



North Dakota Farmers Market and Growers Association Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2025

Members Present: Marvin, Bonnie, Sue, Quinn, Mike, Eric, Desiree, Janel, Danielle, and Keith Knudson (executive director) Members absent: Jonathon.

Meeting called to Order at 10:00 AM

Director Mickelson submitted her resignation to the board. Chair Baker accepted her resignation and thanked her for her time with the Board. Director Mickelson told the board that she would continue to be a member of the NDFMGA.

Minutes from March 17. 2025 – One correction was that Danielle was present at the last meeting. Sue moved to approve with the correction, Bonnie second. Minutes were approved.

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

Director's Report- Keith reported on his activities since the last meeting on March 17, 2025. Keith talked about membership for 2025. To date twenty-two farmers markets have renewed their memberships. Our goal is to have 80% of North Dakota farmers markets as members. Keith asked the directors to review the list of farmers markets in their region and to give him updates on new farmers markets with contact information. Our individual membership has gone up and is now at 870 members. Updates were given on the upcoming Conference. Members are Jonathan, Sue, Jenna, Quinn, Desiree, Keith, Bonnie. We have two keynote speakers and will have a keynote speech on Friday and Saturday at the conference. The board discussed the annual meeting and felt we will need to have an annual meeting at the fall conference since one annual meeting per year is required. Option to have an annual meeting at other times this fall were discussed. Keith will give a 90-minute slot at our conference for the annual meeting. Keith is now the "Registered Agent" for our business name. The circular logo was renewed with the NDSOS.

Keith Gave a grant update. We have funded forty-seven grants to date.

Keith added a conference page to our website. It includes the 2024 pictures as well as information on our 2025 conference. Keith will continue to update.

Bonnie, Sue, and Quinn talked about their visits to MHA Greenhouse. Quinn suggested that we have a board meeting at that location in the future. Mike brought up that we have funding for educational tours/workshops. He suggested that we sponsor a tour to the MHA Greenhouse.

Quinn mentioned that we could collaborate with NDSU as a possible learning event and will check in to see if that is an option.

Desiree mentioned that there is a Minot company that will do winter markets.





Our next newsletter will be due in mid-July. Several suggestions made.

- 1. Include Conference details.
- 2. Ask Jenna to draft an article about farmers markets and sign up with NDDA webpage.
- 3. Quinn suggested an article about the FM Area Coalition. Quinn will provide an article.
- 4. Marvin will submit an article.
- 5. Keith will submit an article.
- 6. Keith will submit a "Get to Know your Directors."

Under new business Marvin requested a motion to accept Danielle's resignation. Quinn moved to accept, and Eric seconded. The motion carried.

Sue suggested that we visit Dawn Rognerud from Grand Forks and consider running for the position of NE representative.

Quinn was nominated by Sue and seconded by Mike to fill out the remainder of the vice president term. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be in September with one more meeting in 2025 at the October Conference. Keith will send out a doodle poll to get the best date and time for the September meeting. We will have annual face to face meeting which will be held at our annual conference. Other meetings will be via Zoom.

Bonnie moved and Quinn seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Minutes by

Keith A. Knudson