

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the March 16, 2012 regular business meeting. This is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, 404 Ann Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



**Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office
Frankfort, Kentucky
March 16, 2012**

Call to Order

James R. Comer, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting to order at 10:13 (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: James R. Comer, Vice Chairman; Dr. Betty Bailey; Roy Collins; Don Goodin (designee for Secretary Larry Hayes); Pat Henderson; Wayne Hunt; Sam Lawson; Jim Mahan; Wayne Mattingly; Troy Rankin; Dr. Teferi Tsegaye (designee for President Mary Sias); Jim Sidebottom; Dean M. Scott Smith.

Members with excused absences: Karen Curtis

Notification of Media

Commissioner Comer received verification that the media has been notified of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting.

Welcome

Commissioner Comer welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an update on the KDA events and activities.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Betty Bailey moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2012 regular business meeting as presented; Dr. Teferi Tsegaye seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Executive Director's Report

Roger Thomas, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) reported that Mike Tobin, Project Analyst, GOAP, has taken a position with the Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville as the Commodity Division Director. Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Tobin had been with the GOAP since 2008 and has done excellent work and wished Mr. Tobin the best in his new career. Mr. Tobin thanked the Board for their efforts in helping Kentucky farmers.

Mr. Thomas traveled to Owensboro and met with JBS Swift and Specialty Foods Group, Inc., about expanding their relationship utilizing Kentucky hogs.

Mr. Thomas stated that the budget bill is now in the Senate. Upon the vote later next week, we will know more about the outcome for the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF), and KDA budgets.

Mr. Thomas called on John McCauley, State Executive Director, Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) to give an update on the FSA events and activities.

Mr. McCauley announced that on March 29-31, Kentucky will host the Southeast region of the National Association of Farm Service Agency County Office Employees (NASCOE) in Lexington. Mr. McCauley announced that Commissioner Comer, Congressman Chandler and Roger Thomas will speak at the Conference.

Mr. McCauley addressed the recent tornado damage by meeting with farmers in the damaged areas and is hopeful that Congress will approve disaster assistance for Kentucky farmers.

Mr. Thomas commended the staff of GOAP for donating items needed for families in the area where the tornado struck. Dean M. Scott Smith reported that the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Office in West Liberty was leveled during the tornado. Dr. Tsegaye stated that Kentucky State University's College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems donated supplies (materials and feed) which were distributed to farmers around the state who were affected by the tornados.

Mr. Thomas called on Kylee Palmer, Senior Compliance Officer, GOAP, to give an update (on file with the Board Secretary) regarding Monitoring and Compliance for the 1st Quarter of 2012. The report encompasses projects and programs approved by the KADB since 2001.

Mr. Thomas called on Bill McCloskey, Director of Financial Services, GOAP to review the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) Statement of Financial Position (on file with the Board Secretary) as of February 29, 2012.

Jim Mahan moved to accept the KAFC Statement of Financial Position; Troy Rankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Old Business

Memo Action Items

Commissioner Comer called upon GOAP staff to present memo action items to the Board for consideration.

**A2008-0407 The University of Kentucky
 Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP)**

Diane Fleming, General Counsel, GOAP, presented a memorandum (on file with the Board Secretary) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient has requested to propose modifications to the Advisory Board. Specifically, reducing the number KALP Directors from 3 to 2; add a member from the Kentucky Farm Bureau, and on a permanent basis; increase representation from all regional public universities with agricultural programs from 3 to 5.

Sam Moore moved to approve the recommendation as presented; Wayne Mattingly seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

A2010-0052 Heart of Scottsville, Inc.

Christi Marksbury, Project Analyst, GOAP, presented a memorandum (on file with the Board Secretary) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient has requested an extension of time until March 7, 2013 to complete the feasibility study for a farmers' market in Allen County.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends approving the extension until March 7, 2013.

Sam Lawson moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Don Goodin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

A2010-0168 Crittenden County Board of Education

Ms. Marksbury presented a memorandum (on file with the Board Secretary) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient has requested an extension of time until May 18, 2012 to allow for the delivery and construction of the greenhouse.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends approving the extension until May 18, 2012.

Jim Sidebottom moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

New Business

New Applications for Referral¹

Commissioner Comer referenced the following applications for referral:

A2012-0023	Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Inc.
A2012-0025	The University of Kentucky Research Foundation
A2012-0026	Jackson Dairy Supply, Inc.
A2012-0027	Grasshoppers Distribution, LLC
A2012-0029	Green Palace Meadery LLC
A2012-0030	Triple J Farm
A2012-0033	Kentucky Association of Food Banks

Pat Henderson moved to refer the submitted applications; Mr. Rankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Programs Recommended for Approval²

Commissioner Comer referenced three (3) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications requesting County funds totaling \$185,000.

Dean Smith moved to approve the program recommendations as presented; Dr. Tsegaye seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Commissioner Comer referenced one (1) 2012 Shared-use Equipment Initiative application requesting State funds totaling \$11,246.

Mr. Moore moved to approve the program recommendation as presented; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Recommendations for Funding

Commissioner Comer called upon the GOAP staff to review the project recommendations for funding.

¹ A detailed list of applications for referral is attached as Appendix A.

² A detailed list of projects funded under the County Agricultural Investment Program and Shared-use Equipment Program is attached as Appendix B.

A2011-0034 Franklin County Public Schools

Jennifer Hudnall, Project Analyst, GOAP, presented the above-referenced project from Franklin County Public Schools requesting \$45,000 in Franklin County funds to build a greenhouse on the grounds of Franklin County High School.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding this request for \$45,000 in Franklin County funds.

Mr. Mattingly moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

A2011-0173 Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government

Joel Neaveill, Chief of Staff, GOAP, presented the above-referenced project from the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government requesting \$350,000 in State funds to create a revolving loan fund and to continue the Farm to Table program.

The White Application Review Committee recommends funding \$120,000 in State funds for the Louisville Farm to Table program. The White Application Review Committee recommends transferring \$250,000 in State funds to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation for the purpose of administering the Louisville Agribusiness Loan Program.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.

Mr. Mattingly requested to amend the motion to include farmer representation on the Local Food Economy Work Group (Farm to Table Program) and the Loan Pre-screening Advisory Committee (Louisville Agribusiness Loan Program). Teresa Zawacki, Louisville Metro Office of Economic Growth and Innovation, stated that they would commit to the representation and that it was an excellent suggestion. Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed as Amended; Unanimous

A2012-0013 Scott B. Shackelford

Ms. Marksbury presented the above-referenced project from Scott B. Shackelford requesting \$31,414 in Todd County funds to expand a producer receiving station to consolidate crops for produce growers in Todd, Logan and Christian counties.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding this request for \$31,414 in Todd County funds.

Wayne Hunt moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Roy Collins seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

A2012-0014 Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.

Ms. Hudnall presented the above-referenced project from the Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. requesting \$10,000 in Jessamine County funds to provide financial assistance for a Farmers Back to School Program in Jessamine County.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding this request for \$10,000 in Jessamine County funds.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; 1 Dissent

A2012-0015 Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.

Ms. Hudnall presented the above-referenced project from the Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. requesting \$8,000 in Jessamine funds for a youth 4-H/FFA project cost-share program.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding this request for \$8,000 in Jessamine County funds.

Mr. Mahan moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

A2012-0016 Clark County Conservation District

Mr. Tobin presented the above-referenced project from the Clark County Conservation District requesting \$3,783 in Clark County funds to purchase a semi-permanent equipment structure to house shared-use equipment purchased with KADF.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding this request for \$3,783 in Clark County funds.

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Committee recommendation; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

Pending Applications

Commissioner Comer referenced the following pending applications:

A2012-0004 Kentucky World Trade Center, Inc.
A2012-0007 Kentucky State University
A2012-0010 Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC
A2012-0011 W. Brent Woodrum
A2012-0017 Four Hills Farm LLC

No action necessary.

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Comer informed the board that KDA has hired Jennifer Mueller as the Kentucky Proud Director.

Commissioner Comer stated that the KDA Audit will be complete for a report at the next board meeting.

Mr. Neaveill stated that the Red Application Review Committee will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) at the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Office in Owensboro.

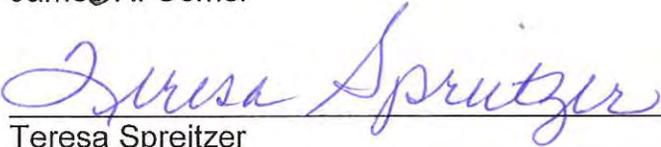
Mr. Neaveill stated that the next KADB regular business meeting will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Maine Chance Equine Campus, Stallion Facility in Lexington.

Dr. Bailey moved to adjourn the KADB regular business meeting; Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

The KADB Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM (EDT).

Presiding Officer: 
James R. Comer

Board Secretary 
Teresa Spreitzer

Appendix A: Applications for Referral

App #	Applicant	Request Type	Submitted
A2012-0023	Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Inc.	Project	2/21/2012
A2012-0025	The University of Kentucky Research Foundation	Project	2/24/2012
A2012-0026	Jackson Dairy Supply, Inc.	Project	2/24/2012
A2012-0027	Grasshoppers Distribution, LLC	Project	2/24/2012
A2012-0029	Green Palace Meadery LLC	Project	2/24/2012
A2012-0030	Triple J Farm	Project	2/24/2012
A2012-0033	Kentucky Association of Food Banks	Project	2/24/2012

Appendix B: Program Lists

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2012-0021	Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Harrison	\$40,000.00
A2012-0022	Owsley County Conservation District	Owsley	\$135,000.00
A2012-0031	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry	\$10,000.00
			\$185,000.00

Shared-use Equipment

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2012-0028	Knott County Soil Conservation District	Knott	\$11,246.00*
			\$11,246.00

*state funds from Shared-use Equipment Initiative Program

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: \$196,246.00