TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: July 3, 2025

RE: Suggested Agenda for July, 2025

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

4. Issues Discussion – Annual meetings are in full swing in some parts of the state, and the policy development that emerges from these meetings will direct our organization to all levels of public policy. It is important for county Farm Bureau leaders and those serving in a policy development role to keep our organizational principles in mind through this process. County leaders are encouraged to read the Farm Bureau Beliefs, Purpose Statement, Vision Statement, and Mission Statement, all of which can be found in the front of the policy book and evaluate how current or emerging policy statements fit these basic principles. Staying true to our core ideologies and focusing on production agriculture issues will keep our organization on a sound footing for the future. Furthermore, it is important for policy proposals to state the purpose or goal intended clearly. What is to be accomplished by the proposal? At least the goal should be included in any explanation of the proposal.

5. As a reminder, we are asking counties to list up to FIVE alternates on the Accrediting Certificate form. If they are not listed, we cannot seat them on the delegate floor at the State Annual Meeting. Actual attendee names will need to be secured with Darlene by **November 17th, 2025**.

6. Report from NDFB Staff

7. Committee Reports - Committees can include non-board members

* 1. Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E

1. 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.
2. Old Business
3. New Business
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. Please consider making plans for your County Annual Meeting. Counties are encouraged to pick an annual meeting date outside of the traditional fall pattern that has been used forever. More and more counties are finding that a summer picnic-type annual meeting 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.
6. County membership lists will be available upon county request. If you know of any contact information that has changed, please get in touch with Darlene or Emily. These changes ensure the accuracy of our yearly dues notices and NDFB mailings. For your county list, please contact Darlene or Emily in the Fargo office.
7. Second quarter payroll taxes due by July 31, 2025.
8. 2025-26 YF&R raffle tickets are available. Please contact Amy Neurohr or your field rep to receive ticket booklets. Only 1,500 will be sold!
9. Mark your calendars for the 2026 NDFB Farm and Ranch Conference. It will be at the Astoria Hotel, 363 15th St W., Dickinson, on January 30-31, 2026. Please consider sponsoring families or individuals to attend as you plan your budgets for the coming year.
10. Promotion and Education- Online Photo Contest May 1st - September 1st. Please submit photos to Joey at [joey@ndfb.org](mailto: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.
11. County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to start planning their policy development process. Resolutions must be submitted to the Bismarck office one week before your district meeting. District resolution meetings will be posted on NDFB’s events calendar located here: <https://www.ndfb.org/events/>
12. This month’s featured member benefit: With a nearly 100-year history in the agricultural commodities business, StoneX equips grain, dairy, and livestock producers with local expertise, global insights, and powerful financial tools. StoneX is here to help you balance risk and profitability in the rapidly evolving commodity markets. Get to know us through our webinars, educational events, or at a tradeshow near you. Visit our dedicated StoneX page at <https://www.fb.org/StoneX> or scan the QR code below:

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**Upcoming Events:**

Jul 25 District 7 YF&R Event – Menoken Farms

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

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