

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at June 19, 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
June 19, 2026
Kentucky Historical Society
100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY**

Call to Order

Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:51 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Dr. Jamie Matthews (designee for Dean Laura Stephenson), Wayne Hunt, Bobby Foree, Matt Hinton, Neil Denton, Fritz Giesecke, Heather Graham, Laura Sanderfur, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, and Mark Barker.

Notification of Media

Commissioner Shell received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary 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 15, 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

Commissioner Shell 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 May 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

Commissioner Shell called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance, financial report, and KADF committed funds report as of May 21, 2026, to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of May 25, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of May 23, 2026.

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

Ms. Sanderfur moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Mr. Giesecke 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 three (3) new applications for referral.

Mr. Pedigo moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees;
Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval

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

Ms. Charles referenced thirteen (13) CAIP applications totaling \$1,636,957; six (6) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) applications totaling \$63,750; two (2) Next Generation Farmer (NextGen) applications totaling \$105,000; two (2) Shared-Use Equipment Program (Shared-Use) applications totaling \$41,180; and five (5) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) applications totaling \$55,950. The total program funding is \$1,902,837.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Requested Program Amendment

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

Ms. Charles referenced three (3) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP and NextGen programs totaling \$521,800 (Green & Henry Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects Recommendations for Funding

Commissioner Shell called on Jesse Moore, Savanna Hill, and Rachel Cowherd to present the following projects.

A2026-0018 Rock Vet Animal Hospital, LLC

Mr. Moore referenced the above application \$83,333 in state funds and \$16,667 in Rockcastle County funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to construct a new facility.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the application up to \$16,667 in Rockcastle County funds and up to \$83,333 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0082 Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC

Mr. Moore referenced the above application requesting \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase the materials and equipment to finish an on-farm market.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$12,295 in Woodford County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0086 Central KY Custom Meats, Inc.

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$78,553 in state funds to upgrade meat processing equipment.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$5,000 in Casey County funds and up to \$73,553 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0091 City of Middlesboro

Mr. Moore referenced the above application requesting \$230,000 in state funds and \$2,903 in Bell County funds to construct a new farmers' market open-air pavilion.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$2,903 in Bell County funds and up to \$230,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0093 Martin County Beekeepers Association

Mr. Moore referenced the above application requesting \$2,500 in Martin County funds for a honeybee apiary.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$3,000 in Martin County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0096 Need More Acres Farm, LLC

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$62,500 in multi-county funds and \$212,671 in state funds to establish a year-round food hub.

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds and up to \$212,671 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions below.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0098 Hopkins County Board of Education

Ms. Cowherd referenced the above application \$7,532.50 in county funds to construct and 8' tall fence around the perimeter of the school garden.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding up to \$7,532.50 in Hopkins County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0127 Central Kentucky Feed LLC

Mr. Moore referenced the above application requesting \$65,000 in multi-county funds for constructing a commodity shed with stationary mixer and storage bays.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$65,000 in multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program

Commissioner Shell called on Mr. McCloskey to present requests for the Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program.

Mr. McCloskey referenced two (2) Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program applications totaling \$500,000 in state funds:
Graves (\$250,000), and Laurel (\$250,000) counties.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Programs as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

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

A2026-0015 Creekside Veterinary Services, LLC
A2026-0095 McCreary County Heritage Foundation, Inc.
A2026-0128 Foundation Christian Academy
A2026-0129 Southern States Glasgow Cooperative, Inc.

No action necessary on pending projects.

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Shell stated the KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee will meet thirty minutes following adjournment of the KADB meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Shell entertained a motion to adjourn the June meeting at 11:36 a.m. (EDT).

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE:

July 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 detailed list of requested Program Amendments is attached as Appendix C.
 4. A detailed list of requested applications under the Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Programs Appendix D.
 5. A copy of the KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix E.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	COMMITTEE
A2026-0151	Eagle Mill Farms, LLC dba Pepper's Hardin County Milling <i>Hardin County Milling</i>	Hardin	ARC
A2026-0159	Genuine Fertilizer Solutions, LLC <i>Fertilizer Manufacturing Facility</i>	Christian	ARC
A2026-0162	Kentucky Department of Agriculture <i>Yellow Legged Hornet</i>	_ALL	ARC

APPENDIX B:

Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0069	Calloway County Conservation District	Calloway	State	\$104,538.00
A2026-0085	Bell County Conservation District	Bell	State	\$100,000.00
A2026-0130	Hart County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Hart		\$230,000.00
A2026-0132	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$40,062.00
A2026-0133	Knott County Conservation District	Knott	State	\$65,000.00
A2026-0134	Allen County Conservation District	Allen		\$120,000.00
A2026-0135	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$89,554.00
A2026-0140	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$56,082.00
A2026-0144	Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Franklin		\$131,555.00
A2026-0145	Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Harrison		\$280,315.00
A2026-0148	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$185,461.00
A2026-0149	Boyd County Conservation District	Boyd	State	\$56,097.00
A2026-0150	Gallatin County Farm Bureau of Gallatin County, Kentucky	Gallatin		\$85,000.00
A2026-0156	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$193,293.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 14				\$1,736,957.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0138	Nelson County Fiscal Court	Nelson		\$15,000.00
A2026-0139	Shelby County Fiscal Court	Shelby		\$15,000.00
A2026-0152	Franklin County Conservation District	Franklin		\$8,750.00
A2026-0154	Harrison County Fiscal Court	Harrison		\$7,500.00
A2026-0158	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Lincoln		\$15,000.00
A2026-0161	Gallatin County Conservation District	Gallatin		\$2,500.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 6				\$63,750.00

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Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0137	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$25,000.00
A2026-0146	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$80,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$105,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0143	Rockcastle County Conservation District	Rockcastle		\$13,992.00
A2026-0155	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$27,188.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$41,180.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0131	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$1,000.00
A2026-0136	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$5,000.00
A2026-0141	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$12,000.00
A2026-0147	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$31,950.00
A2026-0157	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$6,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 5				\$55,950.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$2,002,837.00**

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2026-0027 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$30,000
Execution Date	03/26/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$219,800 in Green 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 \$249,800. Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0040 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$1,000
Execution Date	04/27/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$250,000 in Henry 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 \$251,000. Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0041 (NextGen)
Applicant Name	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$1,000
Execution Date	04/27/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$52,000 in Henry County funds for the <i>NextGen 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 \$53,000. Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D:

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Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Programs Recommended for Approval

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Funds Requested
A2026-0142	Promised Land Produce, LLC <i>Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Graves	\$250,000.00
A2026-0160	Cornett Enterprises, LLC <i>Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Laurel	\$250,000.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval in Program			\$500,000.00

APPENDIX E: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	June 19, 2026
Meeting Location:	Kentucky Historical Society
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Matt Hinton, Fritz Giesecke, Heather Graham, Al Pedigo, Dr. Marcus Bernard, Wayne Hunt, Dr. Jamie Matthews, Laura Sanderfur, Bobby Foree, and Neil Denton. KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Jesse Moore, Sarah Charles, Rachel Cowherd, Hannah Johnson, Bailey Siry-Crowder, Becca Besok, Alandria Lee, Landon Peach, Chelsea Smitter, Zoie Anglin, Emma Filiatreau, and Stephen Lemon.
Minutes Issued By:	Rachel Cowherd
Meeting Call to Order:	10:51 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	3:53 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee reviewed applications A2026-0128, A2026-0095, A2026-0129, A2026-0082, A2026-0163, A2026-0162, A2026-0159, and A2026-0151.

Laura Sanderfur moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2026-0128, A2026-0095, A2026-0129, A2026-0082, A2026-0163, A2026-0162, A2026-0159, and A2026-0151; Bobby Foree seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 2:44 p.m.

Mr. Denton moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2026-0128, A2026-0095, A2026-0129, A2026-0082, A2026-0163, A2026-0162, A2026-0159, and A2026-151; Mrs. Graham seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 3:47 p.m.

1. A2026-0128 Foundation Christian Academy
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended denying the project.
2. A2026-0095 McCreary County Heritage Foundation Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application.

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3. A2026-0129 Southern States Glasgow Cooperative, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application.
4. A2026-0163 HUNYULE (DBA: Verdant Equus)
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the project on the determination that the project does not align with the mission of KADF.
5. A2026-0162 Kentucky Department of Agriculture
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$62,000 in state funds to create the Yellow-Legged Hornet Emergency Program.
6. A2026-0159 Genuine Fertilizer Solutions, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding county funds, matched by state funds, with the difference in a participation loan up to \$480,170.
7. A2026-0151 Eagle Mill Farms, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding county funds, matched by state funds, with the difference in a participation loan up to \$1,500,000.

Adjournment:

Committee adjourned in acclamation.