# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: March 31, 2024

RE: Suggested Agenda for April, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion – In this election year, it's more than just a little important for all of us to know the candidates, what they stand for, and whether they are electable. The best candidate ideologically for us may not be electable. Conversely, the candidate we don't prefer may be the only legitimate option, and the one who we will have to find a way to work with. Candidates who sound *great* but have no campaign war chest, no campaign structure, or, most importantly, lack large-scale positive name ID with actual voters probably have a hard time getting elected. It's hard for unelectable candidates to influence anything. Get to know the candidates at all levels; know if they have broad support and the actual ability to get elected.
5. Counties are encouraged to pick an annual meeting date outside of the traditional fall pattern. More and more counties are finding a summer picnic-type annual meeting that makes a lot more sense rather than trying to meet during the fall harvest. Changing to a summer meeting helps to facilitate the policy development process, and generally appeals to a younger group of farmers. Try having your annual meeting during your county fair; thus, giving active farmers a reason to attend both events. Pay for members’ admission to the fair, or the County FB could be the fair sponsor for the day.
6. Report from NDFB Staff
7. Committee Reports - Committees can include non-board members
	1. Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Fidelity Bond information due in Fargo office by **April 15, 2024**.
11. Quarterly payroll taxes due **April 30, 2024**.
12. Plan your membership recruitment event for the Membership Reward Program.
13. County grant applications are available for counties in need of financial assistance for their recruitment activities. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are due by July 31. Contact joey@ndfb.org for an application.
14. Consider sponsoring kids to attend 4-H camps this summer. The cost per attendee is $350-375 but scholarships of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Contact your Field Rep with any questions.
15. If you have a business supplying fresh, processed, or value-added agricultural products (i.e., honey, farm tours, vegetables), you should be a part of Farmhouse Treasures For You! This member-to-member direct marketing guide is a **free benefit** for being an NDFB member. It is printed and distributed to 28,000 households each year. If you or someone you know would like to be listed in this year’s printing, submit an application to Amy at amy@ndfb.org by **April 15**. Any applications submitted after that date will have their business listed on the NDFB website. You can find the application here: <https://ndfb.org/image/cache/Farmhouse_Treasures_Application.pdf>
16. Kicking off your summer with a big trip? Save with your North Dakota Farm Bureau, Avis member benefits with up to 35% off with Pay Now, up to 10% off weekly rentals and a free car upgrade! [**bit.ly/49XBtmA**](https://kujd8vtab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015PrFdGXWoF_sYKPgi5yR1T7VweLRv7pRIF0_jyuHFvlUwXWAf4FNAdR6YSf9XsQqkx_ualFC_KubBbSLljicx9AjgYHe6GOqcmh1ecv_xG3m8iDy1H-K7Xg6SMTNMcT8rWr1b3tZIaU90W5pEBMWKQ==&c=PZTvyuZU4-HI0txK7QPW3jZQQCdwmD8k161G8vJa4YeujHdAiesNwA==&ch=a0IYfrmihIz7j6-ldM7qU0n7diINRF7x3B-gtQu52zACVBeE8sCHAw==)

**Calendar of Events**

**Route 1000 classes**

Spring Route 1000 classes have been scheduled! To see a schedule or to register for an upcoming class please visit <https://www.ndfb.org/events/>

April 9 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight – SW

April 3 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight - NW

April 11 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight – SE

July 31 County Farm Bureau grant applications are due