



North Dakota Farmers Market and Growers Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026

Members Present: Sue Balcom, Eric Hegg, Quinn Renfandt, Janel Anderson, Jodi Faaborg, Julia Seiler, Keith Knudson(executive director), Desiree Carlson, Johnathon Moser, Dawn Rognerud, Bonne Munsch, and Jenna Nieters(NDDA Representative). were not present. Guests at the meeting included Katrina Hanemberg(NDDA) and Heather Lang (NDDA).

President Renfandt called meeting to order at 502 PM

Minutes from February 23, 2026– No changes were made to the minutes. Sue moved to approve minutes as corrected, Eric seconded. Minutes approved.

Financials – Keith stated there was \$62, 172.43 in the account. Jodie reviewed the financials for January through April 2026. Janel moved to approve the financial report and Eric seconded. The report was approved.

Old Business

Keith talked about the present status of the grants in our grant program. Currently there are 14 grants approved and three are pending waiting for more information from the grant applicants. There was a brief discussion on the “New Farmers Market Grant.” The grant committee will meet after the deadline which is May 15, 2026 to decide on who will receive the grant. There are two grants available for the “New Farmers Market Grant” and currently we have 4 applicants.

The next item of business was to discuss the NDDA partnership at the North Dakota State Fair. We have financially supported it. NDFMGA has the opportunity to provide a session to youth about farmers markets. There was not decision to have provide an educational session.

2027 Conference – NDDA has proposed that our next conference be held in conjunction with the Pride of Dakota event held in Bismarck on March 11th and 12th, 2027. First day would be at the Capitol with an exhibit in the Memorial and Legislative Hall. The venue would the Heritage Center which is close to the capitol. Bonnie moved that we have our 2027 conference in partnership with the NDDA and it be held on March 11 and 12, 2027 at the Heritage Center. Jodi seconded the motion. It was approved.

Board then moved back to old business with the first item being the Spring 2026 Newsletter. Due date for the articles is March 1, 2026. Sue will work on the newsletter and have it ready for distribution around March 15, 2026.

The 2026 annual meeting was briefly discussed and continued discussion will be held at the next board meeting. The board did decide on a date for the annual meeting which will be held on November 19, 2026 virtually. Eric moved to accept this date and Bonnie seconded. The motion carried.

The Board discussed having a strategic planning session, with Jodi Bruns, NDSU, facilitating the meeting. Our first session will be held on May 28, 2026 virtually at 7:00 PM.

There was a discussion on the board members participating in the Prairie Roots Homestead Conference in Watford City, ND May 15th, and 16th, 2026. Desiree and Julia will attend the



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conference and work the booth. Keith will get promotional materials together and get it to Desiree.

Keith mentioned the we are now members of the Farmers Market Coalition(FMC). Any member of the NDFGMA are members of this organization. To see more about the FMC, go to this website:

<https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/>

New Business

NDDA has asked that we assist them with their coupon program. It involves participating in the Pride of Dakota showcases around the state of North Dakota. NDFMGA would collect coupons from the showcase vendors and pay cash with the redemption of the coupons at the conclusion of the showcases. NDDA then would reimburse the us via check post event or at the end of the showcase season. This would also speed up our turnaround to cut a check to the non-profit. The amount of cash needed would be communicated ahead of time as we only print so many Pride of Dakota bucks per showcase.

Board members in the area of the showcases will work with NDDA for each event. Here are the locations and dates:

- Dickinson showcase: Sept 11 & 12
- Minot showcase: Oct 23 & 24
- Grand Forks showcase: Nov 13 & 14
- Fargo showcase: Nov 20 & 21
- Bismarck showcase: Dec 4 & 5
- Pride of Dakota Day (July 20), end of day only 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Eric moved that we support the Pride of Dakota Showcase events, Bonnie seconded and the motion carried.

Keith brought up that there are USDA grants with due dates in early June that we may want to consider for additional funding of our activities. Keith will send out a couple ideas of what we could focus on and board members will send everyone ideas, also.

Final item in new business was the SAM.Gov updates. Our registration has not been updated since 2016 and last done by Holly Mawby. Keith will work to get it updated. Julia and Jodi have some experience with SAM.Gov and will support him in the activity as needed.

Next Board Meeting – Members discussed date for our next board meeting. No date set but it will be late summer or early fall. Keith will send out a doodle poll later this summer.

Eric moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by:

Keith Knudson, Executive Director.