# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: April 24, 2025

RE: Suggested Agenda for May, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion - As we close the Legislative Assembly, an excellent opportunity presents itself to County Farm Bureaus.  Every county has the chance to invite their legislators to either a monthly county board meeting or their county’s annual meeting and ask them to give a Session Review. What greater way for the citizens, Farm Bureau members, to hear directly from legislators about the outcome and impacts of the Assembly’s actions this spring?  If counties need assistance with contacting their legislators, NDFB staff are always willing to help make that connection. This activity would be a benefit to our members and legislators as well. In addition, it helps all of us with public policy engagement goals.
5. Report from NDFB Staff
6. Committee Reports - Committees can include non-board members

(a) Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. 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 makes a lot more sense rather than trying to meet during 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 Farm Bureau could be the fair sponsor for the day.
4. Please submit Membership Reward Program Materials to the Fargo Office by December 1st, 2025. Step 1 may be turned in at any time before December 1st.
5. Promotion and Education- Online Photo Contest May 1st - September 1st. Please submit photos to Joey at joey@ndfb.org. This year, there will be three categories: Animals, Lifestyle, and Crop/Landscape. A $300 winner will be chosen in each category. There will also be a people's choice award! The overall champion picture will be printed onto a canvas for the annual meeting scholarship auction. No watermarks or you can’t win. Limit of three photos and must submit into one of the three categories indicated.
6. Consider sponsoring kids to attend 4-H camps this summer. The cost per attendee is $375-$400 but scholarships of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Contact your Field Rep with any questions
7. **Discuss what to donate for the auction at the State Annual Meeting for scholarships.**
8. **NDFB County Boards can apply for the USPS Bulk Mailing Rate!** Reduced prices for USPS Marketing Mail postage are available. For more details on how to apply, please click here: <https://about.usps.com/forms/ps3624.pdf>. The application for submission can be found here: [3-1.6 Submitting Application | Postal Explorer (usps.com)](https://pe.usps.com/text/pub417/pub417_ch3_006.htm)

**Upcoming Events**

**County Annual Meetings have started! Check** [**www.ndfb.org/events**](http://www.ndfb.org/events) **for dates.**

Jul 25 District 7 YF&R Event – Menoken Farms

Nov 21-22 NDFB State Annual Meeting - Fargo

Jan 9-15, 2026 AFBF Annual Convention – Anaheim, CA

Jan 30-31, 2026 Farm and Ranch Conference, Dickinson