The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at September 18, 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
September 18, 2026
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY

Call to Order
Brandon Reed, designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call
The following members were present: Brandon Reed (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Dr. Jamie Matthews (designee for Dean Laura Stephenson), Fritz Giesecke, Heather Graham, Laura Sanderfur, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Mark Barker, and Wayne Hunt.

Absent Members: Neil Denton, Matt Hinton, Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Bobby Foree, and Al Pedigo.

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 August 21, 2026, board meeting.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Dr. Jones 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 August 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 August 29, 2026, to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of September 3, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of August 29, 2026.

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

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Mr. Sawyers seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

FSA Report

Mr. Reed called on David Wayne to give the FSA Report. Mr. Wayne gave an overview of offices activities and updates.

KADB Program Evaluation Committee
Mr. Reed called on Ms. Graham to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

Ms. Graham moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Ms. Chilton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

Recurring Projects
Mr. Reed called on Mr. McCloskey to present a memorandum *(on file)* regarding a recommendation that the KADB reduce any prospective awards made to past biennial contract recipients for any future biennial contract to 10% less than the total award of its most recent biennial contract.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Sawyers 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 eleven (11) new applications for referral.

Ms. Graham moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Dr. Jones 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 six (6) CAIP applications totaling $798,400; one (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) applications totaling $15,000; one (1) Next Generation Farmer (NextGen) applications totaling $16,000; and four (4) Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP) applications totaling $63,250. The total program funding is $892,650.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

> Ms. Sanderfur moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Fields seconded the motion.
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> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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

Ms. Charles referenced one (1) county request for additional funds for existing CAIP program totaling $20,000 (Clark County).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

> Mr. Barker moved to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.
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> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects Recommendations for Funding

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

A2026-0197 Seedleaf, Inc.
Ms. Scheidt referenced the above application $13,054 in state funds and $10,000 in multi-county funds to relaunch their Compost Carpool Program.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to $22,524 in county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

> Ms. Graham moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.
>
> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0198 Kanbol, Inc
Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting $1,154,500 in state funds to expand a value-added processing facility.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to $577,250 in state funds as a participation loan and referred the applicant to the KAEDB.

> Mr. Fields moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Chilton seconded the motion.
>
> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2026-0202 Carter County Fair, Inc.
Ms. Scheidt referenced the above application requesting $30,000 in Carter County Funds and $100,000 in state funds to construct an open area pole barn structure for their fairgrounds.

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee recommends funding the applicant up to $30,000 in Carter County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications
Mr. McCloskey stated one (1) application is pending.

A2026-0201 Pine Mountain Perennials LLC

No action necessary on pending projects.

Closing Remarks
Mr. Reed 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, October 16, 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 September meeting at 9:31 a.m. (EDT).

Ms. Chilton moved to adjourn the September KADB meeting; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: 10-16-2026

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chair

BOARD SECRETARY: _____
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 Program Evaluation Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix D.
5. A copy of the KADB Application and Compliance Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix E.
6. A copy of the KADB Special meeting minutes attached as Appendix F.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	COMMITTEE
A2026-0203	Kentucky Horticulture Council *Statewide Horticulture Technical Assistance, Education, Research, and Marketing*	_ALL	ARC
A2026-0213	C&C AgSolutions *Bulk Automation System*	Graves	ARC
A2026-0214	Kentucky Composting Council *Kentucky Composting Council*	Jefferson	ARC
A2026-0215	Kentucky Beef Network, LLC *KBN 14 Project*	Fayette	ARC
A2026-0217	Campbellsville University, Inc. *Agriculture Department Equipment*	Taylor	ARC
A2026-0218	Community Farm Alliance, Inc. *Farmers Market Support Programs*	Madison	ARC
A2026-0220	West Kentucky Green Nitrogen *Green Ammonia Storage Tanks*	Trigg	ARC
A2026-0221	Affinity Farms, LLC *Meat Processing*	Marion	ARC
A2026-0222	Community Agricultural And Nutritional Enterprises, Inc. *Value-Added Producer Incubation & Mobile Market*	Letcher	ARC
A2026-0223	Cowan Community Action Group, Inc *Demonstration Kitchen*	Letcher	ARC
A2026-0224	Cowan Community Action Group, Inc *Farmer's Market Support*	Letcher	ARC

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2026-0199	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan	State	$50,000.00
A2026-0204	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Laurel		$124,000.00
A2026-0206	Scott County Soil Conservation District	Scott		$245,000.00
A2026-0209	Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Shelby		$257,000.00
A2026-0211	Hardin County Conservation District	Hardin		$80,000.00
A2026-0219	Pike County Conservation District	Pike	State	$42,400.00
	Total Recommended for Funding: 6			**$798,400.00**

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2026-0212	Scott County Soil Conservation District	Scott		$15,000.00
	Total Recommended for Funding: 1			**$15,000.00**

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2026-0208	Scott County Soil Conservation District	Scott		$16,000.00
	Total Recommended for Funding: 1			**$16,000.00**

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2026-0200	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan	State	$15,000.00
A2026-0205	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Laurel		$20,000.00
A2026-0207	Scott County Soil Conservation District	Scott		$16,000.00
A2026-0216	Shelby County 4-H Council, Inc	Shelby		$12,250.00
	Total Recommended for Funding: 4			**$63,250.00**

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **$892,650.00**

Requested Program Amendments

App #	**A2026-0119**
Applicant Name	**Clark County Conservation District**
Original Amount Approved	$125,000
Execution Date	05/29/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an additional $20,000 in Clark County funds for the *CAIP Program.* The request received a high 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 $145,000. **Recommend Approval**

APPENDIX D: KADB Program Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 16, 2026
Meeting Location:	KOAP *via* Zoom Meeting ID: 863 5893 8782
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee: Heather Graham, Matt Hinton, Dr. Gordon Jones, and Al Pedigo KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Sarah Charles, Bailey Siry-Crowder, Rachel Cowherd, Jeff Parman, Jesse Moore, Alexis Scheidt, and Hannah Sharp-Johnson
Minutes Issued By:	Sarah Charles
Meeting Call to Order:	9:31 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	11:40 a.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

I. **Potential Changes to CAIP for Next Generation Farmers**
   a. KOAP Staff presented the potential changes for CAIP to provide more opportunities for next generation farmers. The Committee agreed with KOAP Staff's suggestions and made several revisions. These changes will be included in the 2027 KADB Planning Questionnaire, and the Next Generation Farmer Program will sunset on December 31, 2026.

II. **Potential New Youth Program**
   a. KOAP Staff discussed the current ideas for a new youth program to replace the Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP). KOAP Staff are still discussing the feasibility of different options. The Committee expressed concerns for KOAP Staff to keep in mind.

III. **2027 KADB Planning Questionnaire**
   a. The Committee made several suggestions for revisions to the 2027 KADB Planning Questionnaire. The Committee recommends approving the questionnaire as revised for the KADB to complete by October 16, 2026.

IV. **Review of Additional Items to be Included in Questionnaire**
   a. The Committee discussed the eligibility of the wedding venues in CAIP. The Committee requested KOAP Staff to revise the limitation in Value-Added & Marketing to exclude structures that are solely used for wedding/event venues. The Committee expressed that event spaces should have an educational aspect to be considered agritourism.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next Meeting: TBD

APPENDIX E: Application Review & Compliance Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 18, 2026
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	Committee Members: Wayne Hunt, Mark Barker, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Sawyers, Dr. Jamie Mathews, Ashlee Chilton, Laura Sanderfur, and Fritz Giesecke KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Jesse Moore, Sarah Charles, Rachel Cowherd, Bailey Siry-Crowder, and Hunter Jones.
Minutes Issued By:	Jesse Moore
Meeting Call to Order:	09:48 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	2:13 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

The KADB Application Review & Compliance Committee reviewed applications A2026-0201, A2026-0222, A2026-0223, A2026-0224, A2026-0221, A2026-0213, A2026-0217, A2026-0214, A2026-0218, A2026-0220, A2026-0215, and A2026-0203.

The committee unanimously recommended approving Brock Billingsly as a consultant for the Food Safety & Efficiency program.

The committee unanimously recommended approving Brooke Cooper as a consultant for the Food Safety & Efficiency program.

Matt Sawyers moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2026-0221, A2026-0213, A2026-0217, A2026-0214, A2026-0218, A2026-0220, A2026-0215, and A2026-0203; Laura Sanderfur seconded the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 12:03 a.m.

Ashlee Chilton moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2026-0221, A2026-0213, A2026-0217, A2026-0214, A2026-0218, A2026-0220, A2026-0215, and A2026-0203; Fritz Giesecke seconded the motion.

The committee reconvened in open session at 2:02 p.m.

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Agenda Items:

The committee unanimously recommended Dr. Bullock submit a KADF Project Application for the Beef Systems Analyzer.

The committee unanimously denied the memo request. The committee instructed KOAP Staff to contact the owner of Loretto Butcher Shop, Josh Geron to pay the refund of the forgivable loan back to Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund, and appear in person to discuss the situation in person during the October KADB Review & Compliance Committee.

1. A2026-0201 Pine Mountain Perennials
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $5,303 in Letcher County Funds.
2. A2026-0222 Community Agricultural and Nutritional Enterprises, Inc.
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $20,000 in Letcher County Funds.
3. A2026-0223 Cowan Community Action Group, Inc.
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $20,000 in Letcher County Funds.
4. A2026-0224 Cowan Community Action Group, Inc.
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $20,000 in Letcher County Funds.
5. A2026-0221 Affinity Farms, LLC
   a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information.
6. A2026-0213 C&C AgSolutions
   a) The committee unanimously recommended denying the application. Encouraged the applicant to apply with the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.
7. A2026-0217 Campbellsville University, Inc
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $130,510 in state funds to purchase equipment for the agriculture department.
8. A2026-0214 Kentucky Composting Council
   a) The committee unanimously recommended denying the application.

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Agenda Items:

9. A2026-0218 Community Farm Alliance, Inc.
   a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to $780,445 in state funds for the farmers market support programs.

10. A2026-0220 West Kentucky Green Nitrogen, LLC
   a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information regarding producer impact.

11. A2026-0215 Kentucky Beef Network, LLC
   a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application and requested additional information to include an updated budget reflecting a 10% reduction based on the amount approved on application A2024-0228 and clarification on questions provided by the committee.

12. A2026-0203 Kentucky Horticulture Council, Inc.
   a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for the applicant to revise the budget to reflect a 10% reduction based on the funds supported on application A2024-0220.

Adjournment:
Committee adjourned in acclamation.

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KADF
KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
September 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) special meeting to order at 1:10 p.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. Jamie Matthews (designee for Dean Laura Stephenson), Wayne Hunt, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Matt Hinton, Fritz Giesecke, Heather Graham, and Laura Sanderfur.

Absent Members: Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Al Pedigo, Neil Denton, Mark Barker, and Bobby Foree.

Notification of Media
Mr. Reed received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary, that the media had been notified of the KADB special meeting.

Welcome
Mr. Reed welcomed everyone to the KADB special meeting. Board members participated in person.

Ms. Graham moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss recurring Biennial Contract Recipients at 1:10 p.m.; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

Memo
Recurring Biennial Contract Recipients
Recommendation to Reduce Biennial Contracts by 10% from Last Funded Two-Year Contract

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), at 3:09 p.m.; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Mr. Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 3:10 p.m. (EDT).

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: 10-16-2026

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chair

BOARD SECRETARY: _____
Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary