

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the June 21, 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  
June 21, 2024  
Franklin County Extension Office  
101 Lakeview Ct, Frankfort, KY**

**Call to Order**

Commissioner of Agriculture Shell 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 Jonathan Shell, Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Sarah Butler (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Dean Nancy Cox, Dr. Avinash Tope (Interim designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Wayne Hunt, Brenda Paul, Bobby Foree, Fritz Giesecke, Mark Barker, Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Hinton, Thomas McKee, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Suzanne Cecil White and Michael Peterson.

**Notification of Media**

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

**Welcome**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Shell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2024, board meeting.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report**

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Shell called on Brandon Reed to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Reed gave an overview of his activities since the May board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced the 2024 County Agricultural Development Council submissions. Lastly, Mr. Reed introduced the four KOAP interns for the summer, Angelina Sonoqui, Wade Carrington, Karissa Hamilton, and Caroline Groth.

**Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Shell 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 May 31, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of May 23, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of May 31, 2024.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB On-Farm Energy Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Chelsea Smither to give the KADB On-Farm Energy Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Mr. Giesecke to give the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB Program Evaluation Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Mr. Hinton to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Memo Action Items**

**A2022-0098 Kentucky Association of Meat Processors**

Commissioner Shell called on Savanna Hill to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a budget amendment and time extension request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2008-0440 Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation**

Commissioner Shell called on Mr. McCloskey to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a transfer of \$5 million to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) to support the continuation of low-interest loans through the established revolving loan program.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the transfer of \$5 million dollars to KAFC; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Proposal to transfer \$20 Million to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation**

Commissioner Shell called on Mr. Reed to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a proposal to transfer \$20 million from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporations account with the following conditions:

1. The \$20,000,000 is not for the KAFC's use in making loans, so the staff of the KOAP shall establish a separate account or other reasonable mechanism to ensure that the money is not comingled with the KAFC's current funds.
2. The \$20,000,000 shall remain available for transfer back to the KADB upon request.
3. Any interest generated from holding the \$20,000,000 in a KAFC account shall remain with the KAFC and may be used in its normal operations.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the transfer of \$20 million dollars to KAFC subject to the terms and conditions; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**New Business**

**New Applications for Referral**

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced six (6) new applications for referral.

Mr. Giesecke moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Mr. McKee seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Programs Recommended for Approval**

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

Ms. Bryant referenced sixteen (16) County Agricultural Investment Programs (CAIP) applications totaling \$2,420,475; four (4) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$42,750; one (1) Next Generation Farmer (NextGen) totaling \$25,000; one (1) Shared-Use Equipment Program totaling \$17,500; four (4) Youth Ag Incentives Program totaling \$45,000; The total program funding is \$2,550,725.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Requested Program Amendments**

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

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP totaling \$355,000 (Wayne & Henry Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Projects**

Commissioner Shell called on Ms. Hill, Ms. Smither, Becca Besok, and Hunter Jones to present the following projects.

**A2023-0276 Jemstar Properties, LLC**

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$1,265,000 in state and Montgomery County funds to build a processing facility in Mount Sterling.

The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommends funding the applicant \$15,000 in Montgomery County funds as a cost-reimbursement grant, \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan, and \$1,000,000 in state funds as a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Hinton Abstained.

**A2024-0023 Farms of Fincastle, LLC**

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$250,000 in state funds to renovate and remodel the farmhouse to establish it into a wine production and storage facility, tasting room and sales facility.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$250,000 in multi-county funds matched by state funds with six months to secure county money and twelve months to finish the project, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0040 Ironsides Animal Health**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$27,529 in state funds and \$5,506 in multi-county funds for veterinary equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$5,000 in multi-county funds and \$25,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0079 Green County Board of Education**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$15,000 in Green County funds to build a greenhouse at the high school.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$15,000 in Green County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0092                      AppleAtcha Argitech Ky, LLC**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$3,500,000 from KADF state funds in the form of a participation loan to expand their current orchard that is currently producing apples.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$3,500,000 in state funds in the form of a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Barker, Ms. Paul, & Dr. Jones Abstained.

**A2024-0110                      Eubank Veterinary Clinic**

Mr. Jones referenced the above application requesting \$45,395 from Pulaski County and state funds for the addition of a large animal working facility as a part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$7,566 in Pulaski County funds and \$37,829 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0122                      St. Romuald Interparochial School**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$40,749 in Breckinridge County funds for utility set up, site excavation, and supplies for a greenhouse.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$40,749 in Breckinridge County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0133                      City of Frankfort**

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$450,000 in state and multi-county funds to construct a new farmers market pavilion.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$450,000 in state and multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Pending Applications**

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

- A2023-0124 Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC
- A2023-0278 Maxwell Farm
- A2023-0286 Summer Dairy LLC
- A2024-0115 Clark County Fiscal Court

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

**Expired/Withdrawn Applications**

Mr. McCloskey stated one (1) application was withdrawn.

- A2023-0284 Owen County Cooperative Extension District Board

No action necessary on expired/withdrawn projects or programs.

**Closing Remarks**

Commissioner Shell stated the Blue Application Review Committee will meet thirty minutes following adjournment of the KADB meeting. The White Application Review Committee will meet immediately following the Blue Application Review Committee meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be held at Kentucky State University Extension Building on July 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Shell entertained a motion to adjourn the June meeting at 12:03 p.m. (EDT).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the June KADB meeting; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: July 19, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jonathan Shell  
 Deputy Commissioner Jonathan Shell *Warner Beckler*

BOARD SECRETARY: Hannah Sharp Johnson  
 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 Blue Application Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix C.
  4. A copy of the White Application Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix D.
  5. A copy of the KADB On-Farm Energy Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix E.
  6. A copy of the KADB Red Application Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix F.
  7. A copy of the KADB KY Horticulture Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix G.
  8. A copy of the KADB KY Beef Network Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix H.

9. A copy of the KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix I.
10. A copy of the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix J.

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**New Applications for Referral**

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0141	Grayson County Extension District Board <i>Poultry Specialist Program</i>	Grayson	White
A2024-0146	McLean County Extension District Board <i>Summer Poultry Ventilation Visits</i>	McLean	White
A2024-0163	Orlinda Melon Company <i>Orlinda Melon Company</i>	Simpson	White
A2024-0167	City of Glasgow <i>City of Glasgow</i>	Barren	White
A2024-0168	Kentucky Small Animal Reproduction Center <i>Kentucky Small Animal Reproduction Center</i>	Henry	White
A2024-0169	Loretto Grain LLC <i>Grain Storage Expansion</i>	Boyle	White



**Programs Recommended for Approval**

<b>CAIP</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0138	Pike County Conservation District	Pike *	\$30,000.00
A2024-0139	Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Adair	\$200,000.00
A2024-0142	Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc	Franklin	\$71,868.00
A2024-0143	Grayson County Cattlemens Association Inc.	Grayson	\$250,000.00
A2024-0145	Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Shelby	\$316,000.00
A2024-0147	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson	\$100,218.00
A2024-0151	Allen County Conservation District	Allen	\$140,500.00
A2024-0152	Grant County Cattlemens Association, Inc.	Grant	\$190,000.00
A2024-0154	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	McLean	\$32,810.00
A2024-0156	Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District	Jefferson *	\$35,000.00
A2024-0157	Cumberland County Conservation District	Cumberland	\$131,113.00
A2024-0158	Anderson County Conservation District	Anderson	\$98,466.00
A2024-0161	Warren County Conservation District	Warren	\$121,500.00
A2024-0162	Monroe County Conservation District	Monroe	\$300,000.00
A2024-0164	Twin Lakes Cattle Association, Corporation	Clinton	\$123,000.00
A2024-0166	Hart County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Hart	\$280,000.00
			<b>\$2,420,475.00</b>

<b>Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)</b>			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0140	Bracken County Conservation District	Bracken	\$4,000.00
A2024-0144	Franklin County Conservation District	Franklin	\$8,750.00
A2024-0150	Nelson County Fiscal Court	Nelson	\$15,000.00
A2024-0165	Hart County Conservation District	Hart	\$15,000.00
			<b>\$42,750.00</b>

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

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0148	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson	\$25,000.00
			<b>\$25,000.00</b>

### Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0159	Anderson County Conservation District	Anderson	\$17,500.00
			<b>\$17,500.00</b>

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0149	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson	\$5,000.00
A2024-0153	Grant County Cattlemens Association, Inc.	Grant	\$5,000.00
A2024-0155	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	McLean	\$5,000.00
A2024-0160	Warren County 4-H Foundation Inc.	Warren	\$30,000.00
			<b>\$45,000.00</b>

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:	<b>\$2,550,725.00</b>
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\* Indicates a portion of the project is funded from the "State Funds To Support to Counties with Limited Allocation initiative."

## APPENDIX C: Blue Application Review Committee Minutes

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 21, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Franklin County Extension Office
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Brandon Reed
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Bobby Foree, Al Pedigo, Sarah Butler, Wayne Hunt, & Warren Beeler (KDA). KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Hunter Jones, Becca Besok, Jesslyn Watson, Savannah Hill, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, and Chelsea Smither.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Hannah Sharp-Johnson
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	12:47 p.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	12:59 p.m. EDT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>
<p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p>1. A2022-0190 Bluegrass AgTech Development Corp.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) The committee unanimously recommended second year funding in the amount of \$500,000 in state funds and the remaining first-year funds \$125,000 to be rolled over to the next funding cycle. The recipient will have a total KADF balance of \$625,000 in state funds to award applicants in the Challenge Grant program in the second year.</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Committee adjourned in acclamation.</p>

## APPENDIX D: White Application Review Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 21, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Franklin County Extension Office
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Brandon Reed
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Dean Nancy Cox, Dr. Gordon Jones, Tom McKee, Matt Hinton, Fritz Giesecke, Warren Beeler (KDA). KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Brian Murphy, Hunter Jones, Savannah Hill, Jesslyn Watson, Becca Besok, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, and Chelsea Smither.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Hannah Sharp-Johnson
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	1:00 p.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	2:25 p.m. EDT

### Agenda Items:

#### Pending Applications

1. A2024-0115 Clark County Fiscal Court
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$7,250 in Clark County funds to make upgrades to the county's dead animal composting facility.

#### New Applications

2. A2024-0141 Grayson County Extension District Board
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$1,000 in Grayson County funds to host a poultry specialist from the University of Georgia.
3. A2024-0146 McLean County Extension District Board
  - b) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant \$3,000 in McLean County funds to host a poultry specialist from the University of Georgia and support the expenses of four farm visits.
4. A2024-0163 Orlinda Melon Company, A2024-0167 City of Glasgow, A2024-0168 Kentucky Small Animal Reproduction Center, & A2024-0169 Loretto Grain, LLC
  - a) Representatives presented their applications and answered questions about their projects.

Mr. Beeler moved to adjourn into executive session, to discuss applications A2024-0163, A2024-0167, A2024-0168, and A2024-0169; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

**The committee entered executive session at 1:44 p.m.**

Mr. Giesecke moved to adjourn into open session; Mr. Dean Cox seconded the motion.

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### **Agenda Items:**

**The committee reconvened out of executive session at 2:16 p.m.**

1. A2024-0163 Orlinda Melon Company
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant in Simpson County funds matched by state funds, with an option of a KADF participation loan, not to exceed a total amount of \$84,968.
2. A2024-0167 City of Glasgow
  - b) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$70,000 in Barren County funds and \$250,000 in state funds per the KADF Farmers Market Guidelines.
3. A2024-0168 Kentucky Small Animal Reproduction Center
  - c) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant in County funds matched by state funds, with an option to pursue a KADF participation loan up to half of the project cost, not to exceed a total amount of \$29,959.
4. A2024-0169 Loretto Grain, LLC
  - d) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant \$750,000 in the form of a KADF participation loan with the project completion date being September 2025.

### **Adjournment**

- a) Committee adjourned in acclamation.

## APPENDIX E: On-Farm Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 11, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382516432?pwd=OXE5NmhiWnZLUFFaVFVXITN0ME9ndz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382516432?pwd=OXE5NmhiWnZLUFFaVFVXITN0ME9ndz09</a>
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Bill McCloskey
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Scott Maas, Michael Montross, and Alan Goble. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, Hunter Jones, Brian Murphy, and interns Karissa Hamilton and Caroline Groth. Advisory: Doug Overhults, Sam McNeill, Zachary Byrd, and Josh Bills.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Chelsea Smither
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:00 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	10:26 a.m. EST
<b><u>Pending Applications:</u></b>	
1. A2023-0124     Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further energy usage information.	
2. A2023-0278     Maxwell Farm The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further information.	
3. A2023-0286     Sumner Dairy LLC The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$3,524 in state funds to install a hot water heater for a dairy operation.	
<b><u>New Applications:</u></b>	
1. A2024-0067     Merit Farms of Kansas, Inc. The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,000 in state funds to install heaters for a poultry operation.	
2. A2024-0109     Roger Smith The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$4,313 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.	
3. A2024-0124     Edge Brothers Poultry, LLC The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$3,118 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.	
4. A2024-0129     Compton Dairy The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$6,578 in state funds to install an air compressor for a dairy operation.	

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5. A2024-0130      End of the Road Farm  
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$8,072 in state funds to install solar panels for a horticulture operation. Approval is contingent on a professional engineer approving that the structure meets the 2024 building code.
6. A2024-0131      Gallrein Farms Shelby County LLC  
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install solar panels for a horticulture operation.
7. A2024-0132      Angel Farms  
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$1,334 in state funds to install lighting for a beef operation.
8. A2024-0134      Stephen J. Powers  
The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further information.
9. A2024-0135      Thomas Fulkerson  
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install solar panels for a beef operation.
10. A2024-0136      Justin T. Obenchain  
The committee unanimously recommended funding the request of \$10,300 in state funds to install solar panels for a grain operation.
11. A2024-0137      River Bottom Tobacco Farms Inc.  
The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further information.

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

Next meeting: September 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

## Appendix F : Red Application Review Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 10, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	ZOOM
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Brandon Reed
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Brenda Paul, Matt Sawyers, Suzanne Cecil White, Dr. Avinash Tope, Mark Barker, and Mark Bowling. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brandon Reed, Brian Murphy, Becca Besok, Hunter Jones, Savanna Hill, Hannah Sharp-Johnson and Chelsea Smither. Guest: Charels Hamm, Vickey Yates Glisson, Ryan Wilson, Rocky Adkins, Jonathan Shell
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Hunter Jones
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	11:01 a.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	11:49 a.m. EDT

### **Agenda Items:**

#### Pending Applications

1. A2024-0092 AppleAtcha Agritech, LLC
  - a) Representatives presented their applications and answered questions about their projects.
  
2. A2024-0023 Farms of Fincastle, LLC
  - a) Representatives presented their applications and answered questions about their projects.
  
3. A2024-0079 Green County Board of Education
  - a) Representatives presented their applications and answered questions about their projects.

Mr. Bowling moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2024-0110 and A2024-0133; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

*The committee entered executive session at 11:28 a.m.*

Mr. Bowling moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2024-0110 and A2024-0133; Mrs. Paul seconded the motion.

*The committee reconvened in open session at 11:44 a.m.*



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### **Agenda Items:**

1. A2024-0092 AppleAtcha Agritech, LLC
  - a) The committee recommended funding the applicant up to \$3,500,000 in state funds in the form of a participation loan for the development of an apple orchard.  
  
Mark Barker and Brenda Paul abstained.
2. A2024-0023 Farms of Fincastle, LLC
  - b) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$250,000 in state funds and up to \$250,000 in multi-county funds for winery upgrades.
3. A2024-0079 Green County Board of Education
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$15,000 in Green County funds for the construction of a new greenhouse.

### **Adjournment**

- a) Committee adjourned in acclamation.

# APPENDIX G: Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 20, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Laurel County Extension Office; 200 County Extension Rd. London, KY
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Sarah Bryant
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee: Bobby Foree, Fritz Giesecke, Dr. Avinash Tope, and Mark Bowling (KDA Rep.) KOAP: Brandon Reed, Sarah Bryant, Becca Besok, Caroline Groth, Savanna Hill, Brian Murphy, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, and Chelsea Smither KHC: Dr. Cindy Finneseth, Dakota Moore, Bethany Prekopa-Cox, and Dani Zwischenberger Guests: Olivia Moore, Jean Kaye Foree, and Roby Foree
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Sarah Bryant
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:00 a.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	10:00 a.m. EDT
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	
<p><b>I. A2022-0161 Grant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dr. Cindy Finneseth gave the Committee an update on the Kentucky Horticulture Council's (KHC) activities, projects, and recent events, since their last report.</li> <li>b. Each KHC staff gave the Committee an update on each of their programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>II. Fiscal Information – Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dr. Finneseth gave the Committee an update on the budget, staffing, and other funding and opportunities the KHC has received and the programs they're able to continue.</li> <li>b. Dr. Finneseth discussed the recommendations from KHC's financial audit. The audit had showed a concentration of credit risk, so KHC has opened an investment account.</li> </ul> <p><b>III. Benchmarks, Goals, &amp; Objectives – Progress Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Committee reviewed the progress the KHC has made in all program areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>IV. Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dr. Finneseth discussed how KHC has been able to impact the Kentucky horticulture industry with the recent Census data.</li> <li>b. Dr. Finneseth discussed the transition plan for the new executive director once they are hired.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EDT via Zoom</b>	

# APPENDIX H: Kentucky Beef Network Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	June 26, 2024
Meeting Location:	Zoom
Committee Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee: John Chism, Al Pedigo and Tom McKee KOAP: Brandon Reed, Savanna Hill and Brian Murphy KBN: Becky Thompson, Dave Maples, Dan Miller, Allan Bryant, and Jacob Harrod UK: Dr. Chris Teutsch, Dr. Ray Smith, Dr. Les Anderson, Dr. Lehmkuhler, Dr. VanValin, Dr. Steve Higgins, Dr. Bullock, Tyler Purvis, and Maggie Ginn
Minutes Issued By:	Savanna Hill
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 a.m. EST
Meeting Adjourned:	10:49 a.m. EST

## Agenda Items:

### I. A2022-0207 Fourth Triannual Report (Jan.-April 2024)

- a. Project A2022-0207 currently has \$911,656.24 in remaining funds for the 2024 budget.
- b. Brandon Reed called the meeting to order.

### II. Benchmarks, Goals, & Objectives – Progress Update

- a. The Committee reviewed the progress KBN has made in all program areas.
- b. UK and KBN staff provided an update for each program since the last report.

### III. Discussion

- a. Becky Thompson discussed the Advanced PVAP program and the challenges that they are facing. Becky informed the committee that they are working on an Advanced PVAP program handout to provide to value-added partners.
- b. Dan Miller reported that KBN Field Representatives visited 200 farms and made 50 new contacts. Dan added that a Field Representative job will be posted soon to fill a vacancy.
- c. Dr. Lehmkuhler reported that there have been 4,300 views on videos posted from the Cattle Confinement Conference. Dr. Lehmkuhler informed the committee that the Confinement Conference budget has a balance of \$7,338. Dr. Lehmkuhler explained that they would like to use the remaining funds to host additional events this fall and bring in out-of-state speakers.

Al Pedigo made a motion to allow the remaining funds in the Confinement Conference budget to be used for additional events. Tom McKee seconded the motion.

Motion passed, unanimously.

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- d. Dr. Les Anderson discussed the progress made in the Back-to-Basics program. Dr. Anderson stated that there have been lots of visits to the participating farms to discuss production practices such as fly control, controlled calving, crossbreeding and vaccinations. Dr. Anderson plans to add one or two more farms to the program.
- e. Dr. Bullock discussed the Bull Value Assessment Program and informed the committee that five locations for the event have been identified. Dr. Bullock stated that they are currently developing a bull sale catalog to be used for the program.
- f. Becky Thompson discussed the results from multiple surveys to be used as a guide to determine programming for the next KBN request. AI training was a popular request on the survey. Dr. Anderson informed the committee about the idea of a technician training program. Dr. Anderson is working on the details of the program.
- g. Becky Thompson stated that they are working on a more in-depth survey to drive the programs for the next application and that the committee should meet again before the application is submitted. The committee agreed with Becky and decided it would be best to meet at the end of July or the first of August.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST via Zoom**

# APPENDIX I: Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting

Meeting Date:	June 27, 2024
Meeting Location:	Zoom
Committee Chair:	Dr. Gordon Jones
Attendees:	Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Warren Beeler, and Dean Nancy Cox. Staff: Jesslyn Watson, Caroline Groth, Rebecca Besok, Chelsea Smither, Savanna Hill, and Bill McCloskey. KDDC Representatives: H. H. Barlow, Freeman Brundige, Brilee Tucker, and David Roberts.
Minutes Issued By:	Jesslyn Watson
Meeting Call to Order:	9:03 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:00 a.m. EDT
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	
<p><b>1. A2022-0205 Fourth Triannual Report</b> H. Barlow opened discussion on the budget vs expenditures from the period of Jan.-April of 2024. The expenditure report included specific budget categories and their amount of funding that has been “rolled over” to be used in 2024 at \$472,194.34 in state funds. KDDC representatives then provided status updates on the achievements and challenges they have experienced within the reporting period. In total, over 198 dairy farms have been reached by KDDC consultants, with 127 dairy producers being actively involved in the Milk 4.0 Program. Committee members opened discussion with KDDC representatives about the potential of opening up the MILK 4.0 Program requirements to include either DHIA testing, or a comparable method. This change in requirement may impact the next project application that would cover 2025-2026. KDDC representatives shared with the committee that the newest KDDC consultant, Brilee Tucker, will be transitioning into lead staff managing the KY Dairy Compliance Program.</p> <p><b>2. Dairy Producer Survey Results</b> The survey results came back with 106 participants reporting on operational goals, challenges, &amp; ideal KDDC programming. These results will be used as a “basis” for the 2025-2026 project application to further their goal of increased producer participation.</p> <p><b>3. New 2025-2026 Application Timeline</b> Staff presented the timeline to expect new application submission, potential committee recommendation date, and expected decision date by KADB.</p> <p><b>4. Planning Next KDDC Recipient Review Committee</b> Discussion to finalize the next meeting was set tentatively for Tuesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> that is projected to include the May-Aug. triannual report, next funding application, and a dairy</p>	

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farm tour. KDDC staff encourages an in-person meeting and farm visit in Barren County hosted by Keith Long.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST in-person TBD**

# APPENDIX J: KDA Recipient Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	June 28, 2024
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Chelsea Smither
Attendees:	<b>Members:</b> Sarah Butler, Wayne Hunt, Michael Peterson, and Suzanne Cecil White. <b>KDA Staff:</b> Jay Hall, Jonathan VanBalen, Grace Ragain, and Alexis Smith. <b>KOAP Staff:</b> Bill McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, and Brandon Reed.
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither
Meeting Call to Order:	9:01 AM EST
Meeting Adjourned:	9:55 AM EST

**Agenda Items:**

1. A2022-0208 Grant (Budget)

KDA Staff reviewed the five budget categories and highlighted expenditures to date and encumbrances.

	KADF Encumbered	KADF Remaining Balance
Point of Purchase	\$216,095.91	\$294,176.93
Branding & Advertising	\$32,565.47	\$721,034.12
Buy Local	\$0	\$294,286.95
Retail	\$0	\$46,145.38
Farm to Fork	\$0	\$21,007.75

2. A2022-0208 Grant (Benchmarks)

KDA Staff provided an update on progress toward the grant's goals/benchmarks for each program area below.

a. POP

- 50 applications were approved.
- 10 of the 50 applications were first-time grantees.
- \$16.6 million in direct farm impact.

b. Branding & Advertising

- 10 sponsorships took place this Quarter with 9 encumbered taking place in the next quarter.
- This report covers the 5<sup>th</sup> annual CSA virtual promotion, and planning is underway for the 2024 Farmers' Market campaign that will begin in June.

c. Retail

- 3 marketing campaigns that drive consumers to specific retailers for farm impact purchases, took place.
- Exploring creating a KY Proud store on Amazon for local products and possibly merchandise to be sold online.

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d. Buy Local

- Year-to-date purchases are \$1,667,572, surpassing their \$1.6 mil annual goal.
- After a review of the KY Proud program, the Buy Local program is not expected to see any changes

e. Farm-to-Fork

- 6 events in 6 counties have been approved.
- First ever Commissioner's dinner will take place in August to support CASA and cover gas and state fair entry for foster children.

3. Other:

- a. A review of the KY Proud Program as a whole was completed and staff is making recommendations on small changes to be made.

The next meeting will take place on October 16, 2024, at 9 AM via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.