



The North Dakota Farmers Market and Growers Association, Inc.

North Dakota Farmers Market and Growers Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2025

Members Present: Marvin Baker, Bonnie Munsch, Sue Balcom, Quinn Renfandt, Mike Pretzer, Eric Hegg, Desiree Carlson, Jodi Faaborg (Newly elected secretary/treasurer), and Keith Knudson (executive director) Jonathon Moser entered meeting later. Janel Anderson was not present.

Meeting called to Order at 4:09 PM (Quorum established)

Minutes from June 20, 2025 – Sue moved to approve, Bonnie second. Minutes approved.

Financials – Mike gave up date on checking account. Quinn moved and Bonnie seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report approved.

Keith announced the Directors by region as follows:

NW Region – Julia Seiler (newly elected) and Desiree Carlson

NE Region – Dawn Rognerud (newly elected) and Janel Anderson

SE Region – Quinn Renfandt (reelected) and Eric Hegg

SW Region – Sue Balcom (reelected) and Jonathon Moser

Director at Large – Bonnie Munsch (reelected)

Election of officers:

President – Quinn Renfandt was nominated. Mike moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Sue second the motion. Motion approved.

President Renfandt presided over the rest of the meeting.

Election of Vice President – Desiree nominated. Mike moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Bonnie second the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary/Treasurer – Jodi Faaborg nominated and was elected at the annual membership of the NDFMGA.

2025 Conference discussion

- Board members stated fall season does not work well with most members as they are still selling at markets. Jonathon thought fall was a suitable time as most decision making is done before the end of the year and sessions at the conference help everyone make decisions on next year's production.
- Discussion on Keynote Speakers. One ½ hours for a keynote speech is too long. Go to a 1-hour speech in the future. Also, have just one keynote speaker for the conference.
- Session topics were discussed. Everyone felt this year's conference topics were good. But need to look at topics relating to production such as egg and soap production.
- Marvin talked about the venue. Management at this year's venue changed and we could not use products that could be acquired from our membership. This was acceptable under the old management.
- Everyone felt the panel was an exceptionally good session and suggested we have more panels at future conferences.



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- One member discussed conferences having one day for attendees who are new or just starting a farm and then a second conference day for more advanced producers.
- It was suggested that we have more tours.
- Also discussed having more than one breakout session at a time. Some felt this may not work well, while others thought it could be well received.

New Business

- Quinn commented on having a more central location for future conferences and in a larger population area to provide family members not attending the conference with something to do.
- Keith mentioned that Dickinson State University invited us to Dickinson for our next conference.
- There needs to be an annual meeting every year. It is suggested that we hold regional meetings where we could plan an event and have an annual membership meeting to elect board members from that region. This will be discussed more at the next board meeting.
- Another thought to increase attendance would be to invite other associations to join us in the conference planning process and the event. Pride of Dakota and Grape growers are two examples.
- Reimbursement for 2025 Conference – Board members submitted mileage and hotel costs to Mike Pretzer for reimbursement.
- Mike Pretzer has agreed to assist Jodi Faaborg with treasurer responsibilities until December 31, 2025

Next Board Meeting – Members decided to have the next board meeting mid-January. Keith will send out a doodle poll in December to find a date that works well for the board members.

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM, October 18, 2025.

Minutes by

Keith A. Knudson, Executive Director

Signed by

Quinn Renfandt, NDFMGA President