

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at April 17, 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
April 17, 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 9:01 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Brandon Reed (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), 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, Dr. Gordon Jones, Mark Barker, Heather Graham, Fritz Giesecke, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Matt Hinton, Neil Denton, and Laura Sanderfur.

Notification of Media

Mr. Reed received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board 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 March 20, 2026, board meeting.

Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Fields 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 March board meeting. Lastly, Mr. Reed referenced Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program total projects to date and dollar amount.

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 March 24, 2026, to the board.

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

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of March 26, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFD Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of March 31, 2026.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

A2017-0106 Victory Hemp Foods, LLC

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

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve committee recommendation with Mr. Murphy’s suggestion to keep Victory Foods on a monthly repayment plan for the principal and interest payments; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0115 Clark County Fiscal Court

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

Mr. Fields moved to approve the time extension; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2025-0091 FoodChain, Inc

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

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Graham 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 an budget amendment and time extension request.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve budget amendment and time extension, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0088 Rowlett’s Milkhouse Creamery, LLC

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

Ms. Chilton moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree 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 seven (7) new applications for referral.

Dr. Jones moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Ms. Graham 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 (6) CAIP totaling \$877,264; (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$3,175; (1) Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen) totaling \$10,000; (2) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) totaling \$45,000; **total funding: \$935,439.00**

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Ms. Graham 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 project.

A2026-0033 Hoof and Horn Veterinary Services

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$79,000 in state funds and \$21,000 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck, vet box, and veterinary equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The KADB Application Review and Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$21,000 in multi-county funds and up to \$79,000, 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.

Projects Recommendations for No Funding

A2026-0049 Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC

Jesse Moore referenced the above application requesting \$164,000 in state funds to construct a cattle barn and make additional facility improvements to host the Three Links Cattle Company.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends not funding the applicant due to limited producer impact and encouraged the applicant to submit an application to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0050 Alvios Cuban Meats, LLLP

Rachel Cowherd referenced the above application requesting \$600,000 in state funds to expand into a 5,344-square-foot-facility to establish a local food hub in Louisville, Kentucky.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends not funding the project since it was awarded a forgivable loan to establish business and therefore referred applicant to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Ms. Graham Opposed.

Pending Applications

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

- A2026-0017 Rock Solid Vet Service, PLLC
- A2026-0051 Historical Homes Foundation dba Farmington
- A2026-0015 Creekside Veterinary Services, LLC
- A2026-0018 Rock Vet Animal Hospital, LLC
- A2026-0028 Town & Country Animal Services, LLC.
- A2026-0048 Stone Veterinary Clinic PLLC

No action necessary on pending projects.

Expired/Withdrawn Applications

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

- A2024-0226 Keeneland Sustainability, LLC

No action necessary on expired/withdrawn 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, May 15, 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 April meeting at 10:06 a.m. (EDT).

Mr. Giesecke moved to adjourn the April KADB meeting; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: May 15, 2020
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
A2026-0052	Grayson County Fiscal Court <i>Farmers Market</i>	Grayson	ARC
A2026-0062	Casey County Veterinary Services, PLLC <i>Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Casey	ARC
A2026-0063	Conyea Property Holdings, LLC <i>Cooler Warehouse</i>	Graves	ARC
A2026-0075	Bunge USA Grain, LLC <i>Bunge USA Grain, LLC</i>	Lyon	ARC
A2026-0081	Daviess County Conservation District <i>Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share</i>	Daviess	ARC
A2026-0082	Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC <i>On Farm Market Accessibility</i>	Woodford	ARC
A2026-0086	Central KY Custom Meats, Inc. <i>Processing Facility Upgrades</i>	Casey	ARC

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0054	Montgomery County Conservation District	Montgomery		\$70,000.00
A2026-0056	Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Ohio		\$100,000.00
A2026-0060	Bath County Conservation District	Bath		\$225,000.00
A2026-0068	Robertson County Soil Conservation District	Robertson		\$260,264.00
A2026-0076	Owsley County Conservation District	Owsley		\$142,000.00
A2026-0077	Washington County Conservation District	Washington		\$80,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 6				\$877,264.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0074	Trimble County Conservation District	Trimble		\$3,175.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$3,175.00

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0078	Washington County Conservation District	Washington		\$10,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$10,000.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0061	Bath County Cattleman Association, Inc.	Bath		\$35,000.00
A2026-0079	Washington County Conservation District	Washington		\$10,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$45,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$935,439.00**

APPENDIX C: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	April 17, 2026
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Bobby Foree, Mark Barker, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Sawyers, Dr. Bernard, Dean Laura Stephenson, Ashlee Chilton, and Fritz Giesecke KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savannah Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Jesse Moore, Sarah Charles, Rachel Cowherd, Bailey Siry-Crowder, and Jeff Parman
Minutes Issued By:	Alexis Scheidt
Meeting Call to Order:	10:19 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	12:50 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee reviewed applications A2026-0081, A2026-0082, A2026-0059, A2026-0062, A2026-0052, A2026-0048, A2026-0075, A2026-0086, A2026-0063, A2026-0051, A2025-0042, and A2024-0227.

Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2026-0062, A2026-0052, A2026-0048, A2026-0075, A2026-0086, A2026-0063, A2026-0051, A2025-0042, and A2024-0227; Heather Graham seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2026-0062, A2026-0052, A2026-0048, A2026-0075, A2026-0086 and A2026-0063, A2026-0051, A2025-0042, and A2024-0227; Mrs. Chilton seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 12:36 p.m.

1. A2026-0082 Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the applicant until the Woodford County Council has met to review the application.

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2. A2026-0081 Daviess County Conservation District
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$10,000 in Daviess County Funds.

3. A2026-0059 Henry County Cattleman's Association
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$10,500 in Henry County Funds.

4. A2026-0062 Casey County Veterinary Services PLLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application until county funds are committed.
Mark Barker abstained.

5. A2026-0052 Grayson County Fiscal Court
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$10,000 in Grayson County Funds and \$250,000 in State Funds.

6. A2026-0048 Stone Veterinary Clinic
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$16,667 in Multi-County Funds and \$83,333 in State Funds.

7. A2026-0075 Bunge USA Grain, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the applicant due to commitment from the General Assembly, limited financial need, and limited funds available. The Application Review Committee encouraged the applicant to seek funding through the Kentucky Agricultural Economic Development Board.

8. A2026-0086 Central KY Custom Meats, Inc
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application until county funds are committed and a consultant report is received.

9. A2026-0063 Conyeya Property Holdings, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant county funds matched by state funds with the difference in a forgivable loan, up to \$250,000.

10. A2026-0051 Historic Homes Foundation
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$14,800 in State Funds.

11. A2025-0042 Barren County Board of Education
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended to approve the amended request.

12. A2024-0227 Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc

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Agenda Items:
a) The committee unanimously recommended to deny the budget amendment request.
Adjournment: Committee adjourned in acclamation.