

NORTH DAKOTA BEEF COMMISSION MINUTES
Virtual Conference Call
November 26, 2025

Call to Order

North Dakota Beef Commission (NDBC) Chair Joy Patten called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. *(Corrected by board action on March 25, 2026 to reflect Patten as Chair.)*

Directors Present: Patten, Jess Nehl, Brian Amundson, Lane Marshall, Carmel Miller, Denise Rohweder, Val Wagner, and Jason Zahn. Ex-Officio, Travis Maddock.

Staff Present: Nicole Wardner, Wendy Masset, Jessi Hummel, and Jenna Paul.

Guests Present: Kari Goldade and Kerry Dockter - Independent Beef Association of North Dakota, Julie Ellingson – North Dakota Stockman's Association.

Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Wagner, second by Miller. Motion approved.

Conflict of Interest

Patten called for any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

Minutes

Amundson moved to approve the minutes from the October 29th meeting, second by Marshall. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Nehl reviewed the October 2025 financial report. **Nehl moved to receive and file the October financial report second by Zahn. Motion approved.** The audit committee will meet virtually December 2nd with the representatives from the Auditors Office. A committee report will be prepared for the December meeting.

Operations Information

Wardner presented the options for storage space. Three options were discussed. **Nehl moved to go forward with the office remodel option, second by Wagner. Motion approved.** Wardner also reported an increase in open records requests to NDBC. The Open Records Guide was shared with the board members as well as the details involved in fulfilling the open records request. The discussion included plans for fulfilling any large requests that may be received in the office.

Proposals

Wardner introduced two proposals for producer communications from KFGO radio and the Farm and Ranch Guide. **A motion to move the KFGO proposal to the Marketing Committee for consideration in the next fiscal year was made by Nehl. Second by Miller. Motion Approved. Miller moved to send the Farm and Ranch Guide television proposal to the Marketing Committee for the 26/27 fiscal year consideration. Second by Marshall. Motion approved.**

Other Business

Patten gave a short report on the Commodity Council meeting held November 17th (see attached). Wardner reported the Dietary Guidelines for Americans will be published and released on December 31st. The Federation of State Beef Councils annual report was shared with board members. Wardner shared committee

Three items from today's meeting:

1. Open records rules and guidelines
2. Facebook post on mini-grants shows growth
3. The opportunity to interact with other commodity groups is way to stay connected with state ag groups.

Next Meeting

December 17, 2025 NDBC Conference Room 10AM

Marshall moved to adjourn, second by Wagner. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.