

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the January 23, 2015 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  
Kentucky Horse Park  
Lexington, Kentucky  
January 23, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Jamie Link, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. (EST)

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Dr. Betty Bailey; Roy Collins; Pat Henderson; Wayne Hunt; Sam Lawson; Jim Mahan; Wayne Mattingly; Sam Moore; Troy Rankin; Jim Sidebottom; Dean Nancy M. Cox; Don Goodin (designee for Secretary Larry Hayes); Dr. Kirk Pomper (designee for KSU President Raymond Burse); Warren Beeler (designee for Commissioner James R. Comer); and Jamie Link (designee for Governor Steven L. Beshear)

Members absent: Karen Curtis

**Notification of Media**

Mr. Link received verification from Angela Blank, Director of Public Affairs/Public Relations, that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Link entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2014 board meeting.

Dr. Bailey asked that the minutes be amended to include clarification that farmers would have access to the kitchen at the Gateway Farmers Market Project.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the minutes, as amended; Mr. Rankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Link yielded the floor to Roger Thomas, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) to give his report to the board.

Mr. Thomas recognized the recent death of Senator Wendell Ford and asked the board to stand for a moment of silence in his honor.

Mr. Thomas updated the board on activities of GOAP staff since the last board meeting.

Mr. Thomas called on Aleta Botts, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), and John McCauley, State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency to update the board regarding the activity of their organizations since the last board meeting.

Mr. Thomas introduced Scott Smith to discuss the Food Connection, a project of the University of Kentucky working to promote a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable food economy in Kentucky through research and innovation.

Ms. Ashton Potter Wright, Local Food Coordinator for the Bluegrass Farm to Table program introduced herself to the board and provided a program update.

Mr. Thomas updated the board on potential legislative efforts to further protect the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Thomas referenced a memo (*on file with the Boards Coordinator*) from Angela Blank, Director of Public Affairs/Public Relations, summarizing the value of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association Public Education Partnership (PEP) program for November 2014.

Mr. Thomas called on Bill McCloskey, Director of Financial Services, to review the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) Statement of Financial Position (*on file with the Boards Coordinator*) as of December 31, 2014.

After the review, Mr. McCloskey announced that the next scheduled KAFC Board meeting will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (EST) in room C109 of the Transportation Cabinet building in Frankfort.

Mr. Sidebottom moved to accept the KAFC Financial Report; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Presentations**

Mr. Link yielded the floor to Mr. Thomas to introduce presentations.

Mr. Thomas introduced Dr. Jill Stowe, Director of the Equine Program at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food & Environment. Dr. Stowe presented to the board an overview of impact of the UK Equine Program.

Mr. Thomas introduced Chauncey Morris, Executive Director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. Mr. Morris presented to the board an overview of the current economic status of Kentucky's Thoroughbred industry.

Mr. Thomas introduced Craig Fravel, President and CEO of the Breeders' Cup. Mr. Fravel presented to the board an outline of preparations being made for the 2015 Breeders' Cup to be held in Lexington at Keeneland.

Mr. Thomas introduced Jamie Link, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park. Mr. Link presented to the board an outline of efforts at the Horse Park to continue achieving its mission and reach financial self sufficiency.

## Reports

### Recipient Review Committee Reports

Mr. Link stated that four Recipient Review Committees met earlier in the morning to review the 4th quarter 2014 reports (on file with the Director of Compliance) and called on each committee spokesperson to give an update to the board.

<u>Application #</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Committee Spokesperson</u>
A2012-0285	Kentucky Beef Network (KBN)	Don Goodin, reporting
A2012-0288	Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC)	Pat Henderson, reporting
A2012-0194	Kentucky Horticulture Council (KHC)	Sam Lawson, reporting
A2012-0231	Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA)	Wayne Mattingly, reporting

### Memo Action Items

Mr. Link called on staff to present the following memo action items:

#### **A2013-0265            ProEquine Link, LLC**

Biff Baker, Project Manager, presented a memorandum (on file with the Boards Coordinator) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient requested a six month no-cost time extension to complete their project.

Staff recommended approval of the request presented in the memorandum.

Mr. Rankin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **A2013-0291            Nicholas County Fiscal Court**

Mr. Baker presented a memorandum (on file with the Boards Coordinator) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient requested that the board approve an additional \$6,000 in Nicholas County funds, and a 90-day time extension.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended approval of the request presented in the memorandum.

Mr. Rankin moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2013-0300          Fayette County 4-H Council, Inc.**

Mr. Baker presented a memorandum (on file with the Boards Coordinator) regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient requested a six month no-cost time extension as a result of unanticipated delays in construction.

Staff recommended approval of the request presented in the memorandum.

Mr. Rankin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**New Application for Referral<sup>1</sup>**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Thomas to present a new application for referral.

Mr. Thomas referenced one (1) application for referral.

Mr. Moore moved to refer the submitted application; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Programs Recommended for Approval<sup>2</sup>**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Thomas to present the programs recommended for approval.

Mr. Thomas referenced five (5) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications requesting county funds totaling \$689,355; and three (3) Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR) application requesting county funds totaling \$17,200. Total program funding requested \$706,555.

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<sup>1</sup> Application for Referral is attached as Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> A detailed list of projects funded under the County Agricultural Investment Program and Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program is attached as Appendix B.

Dr. Bailey moved to approve the program recommendations, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Requested Program Amendment<sup>3</sup>**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Thomas to present a requested program amendment.

Mr. Thomas referenced one (1) CAIP Amendment requesting additional county funds totaling \$2,300.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the program amendment, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Project Recommendation for No Funding**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Baker to present the following recommendation for no funding:

#### **A2014-0237 Hollison, LLC**

Mr. Baker referenced the above application from Hollison, LLC requesting \$331,778 in state funds to conduct pilot studies on three pork producers' farms to develop technology that could detect viruses in hog feed.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommended no-funding due to the difficulty in measuring how this project would add to agricultural diversification, or add net farm income, or add value to Kentucky agriculture.

Dr. Bailey moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Pending Applications**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Thomas to review the following pending application:

A2014-0138            Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC

No action necessary on remaining pended applications.

### **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Link thanked the board for their work.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Link entertained a motion to adjourn.

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<sup>3</sup> County Agricultural Investment Program amendment is attached as Appendix C.

Dr. Bailey moved to adjourn the January KADB meeting; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

The KADB meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. (EST).

APPROVED DATE: 2/27/15

PRESIDING OFFICER: James Comer

BOARD SECRETARY: Ray Arnold  
Ray Arnold

## APPENDIX A: New Application for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY
A2014-0247	Athena Bioplastics <i>Bio-Resin Production Facility</i>	Fayette

## APPENDIX B: Programs Recommended for Approval

### CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2015-0001	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Laurel	\$120,000.00
A2015-0002	Wolfe County Conservation District	Wolfe	\$104,355.00
A2015-0003	Madison County Conservation District	Madison	\$225,000.00
A2015-0005	Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association	Lincoln	\$200,000.00
A2015-0006	Johnson County Agricultural Advancement Council, Inc.	Johnson	\$40,000.00
			<b>\$689,355.00</b>

### Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2014-0075	Oldham County Fiscal Court	Oldham	\$2,500.00
A2014-0156	Taylor County Conservation District	Taylor	\$7,200.00
A2015-0004	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Lincoln	\$7,500.00
			<b>\$17,200.00</b>

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Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$706,555.00**

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## ***APPENDIX C: Program Amendment***

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2014-0149</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Green River Area Beef Improvement Group</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$16,568
Execution Date	10/03/2014
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional \$2,300</u> in <b>Webster County</b> funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the Webster County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to <b>\$18,868</b>.</p>

**Recommend Approval**