- (I) MAKE LOW- AND NO-INTEREST LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, PRIMARY PROCESSING. AND SECONDARY MANUFACTURING:
- (II) PROVIDE CREDIT AND CAPITAL TO FIRST-TIME FARMERS FOR LAND, EQUIPMENT, AND WORKING CAPITAL ACQUISITION; AND
- (III) MAKE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SMALL FARM OR SMALL LANDOWNER VIABILITY AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

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- (A) (1) THERE IS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION.
- (2) THE BOARD MANAGES THE CORPORATION AND EXERCISES ALL OF ITS CORPORATE POWERS.
 - (B) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
 - (1) AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:
- (I) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY WHO MUST BE A SENIOR-LEVEL DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL;
- (II) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY WHO MUST BE A SENIOR–LEVEL DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL;
- (III) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY WHO MUST BE A SENIOR-LEVEL DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL:
- (IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY;
- (V) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL; AND
- (VI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE; AND
- (2) ELEVEN INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AS FOLLOWS:
- (I) TWO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS REPRESENTING AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT FARM COMMODITY INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE;
- (II) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMERCIAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS SERVING RURAL REGIONS IN THE STATE, ONE OF WHOM MUST REPRESENT A MAJOR FARM CREDIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THE STATE;
- (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY;
 - (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY;