# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: November 5, 2024

RE: Suggested Agenda for November 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion -- Are you actively engaged in the public policy and political process? Did you vote in the election? Have you ever considered how elected officials at all levels can do more to impact your future than your broker, banker, crop science specialist, geneticist, and nearly anyone else in your life?  Do you have a healthy relationship with all your elected officials? Do they know you by name? Could you call them out of the blue, and they would be receptive to your questions or concerns? Can you accurately identify your sheriff, county commissioners, other county officeholders, and state legislators? If not, you should. How do you expect to be well represented if those who represent you have no idea who you are or what issues are important to you?
5. Select voting delegates for the NDFB State Annual Meeting, November 22-23, at the Bismarck Hotel & Convention Center. Please remember that an alternate is needed. As a reminder, we ask counties to list up to **FIVE** alternates on the Accrediting Certificate form. We cannot seat them on the delegate floor at the State Annual Meeting if they are not listed. The names of the actual attendees will need to be secured with Darlene by **November 18th, 2024**.
6. Annual Meeting Planning - Every county Farm Bureau President is responsible for personally inviting the State Representatives and Senators (who represent their county) to their county FB annual meeting. This is done through a personal phone call, not a card or letter.

7. Report from NDFB Staff

8. Committee Reports - Old Business Committees can include non-board members

* 1. Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E. For YF&R, Districts 4, 8 and 9 term off. P&E, Districts 3, 4, and 6 term off. Counties in those districts should start asking for interested candidates and have them contact Joey Bailey at 701-318-2252 for more information.

9. New Business

1. Please fill all your voting delegate seats for the upcoming NDFB Annual Meeting.
2. Please submit Membership Reward Program Materials to the Fargo Office by December 1st, 2024. Step 1 may be turned in at any time before December 1st.
3. Respond to “Action Alert” requests on the NDFB website and/or sent from NDFB Public Policy Staff
4. Set Program Goals and Budget priorities for the 2024-2025 year.
5. Hold a reorganizational meeting following the county annual meeting and send in Leadership Directory information to Amy Neurohr by email at amy@ndfb.org.
6. Please assist in renewing unpaid Farm Bureau members in any way possible
7. Form a nominating committee to fill vacant board seats.
8. Select voting delegates and make reservations for NDFB Annual Meeting, Nov 17-18 at the Holiday Inn, Fargo. Please be reminded that an alternate is needed.
9. **Discuss what to donate for the auction at State Annual Meeting for scholarships.** The State Annual Meeting will be held November 22-23 in Bismarck. If you want to donate to the scholarship auction but don’t have time to shop, click the link and buy items here: <https://www.myregistry.com/organization/north-dakota-farm-bureau-foundation-bismarck-nd/4409257>. NDFB staff will bring the items to the State Annual meeting for you! Thank you for your continued support of our scholarship auction!
10. Please help us get the word out about NDFB Annual Meeting.
11. Please continue to promote the sale of gun raffle tickets.
12. The NDFB “Focus” meeting will be held at the NDFB Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 22, at 3:00 p.m. Please send one representative from each county to these PF&E and A&E meetings.
13. New for the 2025 AFBF Convention is the County President Celebration. This event will be held January 25 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit: <https://annualconvention.fb.org/county-presidents-celebration>
14. NDFB members can **save up to 35 percent off Avis base rates with PAY NOW\***for max savingswith Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number, **A298834**. In addition, enjoy additional [offers](https://www.avis.com/car-rental/content/deals.ac?navId=T3M00S00)\*\* like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day. Visit [www.Avis.com/NDFB](https://www.avis.com/NDFB) or call 1‑800-331-1212 to make a reservation. Avis Car Rental operates one of the world's best-known car rental brands with approximately 5,450 locations in more than 165 countries. If you have **member benefit questions**, please call NDFB's Director of Member Relations, Megan Hanson, at 605-880-9483 or mhanson@ndfb.org. \*Discount rates may vary between 10 and 35 percent, depending on time of year, availability, selection of PAY NOW™, and other factors.

**Upcoming Events**

Nov 22, 23 NDFB State Annual Meeting - Bismarck

Jan 24-29, 2025 AFBF Annual Convention - San Antonio, TX

Feb 21-22, 2025 Farm and Ranch Conference - Bismarck

**Route 1000 classes have been scheduled for this fall. Check out the Classes/Registration page at** [**www.ndfb.org**](http://www.ndfb.org/) **for a class near you!**