TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: July 31, 2025

RE: Suggested Agenda for August, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion – During the August congressional recess, Senators Hoeven and Cramer and Congresswoman Fedorchak will be spending a great deal of time in the state, opening an opportunity for NDFB members. Our elected officials will attend fairs, parades, and other local events during the month. This is an excellent opportunity for Farm Bureau members to discuss face-to-face issues of importance. Each of our elected officials is very gracious and easy to approach, and the opportunity to ask them about the Big Beautiful Bill or the pending Farm Bill should not be ignored.  Take the time to ask them about these or any other issues throughout this summer recess.
5. Report from NDFB Staff
6. Committee Reports – Please consider including non-board members on your committees.

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

YF&R Districts 1, 2 & 7. P&E Districts 5, 8 & 9 are up for election. Counties in those districts should start asking for interested candidates and have them contact Joey Bailey at 701-318-2252 for more information

1. Annual Meeting Planning - It is the responsibility of every county Farm Bureau President to personally invite the State Representatives and Senators (who represent their county), to their county FB annual meeting. This is done through a personal phone call, and not a card or letter.
2. As a reminder, we are asking counties to list up to **FIVE** alternates on the Accrediting Certificate form. If not listed, we cannot seat them on the delegate floor at State Annual Meeting. Actual attendee names will need to be secured with Darlene by **November 17th, 2025.**
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. 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.
6. Please assist in renewing unpaid Farm Bureau members in any way possible.
7. Form a nominating committee to fill vacant board seats.
8. 2025-26 YF&R Raffle tickets are here. Please promote the YF&R raffle and sell tickets throughout your county. Contact Amy for tickets. Only 1,500 will be sold!
9. County Annual Meeting: date, time & place – Schedule speakers, FB promotional items. Invite District YF&R Rep., District P&E Rep. & State Board Directors.
10. Plan policy development meetings.
11. **Discuss what to donate for the Live Auction at the State Annual Meeting.**
12. County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to start planning their policy development process. County resolutions must be submitted to the Bismarck office one week before their district resolution meeting. District resolution meeting schedule can be found at <https://www.ndfb.org/events/>
13. Student membership: The cost of an NDFB student membership for those under 25 years old is $20. Student members are under 25 and want access to exclusive information to help them find their future faster.
14. **NDFB Member Benefit**: 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.

1. Two critical assignments that every county needs to complete each year are the filing of their 990 and the filing with the ND Secretary of State. The website to do the e-filing is <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>. Each year established county Farm Bureaus are required to file a Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Follow these instructions to do so:

1. Go to https://firststop.sos.nd.gov/search/business.

2. Type the county Farm Bureau name in the search box.

3. Select the corresponding county Farm Bureau name in the blue box.

4. Click ‘File Annual Report’ on the right-hand side of the page.

• Note: You will need an nd.gov username and password to access, edit and submit the report.

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**Upcoming Events**

Nov 1 District 9 YF&R Event - Dickinson

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

Fall Route 1000 classes are being scheduled. Information about the classes can be found here: <https://www.ndfb.org/events/tag/?tag=tag_events_route_1000>