

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the March 20, 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 State University  
Cooperative Extension Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
March 20, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Jamie Link, presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. (EDT)

**Roll Call**

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

Members absent: Karen Curtis; Roy Collins

**Notification of Media**

Mr. Link received verification from Joel Neaveill, Chief of Staff, 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 February 27, 2015 board meeting.

Mr. Sidebottom moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Dr. Bailey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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

Mr. Link yielded the floor to Joel Neaveill, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) to give his 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 reported on the activities of the GOAP staff since the last KADB meeting.

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 February 2015.

Mr. Neaveill updated the board on legislation being considered by the General Assembly designed to protect the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Neaveill called on Aleta Botts, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) to update the board regarding the activity of her organization since the last board meeting.

Mr. Neaveill called on Dr. Cox to brief the board on a recent visit to the University of Kentucky by the USDA Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. Neaveill called on Bill McCloskey, Director of Financial Services, Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC).

Mr. McCloskey reported to the board that the March 6, 2015 KAFC meeting was cancelled due to a major winter weather event.

Mr. McCloskey announced that the next scheduled KAFC Board meeting will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (EST) in room C107 of the Transportation Cabinet building in Frankfort.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position *(on file with the Boards Coordinator)* as of February 28, 2015.

Dr. Cox moved to accept the KAFC Financial Report; Mr. Rankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Presentations**

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

Mr. Neaveill introduced Joni Nelson, Extension Associate at Kentucky State University (KSU.) Ms. Nelson gave a presentation outlining the impact of KADF grant funds awarded to the KSU Department of Agriculture. *(PowerPoint on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

Mr. Neaveill introduced Kelley Yates, Executive Director of the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, Inc. Ms. Yates gave a presentation bringing the board an update on the activity of her organization. The presentation was given to fulfill a reporting requirement for project A2014-0001 to receive second year funds. *(PowerPoint on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

Mr. Moore moved to accept the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, Inc. report and approve second year funding; Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Neaveill introduced Emily Kay, Alltech North American Marketing Manager. Ms. Kay informed the board of an upcoming event entitled "Alltech Rebelation" to be held in Lexington, KY from May 17 to 20, 2015. *(Handouts provided on file with the Boards Coordinator)*

## **New Business**

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

Mr. Link called on Mr. Neaveill to present new applications for referral.

Mr. Neaveill referenced two (2) applications for referral.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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

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

Mr. Neaveill referenced three (3) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications requesting county funds totaling \$276,203; and one (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR) application requesting county funds totaling \$7,500. Total program funding requested \$283,703.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the program recommendations, as presented; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

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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.

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

Mr. Link called on Mr. Neaveill to present the requested program amendments.

Mr. Neaveill referenced two (2) CAIP Amendments requesting county funds totaling \$522,059.

Dr. Bailey moved to approve the program amendment, as presented; Mr. Rankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

### **Project Recommendations for Funding**

Mr. Link called on Dr. Luther Hughes, Project Manager, to present the following recommendations for funding:

#### **A2015-0008            Lexington Fayette Urban County Government**

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from Lexington Fayette Urban County Government requesting \$50,000 in State funds, and \$55,000 in multi-county funds over a two-year period for one half the salary and benefits of the Local Food Coordinator (LFC) position of the Bluegrass Farm to Table Program.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding this request for up to \$50,000 in State funds and up to \$55,000 in multi-county funds, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Mahan moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **A2015-0009            US Geological Survey, Indiana-Kentucky Water Science Center**

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from the US Geological Survey, Indiana-Kentucky Water Science Center requesting \$490,860 in State funds for a three year water monitoring study on the Green River and upper Ohio River.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding this request for \$490,860 in State funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

#### **A2015-0010            Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation**

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<sup>3</sup> A detailed list of County Agricultural Investment Program amendments is attached as Appendix C.

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation requesting \$200,000 in state funds to establish a permanent revolving loan fund. The loan fund would provide financing to small farmers working primarily with Grow Appalachia in the SOAR counties of eastern Kentucky to assist them in commercializing their products.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding this request for \$200,000 in state funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2015-0011            Kentucky Agriculture & Environment in the Classroom, Inc.**

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from Kentucky Agriculture & Environment in the Classroom, Inc., requesting \$200,000 in State funds for half the cost of the purchase of a new mobile science activity center for use in eastern Kentucky and one half the costs of statewide curricula materials for two years.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding this request for up to \$71,384 for one half the cost of the Mobile Science Activity Center, along with the accompanying technology equipment and supplies, subject to terms and conditions.

Mr. Mahan moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Mattingly seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2015-0012            WKU Research Foundation**

Dr. Hughes referenced the above application from the Kentucky Climate Center, which administers the KY Mesonet system housed at Western Kentucky University, requesting \$12,000 in Butler County funds to buy equipment and establish a Mesonet site in Butler County.

The Red Application Review Committee recommended funding this request for \$12,000 in Butler County funds, subject to terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Pending Applications**

Mr. Link called on Mr. Neaveill to review the following pending applications.

A2014-0138	Pumpkin Vine Creek, LLC
A2015-0025	Muhlenberg County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
A2015-0026	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.

No action necessary on remaining pended applications.

### Closing Remarks

Mr. Link thanked the board for their work and asked Mr. Neaveill if he had any other remarks to make.

Mr. Neaveill thanked Kentucky State University for hosting the KADB meeting and asked Dr. Tsegaye if he had anything to say on the behalf of the University.

Dr. Tsegaye invited the board to participate in events being held throughout 2015 in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of KSU.

### Adjournment


Mr. Link entertained a motion to adjourn.

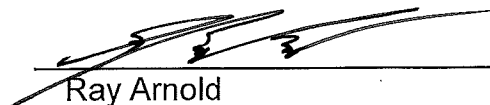
Dr. Bailey moved to adjourn the March KADB meeting; Mr. Sidebottom seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous

The KADB meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. (EDT).

APPROVED DATE: 4/17/15

PRESIDING OFFICER: 

BOARD SECRETARY:   
Ray Arnold

**APPENDIX A: New Applications for Referral**

<b>APP #</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>
A2015-0024	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association Inc <i>FFA/4H Youth Cost Share</i>	Jessamine
A2015-0028	Atalo Holdings, Inc. <i>Industrial Hemp Processing Equipment</i>	Clark

**APPENDIX B: Programs Recommended for Approval**

**CAIP**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2015-0027	Morgan County Fiscal Court	Morgan	\$166,203.00
A2015-0030	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc	Wayne	\$70,000.00
A2015-0031	Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Ohio	\$50,000.00
			<u>\$276,203.00</u>

**Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2015-0029	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	Bourbon	\$7,500.00
			<u>\$7,500.00</u>

**Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: \$283,703.00**



**APPENDIX C: Requested Program Amendments**

**App #** A2014-0154  
**Applicant Name** Barren County Conservation District  
**Original Amount Approved** \$300,000  
**Execution Date** 10/17/2014  
**Requested Change** The applicant requests an additional \$23,880 in Barren County funds for the CAIP Program. The request received a high priority from the Barren 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 \$323,880.  
**Recommend Approval**



**App #** A2014-0179  
**Applicant Name** Lewis County Conservation District  
**Original Amount Approved** \$175,000  
**Execution Date** 12/10/2014  
**Requested Change** The applicant requests an additional \$23,179 in Lewis County funds for the CAIP Program. The request received a high priority from the Lewis 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 \$198,179.  
**Recommend Approval**

