The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Board at the August 14, 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 (KOAP), 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

KAFC
KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL FINANCE CORPORATION

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Board
Summary Minutes of the Business Meeting
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY
August 14, 2026

Call to Order

Brandon Reed, designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Board (KAFC) regular business meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Brandon Reed (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Billy Aldridge (designee for Secretary Holly M. Johnson), Dan Flanagan, Dr. Kenny Burdine, Steven Olt, Michael Cochran, Lori Noel, Wayne Hunt, Jonathan Noe, and Wes King.

Absent Member: Cory Bridges and Frank Penn.

Notification of Media

Mr. Reed received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary; that the media had been notified of the KAFC monthly board meeting.

Welcome

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2026, board meeting.

> Mr. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Dr. Burdine seconded the motion.
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> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report

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

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Mr. Reed called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance and financial report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (on file) as of July 27, 2026.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (on file) as of July 25, 2026.

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

KAFC Statement of Financial Position		
As of July 31, 2026		
Assets		
Cash KAFC Accounts	$	34,131,080
Hold Account-Not Authorized for Distribution	$	29,000,000
Loan Payments Due KAFC		
Category A	$	143,013,899
Category B	$	2,379,420
Category C	$	145,393,319
Total Assets	$	208,524,399
Hold Account-Not Authorized for Distribution	$	29,000,000
Liabilities		
KAFC loans approved not closed	$	23,904,457
Principal Outstanding	$	145,393,319
Total Liabilities	$	198,297,776
Unobligated Assets	$	10,226,623
Total Liabilities & Unobligated Assets	$	208,524,399

Mr. Hunt moved to accept the KAFC financial report, as presented; Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KAFC Mentor Report
Mr. Reed called on Alandria Whittemore to give the KAFC Mentor Report. Ms. Whittemore gave an overview of most recent reports for 2026.

Farm Service Agency Report
Mr. Reed called on Warren Whittaker to give the Farm Service Agency Report. Mr. Whittaker gave an overview of offices activities and updates since the July board meeting.

KCARD Report
Mr. Reed called on Ali Morris to give the KCARD Report. Ms. Morris gave an overview of office activities and updates since the July board meeting.

KAFC Loan Review and Compliance Committee Report
Mr. Reed called on Ms. Noel to give the KAFC Loan Review and Compliance Committee report. Ms. Noel stated the loans would be discussed according to the agenda.

Ms. Noel moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Noe seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

New Business
Mr. Reed called on Mr. McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, & Alandria Whittemore to present the following applications:

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

AF26-0091 Wilson, Chad
Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $250,000 to purchase a Tyson poultry operation in Monroe County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Glasgow, KY is the participating lender.

The loan officer requested that this application be withdrawn due to the borrower not meeting eligibility requirements.

No Action Necessary

AF26-0107 Thomas, Ian
Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $94,750 in Mercer County. Stock Yards Bank and Trust Company in Cynthiana, KY is the participating lender.

Staff recommends approval, with combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Dr. Burdine moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0111 Jarvis, Brady
Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting $250,000 in Hopkins County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Owensboro, KY is the participating lender. This application was referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application, contingent upon the approval and obligation of a 90% FSA guarantee on FCMA & KAFC funds, with a combined loan-to-value no greater than 100%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Noe seconded the motion

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

AF26-0080 Swarey, Christian
Ms. Whittemore referenced the above application requesting $125,000 to purchase a 20-acre farm in Trigg County. Farmers Bank & Trust Company in Princeton, KY is the participating lender.

Staff recommends approval, with combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. King seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0108 Brangers, James
Mr. McCloskey referenced the above application requesting $200,000 to purchase 45 acres with improvements in Hardin County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Elizabethtown, KY is the participating lender. This application was referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application contingent on a combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%. If the combined loan-to-value is greater than 85% it will require an FSA Guarantee.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Burdine seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0109 Leinbach, Mark
Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $50,000 to purchase 59 acres in Todd County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Hopkinsville, KY is the participating lender. This application was referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application, with combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Olt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0110 Goff, Carter
Mr. McCloskey referenced the above application requesting $180,000 to purchase 90 acres in Grayson County. Magnolia Bank in Elizabethtown, KY is the participating lender.

Staff recommends approval, with a combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Flangan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0112 Goodwin, Avery
Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting $162,435 to purchase 75 acres in Todd County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Russellville, KY is the participating lender. This application was referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application contingent on a combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Noe seconded the motion

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

AF26-0113 Crites, Benjamin
Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $145,500 for the purchase of 58 acres in Mason County. Central Kentucky Agricultural Credit Association in Paris, KY is the participating lender.

Staff recommends approval, contingent upon the approval and obligation of a 95% FSA guarantee on CKACA & KAFC funds, with a combined loan-to-value no greater than 100%.

Mr. King moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Olt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Noe Abstained.

AF26-0114 Lynch, Benjamin

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting $209,946 for the purchase of 30 acres in Bourbon County. Central Kentucky Agriculture Credit Association in Paris, KY is the participating lender. This application referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application, contingent upon the approval and obligation of a 90% FSA guarantee on CKACA & KAFC funds, with a combined loan-to-value no greater than 100%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Burdine seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Noe Abstained.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loan Program (DEAL)

AF26-0115 Demus, Caleb

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $237,500 for the purchase of 12 acres in Fayette County. Central Kentucky Agriculture Credit Association in Lexington, KY is the participating lender. This application referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving the application, contingent upon the approval and obligation of a 95% FSA guarantee on CKACA and KAFC funds, with combined loan-to-value no greater than 100%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Noe Abstained.

AF26-0116 Wunderlich, Dustin

Ms. Whittemore referenced the above application requesting $180,000 for the construction of a 42x72 greenhouse in Jessamine County. South Central Bank Inc. in Glasgow, KY is the participating lender. This application referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends approving with a combined loan-to-value no greater than 85%.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee as presented; Mr. Cochran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Horticulture Incentives Loan Program (HILP)

AF26-0077 Dennison, Paul

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting $100,000 to provide working capital for a horticulture operation in Hart County. Farm Credit Mid-America in Glasgow, KY is the participating lender. This application referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends pending the application for updated financial information.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

OldBusiness:
Mr. Reed called on Ms. Smither and Ms. Besok to present the following modifications.

AF26-0010 Dame, Wesley
Ms. Smither presented a memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above-mentioned loan. The KAFC Board approved Mr. Dame's request for $175,000 to purchase 160 acres in Hopkins County at the February 2026 meeting.

The loan was originally presented and approved with FSA funding and a guarantee. They have decided to no longer use FSA and Independence Bank will cover the funding needed.

The loan officer indicated that they are still waiting on the borrower's previous farm to sell, so it will stay pending.

The Loan Review & Compliance Committee recommend pending the application for addition financial information.

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

AF26-0025 Wright, Noah
Ms. Besok presented a memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above-mentioned loan. The KAFC Board approved Mr. Wrights request for $161,045 for the purchase of 63 acres to expand their Hereford cattle operation, at the March 13, 2026 meeting.

The loan officer indicated that the borrower is applying for a home construction loan for their new primary residence build. This request was referred to the Loan Review and Compliance Committee.

The Loan Review and Compliance Committee recommends pending the application for additional financials.

> Ms. Noel moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Burdine seconded the motion.
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> VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Time Extensions:
Mr. Reed presented the following time extensions.

AF24-0159 Bloomer, Megan
The memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above referenced loan. The loan officer indicated that there have been delays in closing the loan, due to delays with construction due to the weather. The new expiration date would be January12, 2027.

AF26-0010 Dame, Wesley
The memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above referenced loan. This request is for a 4-month extension to allow plenty of time for the farm to sell, modification to be reviewed, loan to close, and the loan officer to submit documentation needed. The new expiration date would be December 14, 2026.

AF26-0042 Neal, Beau
The memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above referenced loan. The loan officer indicated that they are very close to closing but fear they won't meet the August 17th deadline, so an extension was requested as a precaution. The new expiration date would be December 14, 2026.

AF26-0045 Ingleheart, Christopher
The memorandum *(on file)* regarding the above referenced loan. The loan officer indicated that they have been mainly held up wanting to land-in between flocks of birds and working with FSA to get the right structure for them. The new expiration date would be December 14, 2026.

Ms. Noel moved to approve the staff recommendations for four (4) time extensions, as presented; Mr. Cochran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Withdrawn Application
AF26-0106 Baugh, Hayden

No action necessary on withdrawn applications.

Closing Remarks
Mr. Reed informed the board the next KAFC meeting will be at the Franklin County Extension Office on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Adjournment
There being no further business, Mr. Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. (EDT).

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the August KAFC board meeting; Mr. Noe seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVEDDATE: 9/11/26

PRESIDINGOFFICER: ______________________
Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, Chair

BOARDS COORDINATOR: Hannah Sharp-Johnson
Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary

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1. A copy of the Loan and Compliance Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A:
Loan Review & Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	August 14, 2026
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Lori Noel
Attendees:	**Committee Members:** Lori Noel, Kenny Burdine, Michael Cochran, Wayne Hunt, Jonathan Noe, Wes King, Steven Olt, Billy Aldridge, and Dan Flanagan. **Staff:** Bill McCloskey, Brandon Reed, Brian Murphy, Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, Alandria Whittemore, Hannah Johnson, Rachel Cowherd, Savanna Hill, and intern Matthew Estes.
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither, Loan Programs Manager
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 AM EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:04 AM EDT

Agenda Items

New Business

1. Guidelines:
    a. Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program
        i. The committee recommended approving the proposed change:
            a) any application requesting to use projected gross farm income to meet the guideline requirements will be referred to Loan Review and Compliance Committee.
    b. Beginning Farmer Loan Program
        i. The committee recommended approving the proposed changes:
            a) next generation applicants in the same household will be referred to Loan Review and Compliance Committee.
    c. All Loan Programs
        i. any application with a credit score below 600 is required to submit a credit report.

2. Review of new loans:
    a. AF26-0111 Brady Jarvis: Credit Score
        i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented.

    b. AF26-0108 James Brangers: Co-App Credit Score
        i. The committee recommended approving this request contingent on 85% C/LTV or FSA Guarantee at the time of disbursement. As well as a full credit report for the applicant and co-applicant.

c. AF26-0109 Mark Leinbach: GFI Requirement
    i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented; under the newly approved guidelines.

d. AF26-0112 Avery Goodwin: GFI Requirement
    i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented; under the newly approved guidelines.

e. AF26-0114 Benjamin Lynch: Co-App Credit Score
    i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented.

f. AF26-0115 Caleb Demus: DEALP
    i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented.

g. AF26-0116 Dustin Wunderlich: DEALP
    i. The committee recommended approving the application as presented.

h. AF26-077 Paul Dennison: HILP
    i. The committee recommended pending the application to receive an updated financial package.

Old News:

1. AF26-0010 Wesley Dame: Modification
    a. The committee recommended pending the modification request for further information.

2. AF26-0025 Noah Wright: Modification
    a. The committee recommended pending the modification request for additional information.

Stressed Loans:

1. KAFC Staff provided an update on the following stressed loans:
    a. AF15-0091 Joseph Mehr
    b. AF19-0005 Austin Tabor
    c. AF20-0037 Pennington Stave
    d. AF20-0051 Jason Black
    e. AF21-0091 AW Farms
    f. AF22-0055 Oxbow
    g. AF22-0085 Holland
    h. A2017-0106 Victory Foods
    i. AF24-0029 Jonah Sisk

APPENDIX A:
Loan Review & Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Compliance:

1. Review Loan Disbursements (Update)

    29 Loans Closed October – December 2025

    38 Loans Closed January – March 2026

Adjournment:

1. Committee adjourned in acclamation.