The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the March 17, 2023, 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, 404 Ann Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
March 17, 2023
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct Frankfort, KY

#### Call to Order

Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. (EDT).

#### Roll Call

The following members were present: Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles, Travis Mayo (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Dean Nancy Cox, Bobby Foree, Al Pedigo, Matt Hinton, Mark Barker, Brenda Paul, Matt Hinton, Dr. Kirk Pomper (designee for KSU Interim President Dr. Ronald Johnson), Wayne Hunt, Suzanne Cecil White, Fritz Giesecke, Tom McKee, and Michael Peterson.

Absent Members: Sarah Butler (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel) and Dr. Gordon Jones.

#### **Notification of Media**

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

#### Welcome

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Quarles entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023, board meeting.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report**

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

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Quarles called on Brian Lacefield, KOAP Executive Director, to present the KOAP Executive Director's report to the board.

Mr. Lacefield gave an overview of his activities since the February board meeting. Mr. Lacefield referenced upcoming 2023 CAIP Administrator Trainings and Conservation District Area Meetings for the year. Lastly, Mr. Lacefield introduced KOAP's new Loan Programs Manager, Tera Roberts.

#### **Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Quarles 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 February 22, 2023.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (on file) as of February 22, 2023.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (on file) as of February 28, 2023.

Ms. Paul moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **KADB Meat Processing Expansion Committee**

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. McCloskey to give the KADB Meat Processing Expansion Committee report.

Mr. Foree moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **KADB Kentucky Proud Recipient Review Committee**

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. Peterson to give the KADB Kentucky Proud Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### KADB Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. Barker to give the KADB Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **KADB Compliance Committee**

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

Ms. Paul moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **KADB Kentucky Beef Network Recipient Review Committee**

Commissioner Quarles called on Mr. Pedigo to give the KADB Kentucky Beef Network Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Pedigo moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### KADB Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee

Commissioner Quarles called on Dr. Pomper to give the KADB Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee report.

Dr. Pomper moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed: Unanimous.

#### **Presentations**

#### A2021-0120 American Farmland Trust

Commissioner Quarles called on Chelsea Smither to introduce presenter Scott Franklin to provide an update on American Farmland Trust.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the report as presented; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **New Business**

#### **New Applications for Referral**

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced eight (8) new applications for referral.

Ms. White moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees;

Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **Programs Recommended for Approval**

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

Ms. Bryant referenced seven (7) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications totaling \$1,012,039; two (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$18,375; two (2) Shared-Use Equipment Program totaling \$32,050; two (2) Youth Ag Incentives Program totaling: \$50,000: The total program funding is \$1,112,464.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Ms. Paul moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **Requested Program Amendments**

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

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP totaling \$79,657 (Mason and Boone Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **Projects**

Commissioner Quarles called on Ms. Smither and Jesslyn Watson to present the following projects.

#### A2022-0235 Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$16,000 in Adair County funds to run a Youth Cost Share Program.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant in the amount of \$16,000 in Adair County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### A2023-0016 Green Terrace Market

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$33,050 in Daviess County funds to purchase refrigeration equipment.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$33,050 in Daviess County funds; subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### A2023-0020 Kenton County Fiscal Court

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$250,000 in state and Kenton County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion in downtown independence, KY.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$250,000 in state and Kenton County funds; subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, pending the submission of matching funds; Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Foree assumed chair at 11:39 a.m.

#### A2023-0029 Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$210,000 in state funds over a two-year period (2023-2024) to continue to support the Kentucky Grape and Wine Council (KGWC).

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$210,000 in state funds over a two-year period; subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Commissioner Quartes assumed chair at 11:45 a.m.

#### **Pending Applications**

Mr. McCloskey stated two (2) applications are pending.

A2022-0163 Rich Earth Grains

A2022-0163 Bluegrass Land Conservancy, Inc.

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Commissioner Quarles stated the KADB Red Application Review Committee would meet thirty minutes upon adjournment of the KADB business meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be held at Franklin County Extension Office for Joint Meeting on April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Quarles entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. (EDT).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the March KADB meeting; Ms. White seconded the motion

VOTE: Motion Passed: Unanimous.

**APPROVED DATE:** 

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Commissioner Ryan Quaries

**BOARD SECRETARY:** 

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 Red Application Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix D.

A copy of the KADB Compliance Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix E.

6. A copy of the KADB Meat Processing Expansion Committee Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix F.

7. A copy of the On-Farm Water Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix G.

8. A copy of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix H.

## **Recommendations for Funding**

APP#	APPLICANT	COUNTY
A2022-0235	Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.  Youth Cost-Share Project	Adair
A2023-0016	Green Terrace Market (John Harralson) Farm Product Retail Refrigeration Equipment	Daviess
A2023-0020	Kenton County Fiscal Court Farmers Market Pavilion	Kenton
A2023-0029	Kentucky Department of Agriculture  Kentucky Grape & Wine Council Initiatives	Franklin

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### **Programs Recommended for Approval**

CAIP			
Application	Program Administrator	County	Funds Requested
A2023-0031	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer	\$135,500.00
A2023-0032	Montgomery County Conservation District	Montgomery	\$83,000.00
A2023-0033	Bell County Conservation District	Bell*	\$30,000.00
A2023-0034	Rowan County Conservation District	Rowan	\$93,639.00
A2023-0035	Owen County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Owen	\$150,000.00
A2023-0036	Madison County Conservation District	Madison	\$235,000.00
A2023-0039	Bath County Conservation District	Bath	\$284,900.00
			\$1,012,039.00
Deceased Farm A	nimal Removal (DAR)		
Application	Program Administrator	County	Funds Requested
A2023-0038	Bath County Conservation District	Bath	\$5,000.00
A2023-0045	Mercer County Fiscal Court	Mercer	\$13,375.00
			\$18,375.00
Shared-Use Equi	pment Program		
Application	Program Administrator	County	Funds Requested
A2023-0041	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Laurel	\$15,300.00
A2023-0043	Mercer County Conservation District	Mercer	\$16,750.00
			\$32,050.00
Youth Ag Incention	ves Program (Youth)		
Application	Program Administrator	County	<b>Funds Requested</b>
A2023-0040	Bath County Cattleman Association, Inc.	Bath	\$35,000.00
A2023-0044	Mercer County 4-H Council, Incorporated	Mercer	\$15,000.00
			\$50,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:

\$1,112,464.00

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

### **Requested Program Amendments**

App # A2022-0216

Applicant Name Mason County Conservation District

Original Amount Approved \$252,000 Execution Date 01/05/2023

Requested Change The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$66,150 in Mason 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 \$318,150.

**Recommend Approval** 

App # A2022-0233

Applicant Name Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc. (Boone County)

Original Amount Approved \$124,415 Execution Date 01/05/2023

Requested Change The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$13,507 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 original agreement.

Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$137,922.

Recommend Approval

### **APPENDIX D: Red Application Review**

### **Committee Minutes**

Meeting Date:	3/17/2023	
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office	
Meeting Chair:	Bill McCloskey	
Attendees:	Committee Members: Dr. Kirk Pomper, Mark Barker, Brenda Paul, Travis Mayo, Suzanne Cecil White, and Keith Rogers. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brian Lacefield, Brian Murphy, Hannah Johnson, Jesslyn Watson, Chelsea Smither, and Diana Carrier. Guests: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Fritz Giesecke, Michael Peterson, and Tim Hughes.	
Minutes Issued By:	Jesslyn Watson	
Meeting Call to Order:	12:43 pm EDT	
Meeting Adjourned:	4:35 pm EDT	

#### **Agenda Items:**

#### 1. A2023-0021 Bluegrass Land Conservancy

a) Will Adams, representative of Bluegrass Land Conservancy, provided an update of his visit with the Woodford County Agricultural Development Council that was requested in the February committee meeting. The committee recommended approval of \$400,950 in state funds. The committee unanimously recommended approval.

#### 2. A2023-0030 Drone-Agri of Kentucky

a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$5,000 in Woodford County funds to purchase a drone, accessories, and the license required in the first year of business.

#### 3. A2023-0037 Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc.

a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$3,896.62 in Madison County funds to purchase grain bin rescue equipment.

#### 4. A2023-0047 Bourbon County Fair & Horse Show

a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$25,000 in Bourbon County funds to install electricity, panels, a concrete wash rack, and other details for a new livestock barn. The committee has requested the applicant to provide a new budget reflecting the entire project (structure & details).

#### 5. A2023-0048 Woodford County Fiscal Court

a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application, so the applicant could provide documentation of matching funds for the remaining \$150,000 of the total project cost.

## **APPENDIX D: Red Application Review Committee Minutes**

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 6. A2023-0049 Murray State University Center for Agricultural Hemp
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$247,500 in state funds over a two-year period to establish the Kentucky Fiber Hemp Farming Network and assist Fibonacci/Hempwood to obtain a consistent supply.
- 7. A2023-0050 Organic Association of Kentucky
  - a) The committee recommended pending the application to provide committee members with further time for consideration.
- 8. A2023-0051 Sunflower Fuels, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$150,000 in state funds to evaluate the feasibility of growing energy crops on reclaimed mine land to produce high-quality/quantity feedstock for the biofuels industry.
- 9. A2023-0090 Purchase Coop, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant up to \$15,500 in state funds to hire KCARD to conduct a granary feasibility study. The project contact, Jed Clark, indicated that the Purchase Coop, LLC will be responsible for the remaining balance, which at this time is \$56, with Ky Corn Growers Association contributing the match of \$15,500.

#### Adjournment

a) Committee adjourned after reviewing all applications.

# **APPENDIX E: KADB Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Franklin County Extension Office	
Brian Lacefield, Executive Director, KOAP	
Committee: Mark Barker, Bobby Foree, Brenda Paul	
Staff: S. Bryant, B. Lacefield, B. McCloskey, B. Murphy, N. Van Over	
Guests: John Allison, President, Henry Co., KY Cattlemen's	
Diana L. Carrier	
8:00 a.m. EST	
9:30 a.m. EST	

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Old Business

KOAP Staff conducted a follow-up Program Review for Henry, Oldham and Trimble Counties. Staff found numerous violations against KADF County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Standard Guidelines:

a. Henry, Oldham and Trimble County CAIP Programs

A2022-0072 Henry County CAIP A2022-0070 Oldham County CAIP

A2022-0054 Trimble County CAIP

#### III. Compliance Review

Staff provided the Compliance Committee with documentation of violations from Henry, Oldham and Trimble Counties according to the KOAP Compliance Policies:

a. Training for the Program Administrator (Laraine Staples) to administer the CAIP Program were conducted by KOAP prior to, and after violations were discovered. However, incorrect information and mishandling of the program continued.

#### IV. Recommendation

a. In accordance with the KOAP Compliance Policies, Brian Lacefield, KOAP Executive Director, suspended all KADF county programs administered by the Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Oldham County Farm Bureau, and Trimble County Cattlemen's Association for a minimum of 12 months.

#### V. Next Meeting

**TBD** 

#### VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30 a.m.

## **APPENDIX F : Meat Processing Expansion Committee Minutes**

Meeting Date:	3/8/2023		
Meeting Location:	Zoom		
Meeting Chair:	Wayne Hunt		
Attendees:	Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Tom McKee, Dr. Gordon Jones, Brenda Paul, and Keith Rogers KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Jesslyn Watson, Kelly Childers, Brian Murphy, and Chelsea Smither. Guests: Brent Lackey, Ali Hulett, Tim Hughes, Dr. Gregg Rentfro, Stacey Westfall, Jeff Jones, Allison Porteus, Bobby Pace, Benjy Mikel, and Chris Milam.		
Minutes Issued By:	Jesslyn Watson		
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 am EST		
Meeting Adjourned:	10:40 am EST		

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 1. Workforce Development Update
  - a) Tim Hughes, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provided committee members with potential resources available from the Bluegrass Skills Corporation.
- 2. Kentucky Association of Meat Processors (KAMP) Update
  - a) Allison Porteus offered suggestions, in lieu of the needed workforce development, to create a meat processors panel to start discussions for a new training program.
  - b) Porteus and committee members discussed the possibility of KAMP facilitating future internships with all universities in Kentucky.

#### 3. A2020-0329 Oxbow Meats

- a) Committee recommended the approval of a budget amendment to make a single check disbursement possible as the original quotes in 2020 have changed. Dr. Jones made the motion, Mr. Tom McKee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Stacey and Josh Westfall informed the committee of the facility's progress in construction, as well as a planned soft-opening date in October of 2023.

#### 4. A2021-0021 Halsey Meat processing

a) Committee recommended pending the applicant's request of a budget amendment until the amended legal agreement for the project's time extension has been returned and executed. Dr. Jones made the motion, Mr. Tom McKee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **APPENDIX F : Meat Processing Expansion Committee Minutes**

#### Agenda Items:

- 5. A2021-0228 Hampton Meat Processing Company, Inc.
  - a) Committee recommended the approval of a budget amendment to reallocate the remaining balance of Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds (KADF) into new categories. Dr. Jones made the motion, Mr. Tom McKee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b) Chris Milam updated the committee of the progress and continued success at Hampton Meat Processing and Hampton Premium Meats.
- 6. Meat Processing Consultant Update
  - a) Bobby Pace briefed the committee on current KADB approved meat processing projects and their continued progress.
  - b) Benjy Mikel provided insight to his expectations of what can be expected in the future supply chain, but stated he is not currently engaged in Kentucky processor projects.
- 7. University of Kentucky Update
  - a) Dr. Gregg Rentfrow spoke on the several upcoming training opportunities that the University of Kentucky will be facilitating and participating in:
    - Meat Cutting School trainings
    - Two processing meat clinics for extension agents and public
    - Talking stages of retail cutting trainings
    - Aiding North Carolina State University's BBQ Clinic
- 8. KCARD Update
  - a) Brent Lackey stated that KCARD is still regularly working to help develop plans with those interested in the meat processing business and expects new meat processing applications will be submitted to access KADF.
- 9. KOAP Update
  - a) Bill McCloskey reviewed current Meat Processors Statewide Maps, Meat Processing Combined List by staff, and 2023 Guidelines:
  - Meat Processors,
  - Food Safety & Efficiency Incentives.
- 4. Next Meeting Date: TBD
- 5. Adjournment- adjourned by acclamation.

# **APPENDIX G: On-Farm Water Management Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date:	3/28/2023	
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office	
Meeting Chair:	Hannah Johnson	
Attendees:	Committee Members: Fritz Gieseke, Kevin Jeffries, Eddie Melton, and John Dix KOAP Staff: Hannah Johnson, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Diana Carrier, and Brian Lacefield	
Minutes Issued By:	Hannah Johnson	
Meeting Call to Order:	10:06 a.m.	
Meeting Adjourned:	12:25 p.m.	

#### Agenda Items:

The On-Farm Water Management Committee met on March 28, 2023, at the Franklin County Extension Office. The following projects below gave an overview of each of their projects and their outreach programs.

A2019-0045: Brown Ag, LLC

A2020-0101: Flaughter Farms

A2020-0287: Riverfarm Nursery

A2019-0023: Imel's Greenhouse, LLC

A2019-0104: Kentucky Fresh Harvest

A2021-0197:Bluegrass Roots

Adjournment

## APPENDIX H: Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023	
Zoom	
Dr. Gordon Jones	
Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Mark Barker, Dean Nancy Cox, and Tim Hughes.  Staff: Jesslyn Watson, Chelsea Smither, Olivia Randolph, Brian Murphy, Brian Lacefield, Nick Vanover, and Bill McCloskey.  Guests: H. H. Barlow, Jennifer Hickerson, Tori Embry, David Roberts, and Freeman Brundidge.	
Jesslyn Watson	
10:02 a.m. EDT	
11:29a.m. EDT	

#### Agenda Items:

#### 1. A2020-0257 Encumbrance Report

Dr. Gordon Jones opened discussion on the potential benefits that an audit could provide KDDC to review their current financial procedures. H. Barlow followed this statement in agreement with the committee's suggestion and stated that KDDC will begin the process.

Jennifer Hickerson presented the A2020-0257 encumbrance report, with a total of \$175,052.54 to be encumbered. The committee requested that current and future encumbrance reports include:

- Producer's name,
- Address,
- KDDC Program(s) participated in,
- Potential amount producer may receive.

#### 2. A2022-0205 Budget Amendment Request

KDDC presented a proposed budget amendment to combine and separate budget categories that had been originally approved in the A2022-0205 Legal Agreement. The committee members unanimously pended the budget amendment request until the next KDDC Recipient Review Committee Triannual Report meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee requested the following information be provided by KDDC to be discussed in the upcoming meeting:

- Detailed encumbrance report of A2020-0257 & future projects,
- Itemized report of all transactions from A2020-0257 KADF Budget,
- Update on progress of conducting an audit,
- Estimated sources of matching funds.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. EDT via Zoom