

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at May 15, 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
May 15, 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, Matt Hinton, Neil Denton, Fritz Giesecke, Heather Graham, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: 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 April 17, 2026, board meeting.

Mr. Pedigo 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 April board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced the Update on 2026-2028 County Agricultural Development Council Submissions. 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 May 4, 2026, to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of May 4, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of April 30, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of April 30, 2026.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

A2008-0440 Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

Mr. Reed called on Brian Murphy to present a memorandum (*on file*). The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) Board requests the KADB to make two transfers of funds totaling \$19,000,000 to the KAFC. \$14,000,000 would be transferred into the hold account the KAFC keeps for KADB funds that it does not access without the KADB's approval. \$5,000,000 would be transferred into the KAFC's unobligated account for its 2026-2027 operations, bringing its unobligated funds to \$11,425,689.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the transfer of \$19 million dollars to KAFC; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0227 Kentucky Dairy Development Council

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

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the KADB Application Review and Compliance Committee request of not approving the budget amendment; Mr. Fields 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.

Ms. Graham moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Mr. Hinton 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 thirty-four (34) CAIP applications totaling \$3,618,008; six (6) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) applications totaling \$79,625; four (4) Shared-Use Equipment Program (Shared-

Use) applications totaling \$90,150; nine (9) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) applications totaling \$111,000. The total program funding is \$3,898,783.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Requested Program Amendment

Mr. Reed called on Ms. Charles to present the requested program amendments.

Ms. Charles referenced three (3) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP applications totaling \$469,000 (Mason, Owen, & Montgomery Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

Mr. Fields moved to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects Recommendations for Funding

Mr. Reed called on Savanna Hill, Jesse Moore, Rachel Cowherd, and Ms. Scheidt to present the following projects.

A2026-0017 Rock Solid Vet Services, PLLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application \$48,560 in state funds and \$9,712 in multi-county funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck and vet box.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$9,712 in multi-county funds and up to \$48,560 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0028 Town & Country Animal Services, L.L.C.

Mr. Moore referenced the above application requesting \$83,333 in state funds and \$16,667 in multi-county funds as a part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase cattle handling facilities, and necessary equipment needed to upgrade the existing facility at the new location. The expansion will improve the applicant's ability to service the large animal farmers and increase the number of clients they are able to serve. They would like to hire another veterinarian as a result of the expansion.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommended approving the application, contingent upon securing county funds for the project.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0048 Stone Veterinary Clinic PLLC

Ms. Cowherd referenced the above application requesting \$83,333 in state funds and \$16,667 in multi-county funds to expand their large animal haul-in facility and install a hydraulic tilt chute as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$16,667 in multi-county funds and up to \$83,333 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0051 Historic Homes Foundation dba Farmington

Ms. Cowherd referenced the above application requesting \$15,000 in state funds for a feasibility study on establishing a farm stop market on its property that includes a café and cidery.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$200 in Jefferson County funds and \$14,800 in state funds for a feasibility study, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0052 Grayson County Fiscal Court

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$250,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Grayson County funds to construct a farmers market building.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$10,000 in Grayson County funds and up to \$250,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0059 Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Ms. Scheidt referenced the above application requesting \$10,500 in Henry County funds to run a youth cost-share program for FFA and 4-H projects in Henry County.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$10,500 in Henry County Funds, subject to the terms and conditions below.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0062 Casey County Veterinary Services, PLLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application \$83,000 in state funds and \$17,000 in multi-county funds to build a handling and treatment facility as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$17,000 in multi-county funds and up to \$83,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Fields moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dean Stephenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Barker Abstains.

A2026-0063 Conyea Property Holdings, LLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$250,000 in state funds to purchase and convert an existing facility into a packaging warehouse for produce.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding county funds matched by state funds as a cost-reimbursement grant, with the difference in a forgivable loan, up to \$250,000 subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0081 Daviess County Conservation District

Ms. Cowherd referenced the above application requesting \$10,000 in Daviess County Funds for the Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$10,000 in Daviess County funds for the Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects Recommendations for No Funding

A2026-0075 Bunge USA Grain, LLC

Ms. Cowherd referenced the above application \$3,400,000 in state funds to upgrade elevator capacity and incorporate modern structural designs to restore integrity and support future expansion.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends not funding the applicant due to committed funds from the General Assembly, not clearly demonstrating a financial need, and limited Agricultural Development Funds available and encouraged the applicant to submit an application to the Kentucky Agricultural Economic Development Board.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated three (3) applications are pending.

A2026-0086 Central KY Custom Meats, Inc

A2026-0015 Creekside Veterinary Services, LLC

A2026-0018 Rock Vet Animal Hospital, 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, June 19, 2026, at the Kentucky Historical Society at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the May meeting at 9:50 a.m. (EDT).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the May KADB meeting; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE:

June 19th, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Donna Hill

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chair

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 detailed list of requested Program Amendments is attached as Appendix C.
 4. A copy of the KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix D.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	COMMITTEE
A2026-0091	City of Middlesboro <i>Farmers' Market</i>	Bell	ARC
A2026-0093	Martin County Beekeepers Association <i>Bee Apiary</i>	Martin	ARC
A2026-0095	McCreary County Heritage Foundation, Inc. <i>Farmers Market</i>	McCreary	ARC
A2026-0096	Need More Acres Farm, LLC <i>Food Hub</i>	Allen	ARC
A2026-0098	Hopkins County Board of Education <i>Fencing</i>	Hopkins	ARC
A2026-0128	Foundation Christian Academy <i>School Greenhouse</i>	Warren	ARC
A2026-0129	Southern States Glasgow Cooperative, Inc. <i>Fertilizer Plant</i>	Barren	ARC

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0043	Muhlenberg County Cattlemen's Association	Muhlenberg		\$38,011.00
A2026-0045	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer		\$125,500.00
A2026-0055	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.	Jessamine		\$100,000.00
A2026-0058	Union County Conservation District	Union	State	\$20,000.00
A2026-0064	Meade County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Meade		\$64,796.00
A2026-0065	Leslie County Conservation District	Leslie	State	\$75,000.00
A2026-0066	Carroll County Conservation District	Carroll		\$140,659.00
A2026-0070	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	McLean		\$28,750.00
A2026-0072	Trimble County Conservation District	Trimble		\$141,870.00
A2026-0080	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Daviess		\$100,000.00
A2026-0083	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Henderson	State	\$33,745.00
A2026-0087	Christian County Conservation District	Christian		\$200,000.00
A2026-0088	Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District	Jefferson	State	\$30,000.00
A2026-0089	Boyle County Conservation District	Boyle		\$95,000.00
A2026-0092	Martin County Conservation District	Martin	State	\$40,000.00
A2026-0094	Marshall County Conservation District	Marshall	State	\$66,945.00
A2026-0099	Magoffin County Agriculture Investment Program Incorporated	Magoffin		\$125,000.00
A2026-0103	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Hopkins	State	\$70,000.00
A2026-0104	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Webster	State	\$27,279.00
A2026-0106	Hancock County Conservation District	Hancock		\$84,339.00
A2026-0107	Crittenden County Soil Conservation District	Crittenden	State	\$72,951.00
A2026-0108	Wolfe County Conservation District	Wolfe		\$98,400.00
A2026-0109	Mercer County Conservation District	Mercer		\$147,835.00
A2026-0110	Graves County Conservation District	Graves		\$45,727.00
A2026-0111	Morgan County Fiscal Court	Morgan		\$157,046.00

APPENDIX B:

Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

Programs Recommended for Approval

A2026-0112	Marion County Soil Conservation District	Marion		\$153,090.00
A2026-0113	Pulaski County Conservation District	Pulaski		\$471,301.00
A2026-0114	McCreary County Farm Bureau of McCreary County, Kentucky	McCreary	State	\$28,054.00
A2026-0115	Cumberland County Conservation District	Cumberland		\$123,515.00
A2026-0119	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$125,000.00
A2026-0121	Campbell County Conservation District	Campbell	State	\$28,195.00
A2026-0124	Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association (LCCA)	Lincoln		\$180,000.00
A2026-0125	Casey County Conservation District	Casey		\$230,000.00
A2026-0126	Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Adair		\$150,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 34				\$3,618,008.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0053	Montgomery County Fiscal Court	Montgomery		\$15,000.00
A2026-0090	Boyle County Conservation District	Boyle		\$15,000.00
A2026-0097	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$15,000.00
A2026-0116	Taylor County Conservation District	Taylor		\$14,625.00
A2026-0118	Marion County Fiscal Court	Marion		\$15,000.00
A2026-0122	Bracken County Soil Conservation District	Bracken		\$5,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 6				\$79,625.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0023	Barren County Conservation District	Barren		\$33,375.00
A2026-0100	Monroe County Conservation District	Monroe		\$27,000.00
A2026-0101	Monroe County Conservation District	Monroe		\$27,000.00
A2026-0117	Marion County Soil Conservation District	Marion		\$2,775.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 4				\$90,150.00

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Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

Programs Recommended for Approval

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0057	Ohio County 4-H Council, Inc.	Ohio		\$10,000.00
A2026-0067	Carroll County Conservation District	Carroll		\$15,000.00
A2026-0071	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	McLean		\$3,000.00
A2026-0073	Trimble County Conservation District	Trimble		\$20,000.00
A2026-0084	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Henderson		\$10,000.00
A2026-0102	Hardin County Conservation District	Hardin		\$6,000.00
A2026-0105	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Webster		\$5,000.00
A2026-0120	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$40,000.00
A2026-0123	Campbell County Conservation District	Campbell		\$2,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 9				\$111,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$3,898,783.00**

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2026-0005
Applicant Name	Mason County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$264,000
Execution Date	02/27/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$59,000 in Mason County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$323,000. Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0020
Applicant Name	Owen County Farm Bureau, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$20,000
Execution Date	03/11/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$280,000 in Owen County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$300,000. Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0054
Applicant Name	Montgomery County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$70,000
Execution Date	05/04/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$130,000 in Montgomery County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$200,000. Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	May 15, 2026
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, Bobby Foree, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Dr. Jones, Dr. Bernard, Matt Stevens (Designee for Matt Sawyers), Dean Laura Stephenson, Ashlee Chilton, Fritz Giesecke, Neil Denton, and Mark Barker. KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Jesse Moore, Sarah Charles, Rachel Cowherd, Hannah Johnson, Bailey Siry-Crowder, Becca Besok, Alandria Lee, Jeff Parman, Landon Peach, Zoie Anglin, and Emma Filiatreau.
Minutes Issued By:	Jesse Moore
Meeting Call to Order:	10:02 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	12:22 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee reviewed applications A2026-0093, A2026-0098, A2026-0128, A2026-0082, A2026-0127, A2026-0086, A2026-0091, A2026-0095, A2026-0096, and A2026-0129.

Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2026-0127, A2026-0086, A2026-0091, A2026-0095, A2026-0096, and A2026-0129; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 11:48 a.m.

Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2026-0086, A2026-0091, A2026-0095, A2026-0096, and A2026-0129; Mrs. Chilton seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 12:17 p.m.

1. A2026-0093 Martin County Beekeepers Association
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$3,000 in Martin County funds to build a honeybee apiary.

Dean Laura Stephenson abstained

APPENDIX D: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

Agenda Items:

2. A2026-0098 Hopkins County Board of Education
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$7,533 in Hopkins County funds for fencing.
3. A2026-0128 Foundation Christian Academy
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application.
4. A2026-0257 Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase the materials and equipment for on-farm market accessibility.
5. A2026-0127 Central Kentucky Feed, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$65,000 in multi-county funds for a commodity storage shed.
6. A2026-0086 Central KY Custom Meats, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$5,000 in Casey County funds and \$73,553 in state funds for processing facility upgrades.
7. A2026-0091 City of Middlesboro
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$2,903 in Bell County funds and \$230,000 in state funds to construct a farmers' market.
8. A2026-0086 McCreary County Heritage Foundation, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application.
9. A2026-0063 Need More Acres Farm, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds, and \$212,671 in state funds for a food hub.
10. A2026-0051 Southern States Glasgow Cooperative, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information.

Adjournment:

Committee adjourned in acclamation.