

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the February 27, 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  
Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
February 27, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Commissioner James Comer, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:37 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; Troy Rankin; Dean Nancy M. Cox; Don Goodin (designee for Secretary Larry Hayes); KSU President Raymond Burse; Commissioner James R. Comer; and Jamie Link (designee for Governor Steven L. Beshear)

Members absent: Karen Curtis, Sam Moore, Jim Sidebottom

**Notification of Media**

Commissioner Comer 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**

Commissioner Comer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2015 board meeting.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Comer yielded the floor to Joel Neaveill, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) to give the Executive Director's report to the board.

Mr. Neaveill explained that Roger Thomas, GOAP Executive Director, had a conflicting meeting at the Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Mr. Neaveill introduced Owen Townsend, a University of Kentucky graduate student who will be working as an intern at GOAP.

Mr. Neaveill updated the board on legislation designed to protect Kentucky in the event of future litigation relating to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Neaveill 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 December 2014.

Mr. Neaveill called on Sandra Gardner, Director of Compliance & Outreach, to present the GOAP Monitoring and Compliance Winter 2015 Report. *(on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

Mr. Neaveill 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 January 31, 2015.

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

Mr. Mattingly moved to accept the KAFC Financial Report; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Presentations**

Commissioner Comer yielded the floor to Mr. Neaveill to introduce presentations.

Mr. Neaveill introduced Dr. Tim Woods, Extension Professor at the University Of Kentucky College Of Agriculture, Food & Environment. Dr. Woods gave a presentation entitled "Grasshoppers Distribution: Lessons Learned and Lasting Legacy." *(PowerPoint on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

Mr. Neaveill introduced Angie Crain, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Kentucky Water Science Center. Ms. Crain gave a presentation entitled "Report of the Green River and Little River Basin Water Monitoring Projects." The presentation summarized the results of A2012-0230, USGS Nutrient Management Study, and A2012-0246, Little River Basin Study. *(PowerPoint on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

### **Old Business**

#### **Memo Action Items**

Commissioner Comer called on staff to present the following memo action items:

**A2008-0062            Re-Borne, Inc.**

Mr. McCloskey presented a memorandum *(on file with the Boards Coordinator)* regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient requested a payment restructure of the final installment due to current cash flow position.

Staff recommended approval of the payment restructure request and waiving the late payment penalty provided for in the Legal Agreement.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2012-0322            Pennyrile Area Development District**

Biff Baker, Project Manager, presented a memorandum *(on file with the Boards Coordinator)* regarding the above-referenced project. The Recipient requested a no-cost time extension until December 31, 2015 to complete their project.

Staff recommended approval of the request presented in the memorandum.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**New Business**

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

Commissioner Comer called on Mr. Neaveill to present new applications for referral.

Mr. Neaveill referenced five (5) applications for referral.

Mr. Rankin moved to refer the submitted applications; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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

Commissioner Comer called on Mr. Neaveill to present the programs recommended for approval.

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<sup>1</sup> A detailed list of New Applications 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.

Mr. Neaveill referenced eight (8) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications requesting county funds totaling \$919,066; and two (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR) applications requesting county funds totaling \$15,000. Total program funding requested \$934,066.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Mr. Henderson abstained.

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

Commissioner Comer called on Dr. Luther Hughes, Project Manager, to present the following recommendation for no funding:

#### **A2014-0247 Athena Bioplastics**

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from Athena Bioplastics requesting \$940,000 in state funds to purchase equipment for a bio-resin pellet production process facility to be located in Christian County

The Red Application Review Committee recommended no-funding because the applicant did not show available funding for the project of at least 50% from equity or lending institutions. The applicant also did not show any impact the requested funds would have on additional income for Kentucky farmers.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Withdrawn Application**

Commissioner Comer called on Mr. Neaveill to review the following withdrawn application:

A2014-0151          Family Fields iMarket LLC

No action necessary.

### **Pending Application**

Commissioner Comer called on Mr. Neaveill to review the following pending application:

A2014-0138          Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC

No action necessary.

### **Closing Remarks**

Commissioner Comer thanked the board for their work.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Comer entertained a motion to adjourn.


Mr. Mahan moved to adjourn the February KADB meeting; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

The KADB meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. (EST).

APPROVED DATE: 3/20/15

PRESIDING OFFICER: 

BOARD SECRETARY:   
Ray Arnold

## APPENDIX A: New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY
A2015-0008	Lexington Fayette Urban County Government <i>Local Food Coordinator</i>	Fayette
A2015-0009	U.S. Geological Survey, Indiana-Kentucky Water Science Center <i>Water quality sampling and monitoring</i>	Jefferson
A2015-0010	Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation <i>Revolving micro-loan fund</i>	Laurel
A2015-0011	Kentucky Agriculture & Environment in the Classroom, Inc. <i>Mobile classroom and curriculum development</i>	Bullitt
A2015-0012	WKU Research Foundation <i>Mesonet station in Butler County</i>	Butler

## APPENDIX B: Programs Recommended for Approval

### CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2015-0013	Oldham County Farm Bureau of Oldham County, Kentucky	Oldham	\$18,653.00
A2015-0014	Breathitt County Farm Bureau of Breathitt County, Kentucky	Breathitt	\$75,000.00
A2015-0015	Pennyrile Area Development District, Inc.	Livingston	\$13,216.00
A2015-0016	Butler County Conservation District	Butler	\$74,297.00
A2015-0017	Breckinridge County Soil Conservation District	Breckinridge	\$300,000.00
A2015-0020	Rowan County Conservation District	Rowan	\$77,900.00
A2015-0021	Casey County Conservation District	Casey	\$240,000.00
A2015-0023	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer	\$120,000.00
			<b>\$919,066.00</b>

### Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2015-0019	Harrison County Fiscal Court	Harrison	\$7,500.00
A2015-0022	Nicholas County Conservation District	Nicholas	\$7,500.00
			<b>\$15,000.00</b>

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$934,066.00**