

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes
August 2nd, 2026 1:00 pm CST
Location: 806 N Washington St, Conference Room 1

Members/Directors:

Nikki Fideldy-Doll, State Advisor	Levi Reese, Dist. 4	Maksim Nelson, FFA President
Darin Spelhaug, State Exec. Secretary	Jeff Bjugstad, Dist. 5	Acelynn Lagerquist, FFA Secretary
Callahan Lemar, State FFA Staff	Mitchell Becker, Dist. 6	Roxanne Quigley, FFA Vice President
Atiana Beck, State FFA Staff	Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	
Laiken DeMorrett, FFA Foundation	Trevor Steeke, Dist. 8	Leah Davidson, FFA Treasurer
Jeremy Carkuff, Dist. 1		Aubrey Odens, FFA Reporter
Amanda Huettl, Dist. 2		Boedy Miller, FFA Sentinel
JoDee Free, Dist. 3		Abby Lee, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Vice President	Jeff Bjugstad
Secretary	Darin Spelhaug
Treasurer	JoDee Free

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Darin Spelhaug, Bill Zingg, Jeremy Carkuff
CDE	Darin Spelhaug, Colbey Steeke, Jeff Bjugstad, Missy Hansen
Finance	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Laiken DeMorrett, JoDee Free
Events/Activities	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Jeff Bjugstad, Amanda Huettl,
Policy	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Darin Spelhaug, JoDee Free, Jeff Bjugstad

- a. Call Meeting to Order at 1:00 PM CST
- b. Roll Call
 - a. All present
- c. Secretary's Minutes 6.5.2026

- a. Moved by Jeremy, 2nd by Laiken, Passes
- d. Treasurer's Report: Fideldy-Doll
 - a. Net worth 2025-26
 - b. Category Report
 - c. Aged Debtor Report
 - d. JoDee moves, Jeff 2nds, passes
- e. State Officer Report: Nelson
- f. FFA Foundation Report: DeMorrett
- g. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. **Written Applications & SAE:** State Degree, State Star Application, SAE Awards
 - b. **CDE:** Tractor Operator, Prepared Public Speaking, Ag Sales, Ag Comm
 - c. **Finance:** Budget revision, sponsorship
 - d. **Events/Activities:** Greenhand Quiz, Agriscience Fair
 - e. **Policy:** AI, Strategic Plan
- h. Old Business
 - a. Other
- i. New Business
 - a. Standing Committee Action Items
 - i. Written Applications & SAE
 - 1. State Star Application
 - 2. I move that we allow ND FFA members to reapply for SAE awards based on National Guidelines. Moved by JoDee, 2nd by Jeremy. Passes
 - 3. All 2026 proficiency applicants are eligible to apply in 2027 for an SAE awards. Moved by Amanda, 2nd by JoDee. Passes
 - ii. CDE
 - 1. Add disqualification for non-ag related subjects for speeches in Prepared public speaking, subject to advisor review.
 - a. I move to add disqualification for non-ag related subjects for speeches in Prepared public speaking. Darin moves, Leah 2nds. Passes

2. Darin moves to Change age range for Tractor Operator to seventh through ninth grade competing in Basic and tenth through twelfth grade competing in Advanced. Jeremy 2nds. Passes
3. Darin moves to add Disqualification for incomplete paper in Agriscience Fair. 2nd Trevor. Passes.
4. Darin moves to add Two hour time limit for individuals competing in Ag Comm, who are not part of a team. 2nd Mitch. Passes
5. Amanda moves that Prepared Public Speeches must be persuasive. JoDee 2nds. Passes
6. Amanda moves that "available" be added to National Test resources. 2nds Passes.

iii. Finance

1. 2026-27 Budget Approval
2. JoDee moves to approve 26-27 budget as presented, with the exception of changing the state fair budget to \$24,000. Bill 2nds. Passes

iv. Events/Activities

1. State Greenhand Quiz
 - a. Amanda moves to add Greenhand Quiz to LDE day as a demonstrative event with the provided rules. Acelynn 2nds. Passes
2. 100th Anniversary Committee
 - a. Amanda moves that at the November Foundation meeting, the board of directors meet to determine the makeup of the 100th Anniversary Committee. Mitch 2nds. Passes.
3. Agriscience Updates
 - a. Amanda moves that all 2026 Agriscience Fair National participants may reapply in 2027. Abby 2nds. Passes
 - b. Amanda moves to follow National FFA guidelines moving forward for Agriscience Fair. Mitch 2nds. Passes
4. Agriscience Sweepstakes

- a. Amanda moves to adopt the Agriscience Fair Sweepstakes proposal as presented, with the exception of the \$1000 stipend. Mitch 2nds. Passes.

v. Policy

- 1. Strategic Plan Committee
- 2. AI Policy

- a. JoDee moves to add National FFA AI policy to all CDE/LDE Handbooks. Amanda 2nds. Passes.
- b. Levi moves to accept committee assignments as presented. Leah 2nds. Passes

- b. State Convention Review: Fideldy-Doll
- c. National Convention CDEs/LDEs Declarations: Fideldy-Doll
- d. NDSF Review: Spelhaug
- e. Land Judging Review: Fideldy-Doll/Spelhaug
- f. Range Judging: Fideldy-Doll
- g. CTE Professional Development Conference
- h. Amanda moves that districts may only bring 4 individuals in Basic and Advanced Tractor Operator and must create their own tiebreaker. JoDee 2nds. Motion carries.
- i. Officer Elections
 - i. Treasurer: JoDee Free
 - ii. Vice President: Jeff Bjugstad

j. Next Meeting

- a. November – November 11th 1PM, Joint Lunch meeting with Foundation, Review POAs starting at 11 AM.
- b. Location TBD
- c. Committee work will need to occur prior to meeting.

k. Announcements

l. Adjourn

- a. Boedy moved to adjourn, Jeff 2nds, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 5:03PM

Committee Agenda Additions

- b. **Written Applications & SAE:** Align rubric with application, consider additions to applications
- c. **CDE:** Tiebreakers at district leadership (Tractor Operator), Required to use given articles, Land Judging Scantron, Land Judging Location in handbook says every other year should be in Dickinson.
- d. **Finance:**
- e. **Events/Activities:**
- f. **Policy:**

Things to ask Districts

1. 100th Anniversary Committee
2. Judge prep guide for LDEs. Is one needed?
3. Strategic planning committee makeup/function
4. Feedback on Screening Committee proposal