# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: March 31, 2025

RE: Suggested Agenda for April, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion - Annual meetings are starting for 2025: Nelson County FB kicked us off this year with their meeting in March. This is a good time to remember to invite your legislators and local officials to attend county annual meetings. It's always good for elected officials to see our policy process and even participate in the process. This is also just a great opportunity for legislators to offer a session review to their constituents. You can find your legislator contact information here: <https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/69-2025/regular/members>.
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 is due in Fargo office by **April 15, 2025**.
11. Quarterly payroll taxes are due **April 30, 2025**.
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 $375-$400 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 NDFB members. 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. NDFB members save $500 per unit on the purchase or lease of new Case IH Maxxum® and Vestrum® tractors; self-propelled windrowers and large square balers. A $200 per unit incentive is available for new Case IH Farmall® C series utility, U series utility, A series utility and 100A series tractors; Farmall® C series compact and Farmall® A series compact tractors; Farmall N series and Farmall V series tractors; Other hay tools, including round balers, small square balers, disc mower conditioners, and sickle bar mower conditioners. Then go to https://ndfb.org/benefits/case/ to get your discount certificate. Visit your dealer and make your best deal by presenting your discount certificate to subtract another $200 - $500 from the bottom line. Your certificate, along with a valid ID, must be presented to the Case IH dealer in advance of delivery to receive the discount.

**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/>

Apr 07  Route 1000 – Devils Lake

Apr 08 Route 1000 - Garrison

Apr 08 Route 1000 - Fargo

Apr 09 Route 1000 – Cavalier

Apr 15 Farmhouse Treasures For You applications are due

July 31 County Farm Bureau grant applications are due