr. Henderson moved to approve the request to allow Blue Grass Community Foundation to act as a fiscal sponsor for KSBA; Ms. Butler seconded the motion.* The motion passed.

Action: Staff will prepare a memo for recommendation from the Committee to the full Board in May. The Recipient will also present its progress towards benchmarks, goals and objectives for the project.

C. Standard Operating Guidelines

- i. Ms. Gardner reviewed the proposed changes for the *KADF Standard Operating Procedures*, including the name change to *Standard Operating Guidelines*.
- ii. The following modifications to the proposed revisions were made:
 - 1. Page 8, "Other Requirements for Council Membership" revise second bullet point to be *At least of one (1) of the nine (9) members shall represent a minority (gender or race).*
 - 2. Page 9, "Vacancies" include a line that appointments made to fill vacancies shall be submitted to GOAP.
 - 3. Page 15, include appropriate references to KADB Program Evaluation Committee, instead of GOAP Compliance Committee.
- iii. After review & discussion, *Mr. Barker moved to approve the presented revisions with the above modifications; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.* The motion passed.

Action: Staff will prepare a memo for the recommendation from the Committee to the full Board in May.

D. 2020-2022 County Agricultural Development Council Membership Update

- i. Ms. Gardner presented a memo recommending an extension of the submission deadline to October 31, 2020 before county funding is held, according to the *KADB Standard Operating Guidelines*.
- ii. After discussion, *Mr. Henderson moved to approve staff's recommendation; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.* The motion passed.

Action: Staff will prepare a memo for the recommendation from the Committee to the full Board in May.

IV. Compliance Review

- A. The list of **0-2% interest loans** was reviewed with staff, highlights included
 - i. All loan payments are current, loans with April payments were noted
 - ii. Meade County Riverport Authority (A2013-0038) – loan was paid in full on 12/31/2019
- B. The list of open **forgivable loans** was reviewed.
 - i. Loans with 2020 maturity dates were highlighted: Creation Gardens; Little Kentucky Smokehouse
 - ii. Two loans requiring follow-up were noted: Eddy Grove Vineyard Inc.; Farm Haven LLC
- C. The list of projects with **reporting 31 or more days late** was reviewed. Out of 465 active projects/programs, a total of 17 were on the list (3.6%).

- V. **Next Regular Quarterly Meeting – June**
Additional meetings may be called, as needed.

APPENDIX G: Red Application Review Committee Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date:	April 17,2020
Meeting Location:	Video Teleconference
Meeting Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee members: Stewart Hughes, Mark Barker, Dr. Kirk Pomper, Pat Henderson and Keith Rogers KADB Members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Wayne Hunt and Fritz Giesecke GOAP staff: Warren Beeler, Bill McCloskey, Renee Carrico, Danielle Milbern and Sandra Gardner KCARD: Aleta Botts
Minutes Issued By:	Danielle Milbern
Meeting Call to Order:	11:00 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	1:45 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:	
1. A2020-0068 Clark County Fair and Horse Show, Incorporated	a) Committee recommends funding \$21,332 in Clark County funds.
2. A2019-0002 Community Farm Alliance	a) Committee recommends approving the reallocation of \$16,086 in State funds.
3. A2020-0034 University of Kentucky Research Foundation	a) Committee recommends pending until Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association and County Extension Agent feedback is received.
4. A2020-0023 Winchester Clark County Farmers Market	a) Committee recommends funding \$25,000 in Clark County funds and \$210,000 in State funds.
5. A2019-0283 JSW Farm Chop Shop Inc.	a) Committee recommends pending the application until the following is received and reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement with the CPA Company to perform financial audit. • Agreement or correspondence with IRS to satisfy taxes. • Updated plan to dispose of waste water. • Updated Cash flow to reflect the change in how the waste water will be handled/disposed of going forward and IRS payments. • Formal request for the installation cost of wash cabinet and method for determining the cost. • Financial statements for John Whitt and Jonathan Whitt.

APPENDIX G: Red Application Review Committee Meeting Minutes



Agenda Items:
6. A2020-0032 City of Princeton a) Committee recommends pending at the applicant's request.
7. A2020-0048 Ecofiber USA, Inc. a) Committee recommends pending at the applicant's request.
8. A2020-0044 Baesler Farms a) Committee recommends pending until the Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp meets to clarify 2020 policy.

APPENDIX H: Processing Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Friday, April 24, 2020
Meeting Location:	Zoom
Meeting Chair:	Wayne Hunt
Attendees:	Committee: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Dr. Gordon Jones, Stewart Hughes, Pat Henderson, Bobby Foree KDA Staff: John Chism KCARD Staff: Aleta Botts, Brent Lackey GOAP Staff: Warren Beeler, Bill McCloskey, Danielle Milbern, Renee Carrico, Marielle McElmurray
Minutes Issued By:	Marielle McElmurray
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 AM
Meeting Adjourned:	10:30 AM

Agenda Items:

- I. The committee discussed the need for processing expansion in Kentucky.
- II. Further discussion regarding size, location and number of facilities necessary to expand processing ability.
- III. Ms. Botts explained two concerns that need to be addressed: 1) the need for a new, large scale processor and 2) needs of current processors to expand their operations.
- IV. Mr. Pedigo commented on the importance of remembering cow-calf operations and what makes Kentucky an important cattle producing state.
- V. Dr. Jones stated the potential markets for conventionally finished cattle, never-ever cattle and grass fed. Dr. Jones also commented on the potential profitability for dairy farmers and their operations in feeding out cattle.
- VI. Mr. Foree explained the challenges faced by Beef Solutions.
- VII. In response to a question from Mr. Hughes, staff will find the number of cattle finished in Kentucky. Mr. Hughes also commented on the importance of smaller, custom processors.
- VIII. The committee discussed a plan for surveying current Kentucky processors to find out their immediate needs and where KADF money could be used to help, i.e. purchasing more penning or expanding freezer space, etc.
- IX. The committee discussed different ideas for funding custom processors and USDA processing facilities, including forgivable loans, county commitments, grants, cost-share etc.

Next Meeting Date: TBD