

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the April 19, 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  
April 19, 2024  
Hardin County Extension Office  
111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown, KY**

**Call to Order**

Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Warren Beeler presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. (EDT).

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Warren Beeler (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shel), Sarah Butler (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Dean Nancy Cox, Dr. Avinash Tope (Interim designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Wayne Hunt, Brenda Paul, Bobby Foree, Fritz Giesecke, Suzanne Cecil White, Mark Barker, Matt Hinton, Thomas McKee, Michael Peterson, Dr. Gordon Jones, and Al Pedigo.

**Notification of Media**

Deputy Commissioner Beeler received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Boards and 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 March 15, 2024, board meeting.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Peterson 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 March board meeting. Mr. Reed gave an overview of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. Lastly, Mr. Reed gave an overview of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association House Bill 553.

**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 March 22, 2024.

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

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

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee**

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Mr. Hunt to give the KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Presentations**

**Karen Karp & Partners**

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Mr. McCloskey to introduce presenters Clare Bramhall and Shayna Cohen to provide an overview of the KADF evaluation.

**Memo Action Items**

**Project Time Extensions**

Mr. McCloskey referenced (1) project requesting time extension (*on file*).

Staff recommended approval of one time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2022-0090 Green River Meats, LLC**

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Savanna Hill to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a budget amendment and time extension request. The Food Safety and Efficiency Committee recommended approving Green River Meats for a budget amendment and a 6-month time extension.

Ms. Paul moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree 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 thirteen (13) new applications for referral.

Dr. Jones moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees;  
Mr. Pedigo 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 ten (10) County Agricultural Investment Programs (CAIP) applications totaling \$1,540,302; two (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$17,300; one (1) Next Generation Farmer (NextGen) totaling \$35,000; one (1) Shared Use Equipment Program totaling \$20,250; five (5) Youth Ag Incentives Program totaling \$142,370. The total program funding is \$1,755,222.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Dr. Jones 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 totaling \$105,405 (Mason & Boone Counties).

Staff recommended approval of this amendment.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **Projects**

Deputy Commissioner Beeler called on Ms. Hill, Becca Besok, Chelsea Smither, Jesslyn Watson, and Hunter Jones to present the following projects.

##### **A2023-0282 Kentucky Association of Meat Processors, Inc.**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$472,750 in state funds to create a Master Butcher Program to provide training for meat processing employees.

The Food Safety and Efficiency Committee recommends funding the applicant's amended request up to \$472,750 in state funds over a 2-year period, 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.

##### **A2024-0018 Sadler Vet and Embryo Service**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$56,787 in state and \$12,325 in multi-county funds for a new Chevrolet 2500 truck and upgraded medical vet box.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$12,325 in multi-county funds and \$56,787 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Ms. Paul moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0030 Owen County Board of Education**

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$100,000 in Owen County funds to build a new educational greenhouse to be used by Owen County agriculture students, this will be a necessary improvement to the horticulture pathway.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$100,000 in Owen County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0039 Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic**

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$2,978 in Scott County funds to purchase a Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) equipment to be able to perform BSEs for the cattle producers within Scott County and surrounding counties.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$2,978 in Scott County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0042 Lions Club, Inc. of Temple Hill**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$46,250 in Barren County funds for improvements to the fairgrounds.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$46,250 in Barren County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0046 Cornett Farm Fresh**

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$356,385 in multi-county and state funds to remodel a building to expand their retail farm market and farm-to-table café.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$100,000 in state funds and up to \$256,385 in multi-county funds and/or a participation loan; not to exceed \$356,385, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

**A2024-0047 Davis Veterinary Services**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$70,446 in state funds and \$14,089 in Grayson County funds to start a mobile veterinary practice.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$70,446 in state funds and \$14,089 in Grayson County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

**A2024-0048 Thelma's Garden Academy, Corp**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$72,000 in state funds for labor and training farmers.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$50,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0049 Greenfield Grain, LLC**

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$5,537,732 in state funds as part of a \$29.2 million project to construct a river terminal and associated dock to provide Kentucky producers with access to both domestic and global markets via the river.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant, however, refer the specific KADF amount and the source(s) of funding to be determined by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB). The terms and conditions will be created depending upon the KADB's approval and direction to KOAP staff.

Ms. White moved to approve the applicant for a \$1,000,000 participation loan; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion to Amend Passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Giesecke moved to amend the motion to approve the applicant for a \$2,000,000 participation loan; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion as Amended Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0050 Lowe Farms**

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$3,600 in state funds for construction fees as a part of the Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program.

The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$3,600 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0051 Barren County Board of Education**

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$178,753 in state funds to build an extension to an existing livestock facility located on Barren County High School's campus.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$178,753 in multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. White seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0052 Pleasant View Greenhouse, Inc.**

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$10,000 in Hopkins County funds and \$227,697 state funds to repurpose one of the greenhouses into an agriculture education center, which would include state-of-the-art growing demonstrations, plant management, and solar panels.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$237,697 in multi-county funds with an option of a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0053 Kentucky Farmed LLC**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$292,050 in state funds for upgrades and restoration to their existing greenhouses.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$146,025 in multi-county funds matched by state funds with the remainder up to \$292,050 in the form of a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0057 Jill Harton**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$3,600 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Food Safety Plan, GAP Certification, and Audit.

The Food Safety and Efficiency Committee recommended funding the applicant up to \$3,600 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0062 Kentucky Fresh Harvest, LLC.**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$3,600 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Food Safety Plan, GAP Certification, and Audit.

The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommended funding the applicant up to \$3,600 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Pending Applications**

Mr. McCloskey stated seven (7) applications are pending.

- A2023-0124 Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC
- A2023-0276 Jemstar Properties, LLC
- A2023-0278 Maxwell Farm
- A2023-0284 Owen County Cooperative Extension District Board
- A2023-0286 Summer Dairy LLC
- A2024-0023 Farms of Fincastle, LLC
- A2024-0025 Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

**Closing Remarks**

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

The next KADB meeting will be held at the Franklin County Extension Office on May 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Deputy Commissioner Beeler entertained a motion to adjourn the April meeting at 12:23 p.m. (EDT).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the April KADB meeting; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

5-17-2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Jonathan Shell

BOARD SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

Hannah 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 copy of the Red Application Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix C.

### New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0070	Logan Bethel Veterinary Services, LLC <i>Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Logan	Red
A2024-0079	Green County High School / Board of Education <i>Greenhouse Project</i>	Green	Red
A2024-0083	Wilder's Corner LLC <i>Wilder's Comer LLC</i>	Henry	Red
A2024-0084	Pleasure View Farms, LLC <i>Pleasure View Farms, LLC</i>	Henry	Red
A2024-0085	Cornerstone Veterinary Services <i>Large &amp; Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program - Truck, Vet Box, &amp; Handling Facility Addition</i>	Logan	Red
A2024-0086	Christian County Board of Education <i>High School Greenhouse</i>	Christian	Red
A2024-0087	Southern Kentucky Floral Exchange <i>Cut Flower Expansion</i>	Butler	Red
A2024-0088	Rowlett's Milkhouse Creamery, LLC <i>Processing Facility Addition</i>	Henry	Red
A2024-0089	Daviess County Conservation District <i>Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program</i>	Daviess	Red
A2024-0090	Reid Orchard <i>Facility Upgrades</i>	Daviess	Red
A2024-0091	Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation <i>Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation</i>	Laurel	Red
A2024-0092	AppleAtcha Agritech KY, LLC <i>AppleAtcha Agritech KY, LLC</i>	Martin	Red
A2024-0093	Four Rivers Packing, LLC <i>Green Bean Processing Plant</i>	Calloway	Red



## Programs Recommended for Approval

<b>CAIP</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0056	Rowan County Conservation District	Rowan	\$86,851.00
A2024-0058	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer	\$155,000.00
A2024-0063	Lewis County Conservation District	Lewis	\$223,955.00
A2024-0066	Trigg County Soil Conservation District	Trigg	\$60,000.00
A2024-0073	Logan County Cattlemens Association Incorporated	Logan	\$60,120.00
A2024-0075	Washington County Conservation District	Washington	\$150,000.00
A2024-0077	Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Green	\$249,376.00
A2024-0081	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.	Jessamine	\$100,000.00
A2024-0099	Christian County Conservation District	Christian	\$175,000.00
A2024-0101	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry	\$280,000.00
			<b>\$1,540,302.00</b>

<b>Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0071	Fleming County Fiscal Court	Fleming	\$4,800.00
A2024-0078	Montgomery County Fiscal Court	Montgomery	\$12,500.00
			<b>\$17,300.00</b>

<b>Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0069	Washington County Conservation District	Washington	\$35,000.00
			<b>\$35,000.00</b>

<b>Shared-Use Equipment Program</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0097	Daviess County Conservation District	Daviess	\$20,250.00
			<b>\$20,250.00</b>

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0059	Bath County Cattleman Association, Inc.	Bath	\$35,000.00
A2024-0072	Logan County Cattlemens Association Incorporated	Logan	\$60,120.00
A2024-0074	Washington County Conservation District	Washington	\$15,000.00
A2024-0080	Shelby County 4-H Council, Inc	Shelby	\$12,250.00
A2024-0102	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry	\$20,000.00
			<b>\$142,370.00</b>

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Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$1,755,222.00**

## APPENDIX C: Red Application Review Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 19, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Hardin County Extension Office
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Brandon Reed
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Brenda Paul, Matt Sawyers, Suzanne Cecil White, Dr. Avinash Tope, Mark Barker, and Warren Beeler. KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Brian Murphy, Jesslyn Watson, Becca Besok, Hunter Jones, Savanna Hill, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Chelsea Smither, and Sarah Bryant.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Jesslyn Watson
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	1:15 p.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	3:05 p.m. EDT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>
<p><u>Pending Applications</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2024-0025 Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee recommended funding the applicant up to \$218,750 in state funds in the form of an upfront grant to establish The Kentucky Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><u>New Applications</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2024-0092 AppleAtcha Agritech KY LLC             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee recommended funding the applicants up to \$1,000,000 in state funds in the form of a KADF participation loan for apple tree planting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. A2024-0091 Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$250,000 in state funds for the continuation of the SOAR Small Farm loan program.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A2024-0093 Four Rivers Packing, LLC             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$100,000 in state funds and \$150,000 in multi-county funds, both in the form of a cost-reimbursement grant, with the option to pursue a KADF participation loan up to \$250,000. These funds would support the expense of a green bean processing plant starting up in Calloway County.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. A2024-0070 Logan Bethel Veterinary Services, LLC             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$16,070 in Logan County funds and \$80,353 in state funds for facility upgrades and veterinary equipment as a part of the Large &amp; Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

## APPENDIX C: Red Application Review Committee Minutes

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### Agenda Items:

5. A2024-0082 Cornerstone Veterinary Services
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$16,667 in Logan County funds and \$83,333 in state funds to purchase a truck and vet box and facility upgrades as a part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.
6. A2024-0084 Pleasure View Farms, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$212,448 in multi-county funds matched by state funds, with an option of a KADF participation loan not to exceed \$212,448 to purchase and build a 200,000-bushel grain bin.
7. A2024-0088 Rowlett's Milkhouse Creamery LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$96,690 in multi-county funds matched by state funds in the form of a cost-reimbursement grant to build an addition to house ice cream production.
8. A2024-0079 Green County Board of Education
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information.
9. A2024-0083 Wilder's Corner
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$60,000 in Henry County funds to open a rural grocery / deli specializing in local products.
10. A2024-0086 Christian County Board of Education
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$212,500 in Christian County funds to construct a new greenhouse.
11. A2024-0087 Southern Kentucky Floral Exchange
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$11,000 in multi-county funds to increase their flower cold storage facilities.
12. A2024-0089 Daviess County Conservation District
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$10,000 in Daviess County funds for the 2024 Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program.
13. A2024-0090 Reid's Orchard
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$25,235 in Daviess County funds to upgrade their facility due to the high traffic as an agritourism destination.

### Adjournment

- a) Committee adjourned in acclamation.