

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at March 20, 2026, 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  
March 20, 2026  
Franklin County Extension Office  
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY**

**Call to Order**

Brandon Reed, designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. (EDT).

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Brandon Reed (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Dean Laura Stephenson, Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Wayne Hunt, Kevin Fields, Bobby Foree, Heather Graham, Fritz Giesecke, Al Pedigo, and Laura Sanderfur.

Absent Members: Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Matt Hinton, Neil Denton, Dr. Gordon Jones, and Mark Barker.

**Notification of Media**

Mr. Reed received verification from Chelsea Smither, Interim Secretary that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

**Welcome**

Mr. Reed welcomed everyone to the KADB meeting. Board members and guests participated in person.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2026, board meeting.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report**

Mr. Reed updated the board on activities of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Reed gave an overview of his activities since the February board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program total projects to date and dollar amount. Lastly, Mr. Reed referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program Class 15.

**Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Reed called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance, financial report, and KADF committed funds report as of February 24, 2026, to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of February 24, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of February 24, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the K AFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of February 28, 2026.

Dr. Bernard moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Memo Action Items**

**A2024-0115 Clark County Fiscal Court**

Mr. Reed called on Brian Murphy to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding an amendment request.

Mr. Foree moved to pend to give the new judge executive time to review the legal agreement and decide if they want to further pursue; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0195 Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC D/B/A Hampton Premium Meats**

Mr. Reed called on Mr. Murphy to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a budget amendment request.

Ms. Sanderfur moved for staff to draft the budget amendment request to review at the next meeting; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2023-0049 Murray State University**

Mr. Reed called on Mr. Murphy to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding an amendment request.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0019 P.H.A.R.M., LLC**

Mr. Reed called on Landon Peach to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a time extension request.

Ms. Chilton moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2008-0440 Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation**

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

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the transfer of \$5 million to KAFC; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **KADF Horticulture Incentive's Loan Program**

Mr. Reed called on Mr. McCloskey to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding Farmers Alliance, LLC Eligible Buyer Requirement.

Mr. Foree moved to approve Farmers Alliance, LLC as an eligible buyer; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **New Business**

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

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced five (5) new applications for referral.

Ms. Graham moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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

Mr. Reed called on Sarah Charles to present the programs recommended for approval.

Ms. Charles referenced five (5) CAIP totaling \$709,980; two (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$15,000; one (1) Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen) totaling \$1,000; three (3) Shared-Use Equipment Program (Shared-Use) totaling \$68,850; two (2) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) totaling \$81,720. The total funding is \$876,550.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

##### **Projects Recommended for Funding**

Mr. Reed called on Savanna Hill to present the following projects.

###### **A2026-0029**

###### **Elkton Fire Department**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$39,500 in multi-county funds to purchase grain rescue equipment to utilize for grain entrapment emergencies.

The KADB Application Review and Compliance Committee recommends funding up to \$39,500 in multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2026-0030 Bluegrass Flow Co.**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$93,833 in state fund to purchase processing equipment and convert an existing building into a commercial kitchen.

The KADB Application Review and Compliance Committee recommends funding county funds matched by state funds with the difference in a forgivable loan up to \$93,833, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Pending Applications**

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

A2026-0017 Rock Solid Vet Service, PLLC

A2026-0015 Creekside Veterinary Services, LLC

A2026-0018 Rock Vet Animal Hospital, LLC

A2026-0028 Town & Country Animal Services, LLC.

No action necessary on pending projects.

**Closing Remarks**

Mr. Reed stated the KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of the KADB meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the Franklin County Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. (EDT).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the March meeting at 10:25 a.m. (EDT).

Ms. Graham moved to adjourn the March KADB meeting; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE:

*4-17-2026*

PRESIDING OFFICER:

*[Signature]*  
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chair

BOARD SECRETARY:

*[Signature]*  
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 KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix C.

## New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	COMMITTEE
A2026-0033	Hoof and Horn Veterinary Services <i>Large &amp; Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Lincoln	ARC
A2026-0048	Stone Veterinary Clinic PLLC <i>Large &amp; Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Union	ARC
A2026-0049	Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC <i>Cattle Barn/Farm Improvements</i>	Madison	ARC
A2026-0050	Alvios Cuban Meats, LLLP <i>Alvio's Grocery &amp; Restaurant</i>	Jefferson	ARC
A2026-0051	Historic Homes Foundation dba Farmington <i>Feasibility Study</i>	Jefferson	ARC

**Programs Recommended for Approval**

<b>CAIP</b>				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0034	Madison County Conservation District	Madison		\$280,000.00
A2026-0039	Estill County Conservation District	Estill		\$80,000.00
A2026-0040	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry		\$1,000.00
A2026-0042	Garrard County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Garrard		\$300,000.00
A2026-0044	Logan County Cattlemens Association Incorporated	Logan		\$48,980.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 5</b>				<b>\$709,980.00</b>

<b>Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)</b>				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0019	Oldham County Fiscal Court	Oldham		\$5,000.00
A2026-0036	Madison County Conservation District	Madison		\$10,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 2</b>				<b>\$15,000.00</b>

<b>Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)</b>				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0041	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry		\$1,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 1</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>

<b>Shared-Use Equipment Program</b>				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0037	Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc. of Madison County, Kentucky	Madison		\$14,925.00
A2026-0038	Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc. of Madison County, Kentucky	Madison		\$26,925.00
A2026-0047	Logan County Conservation District	Logan		\$27,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 3</b>				<b>\$68,850.00</b>

<b>Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)</b>				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0035	Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc. of Madison County, Kentucky	Madison		\$30,000.00
A2026-0046	Logan County Cattlemens Association Incorporated	Logan		\$51,720.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 2</b>				<b>\$81,720.00</b>

**Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: \$876,550.00**

Board Meeting \*Any applications marked with "State" indicates a portion of the program is funded from the "State Funds Support to Counties with Limited Allocation Initiative." March 20, 2026

# APPENDIX C: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 20, 2026
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Franklin County Extension Office
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Brandon Reed
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Bobby Foree, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Matt Sawyer, Dr. Bernard, Dean Laura Stephenson, Ashlee Chilton, Laura Sanderfur and Fritz Giesecke</p> <p>KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Jesse Moore, Sarah Bryant, Rachel Cowherd, Bailey Siry-Crowder, Jeff Parman and Landon Peach</p>
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Savanna Hill
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	10:39 a.m. EDT
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	12:44 p.m. EDT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>
<p>The KADB Application Review &amp; Compliance Committee reviewed applications A2026-0033, A2026-0048, A2026-0051, A2026-0050, A2026-0049 and A2017-0106.</p> <p>Mrs. Graham moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2026-0033, A2026-0048, A2026-0051, A2026-0050, A2026-0049 and A2017-0106; Mrs. Sanderfur seconded the motion.</p> <p><i>The committee entered executive session at 12:08 p.m.</i></p> <p>Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2026-0033, A2026-0048, A2026-0051, A2026-0050, A2026-0049 and A2017-0106; Mrs. Chilton seconded the motion.</p> <p><i>The committee reconvened in open session at 12:36 p.m.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2026-0033 Hoof and Horn Veterinary Services             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$16,667 in multi-county funds and up to \$83,333 in state funds contingent upon securing all county funds and submitting an updated budget.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<b>Agenda Items:</b>
2. A2026-0048 Stone Veterinary Clinic, PLLC a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the applicant until the applicant secures county funds, provides quotes, and attends a meeting.
3. A2026-0051 Farmington a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the applicant until county funds have been committed.
4. A2026-0050 Alvio's Cuban Meats, LLLP a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the applicant and encouraged the applicant to pursue a loan through KAFC.
5. A2026-0049 Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the applicant due to limited producer impact and encouraged the applicant to pursue a loan through KAFC.
6. A2017-0106 Victory Foods, PBC a) The committee unanimously recommended entering into an amendment to the agreement to grant Victory the five modifications requested in their letter and further described in the Memo from Brian Murphy to the Committee. <i>Ashlee Chilton abstained.</i>
Adjournment: Committee adjourned in acclamation.