# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: November 30, 2023

RE: Suggested Agenda for December 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report

4. Issues Discussion - Does your County Farm Bureau have a Christmas party? Does your County Farm Bureau meet in January? In either case, you may not have a huge agenda with the state annual meeting having been completed last month. These meetings are a perfect opportunity to invite elected officials to attend for simple relationship-building discussions. You don’t even need a topic to talk about, you only need to introduce yourselves and tell a little bit about your farm or ranch and allow the elected officials to introduce themselves in the same way. Public Policy interaction is based on relationships, and the County Farm Bureau is the best place for these relationships to start.

5. Report from NDFB Staff

6. NDFB is making a concerted effort to grow the NDFB Foundation. The NDFB Foundation has endless opportunities to give hope to the future of agriculture through education outreach and emergency assistance. NDFB is dedicated to giving the next generation a chance to continue strengthening and promoting agriculture. By donating to the NDFB Foundation, you are helping to ensure that our rich heritage and rewarding lifestyle continue.

7. Old Business

8. New Business:

1. Set Program Goals and Budget priorities for 2024-2025 year.
2. Register for Action Alerts at <http://ndfb.org/policy/action/>
3. Please place your order for AFBF 2024 pocket date books with Darlene in the Fargo Office. Quantities are limited.
4. Recruit Young Farmers, Ranchers and others involved in agriculture to attend the Farm and Ranch Conference.
5. Consider sponsoring an individual or couple to attend Farm and Ranch Conference at the Double Tree, Fargo, February 2-3.
6. NDFB Scholarships will be on the web at [www.ndfb.org/edusafe after January 1](http://www.ndfb.org/edusafe%20after%20January%201). Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2024. **NEW scholarship available now!** For high school seniors, the **NDFB Student Volunteer Scholarship** will be awarded based on a point system, with additional points awarded to students who accumulate the most volunteering hours. Additionally, students can earn extra points by joining NDFB as a [student member](http://ndfb.org/urfuture/).
7. County leader and committee member forms need to be returned to the Bismarck office or emailed to Amy at amy@ndfb.org. Please contact your Field Representative if you need a form.
8. Looking to save a few bucks on your next hotel stay? Choice Hotels and Wyndham Hotels have teamed up with NDFB to have you covered. Save 20% off published rates at Choice Hotels, or choose a more upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort, or something more cost-effective; Wyndham Hotels & Resorts has the right hotel for you! As a Farm Bureau member, you will save up to 20% off the Best Available Rates\* at over 14,000 participating hotels worldwide. Discover the benefits of booking your vacation as a Farm Bureau member. Our vast portfolio of hotels and resort discounts offer a variety of accommodations to meet your travel needs. Use code 00209740 for Choice Hotels and use code 1000000505 for Wyndham Hotels.

**Upcoming Events**

Jan 19-24 AFBF Convention – Salt Lake City, UT

Feb 2-3 NDFB Farm and Ranch Conference – Fargo

Mar 10-16 NDFB Week

**Spring Route 1000 classes are coming soon! Be sure to check out NDFB’s events page:** [**https://www.ndfb.org/events/**](https://www.ndfb.org/events/)