Meeting Minutes
NDCCA Board of Directors
April 29, 2026
NDACo County Office Building

President Neal Messer called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. After the pledge of allegiance, the President asked for a calling of the roll. A quorum was declared.

Members Present:	Neal Messer	Tracey Dolezal
Glenda Collier	Joan Hollekim	Jason Arth
Miranda Schuler	Jim Kapitan	

Member Absent: Cory Hanson Andy Zachmeier

Also Present:
Stanley Dick, NACo Board Member
Aaron Birst, NDACo Executive Director
Genny Dienstmann, NDACo Staff
Michelle Tabbert, NDACo Staff
Ron Henke, NDDOT Director
Lonny Bosch, NRG President
Dwight Driscoll, NRG Account Manager
Kaitlyn Bakken, NDACo Staff
Teanna Hintz, NDACo Staff
Jason Horning, NDACo Staff
Kathy Kottenbrock, NDACo Staff
Sara Cote, NDACo Staff
Peter Halbach, NDACo Staff
Mary Korsmo, NDACo Staff
Donnell Preskey, NDACo Staff
Linda Svihovec, NDACo Staff
Mike Dannenfelzer, Central Dakota Communications Center

The President asked the Board to review the proposed agenda. As there were no changes proposed, Arth moved to approve the agenda as printed. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Aaron introduced NDDOT Director Ron Henke who joined the meeting. Ron discussed NDDOT priorities for the next biennium and gave updates on bridge updates (inspections/closures should be off county inventory) and a high-level overview of flex funds and other funding programs DOT offers. After a question-and-answer period, President Messer thanked Ron for attending the meeting.

Consideration of the minutes of the December 10, 2025, Board meeting was next considered. Schuler moved to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The President requested the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Collier provided a review of the financial statements and list of checks. Hollekim moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Lonny Bosch, NRG President, gave a review of NRG Technology Services (NRG). Dwight Driscoll continued by sharing the services NRG provides and highlighting the various contracts they currently hold. The Board was informed that NRG has also contracted with a law firm that specializes in technology master service agreements to review/update NRG's current agreement and ascertain whether the legal guidelines in the contracts are correct. The last review of the agreement template was completed in 2012.

President Messer next called for the various County Financial Partnership reports to be given. Genny gave an update on the Drug & Alcohol Program. Kaitlyn continued with an update on the GIS Program. Teanna shared numbers showing that the 9-1-1 Fee Collection and Distribution Program had another successful year. Aaron added that Teanna was leaving the Association; he and the Board thanked her for her service. Aaron then introduced the 9-1-1 Program and some of the challenges it is facing. Aaron then asked Jason to present the status and challenges of 9-1-1. Jason shared an overview and history of the program and shared proposed options reviewing the funding and providing consistent services throughout the state. He then introduced Mike Dannenfelzer from the Central Dakota Communications Center. Mike shared his involvement as a partner with the 9-1-1 Program since its inception and appreciates the partnership. He discussed the regionalization of PSAPS as several small and medium counties are unable to continue funding the current structure, and in the future may not be a viable option with the current structure. The Board agreed that more exploration should be completed on this concept to determine next steps for the program. Aaron announced that Kathy Kottenbrock who serves as the 9-1-1 Project Manager is present at the meeting and is retiring this summer. Aaron and the Board thanked her for her service. Sara followed by providing an update on the Indirect Cost Reimbursement Service and Peter reported on his activities as the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor.

Aaron was asked to give the Personnel Services Report. He reiterated that Teanna Hintz will be leaving the Association the end of April. He stated that the Association is holding off hiring her replacement until Kathy Kottenbrock retires this summer, as there may be the potential to combine those positions. Aaron also gave an update on the search to hire a Communications/Member Services Coordinator to replace Jeff Eslinger who retired in March.

Aaron continued with the 2026 Conference Planning Status Report, noting the dates and theme ideas. He explained that Funatix will again assist with planning and some onsite conference assistance.

Moving onto the County Tours agenda item, Aaron explained that the first 2026 Tour was conducted on April 14-15. Neal and Aaron shared the discussions from those visits.

The tentative dates for the remaining Tours were shared. Board members were encouraged to attend visits to their county.

Michelle continued with an explanation of this year's process for the NDCCA Board to nominate a county commissioner for the Excellence in County Government Commissioner of the Year Award. She directed Board members' attention to the blue form in their packet, which lists the names that have been submitted for the Board's consideration and nomination. She noted that Mountrail County Commissioner Joan Hollekim's name should be added to the form. No other names were suggested. Board members who submitted names were given an opportunity to explain why they felt the commissioner(s) they submitted were worthy of the Board's nomination. Michelle explained the process to rate the commissioners under consideration. Michelle collected the forms and stated that the name of the commissioner to be the Board's nomination would be announced later in the meeting.

Genny began the Legislative Services report by giving an update on DOT Funding. Mary followed with an update on the Rural Health Transformation Program. Donnell and Linda provided updates on the various interim committees. Aaron finished the report with a discussion on data centers.

Stanley Dick was asked to provide the National Participation Report. He shared highlights from the NACo Legislative Conference held in February. The 2026 WIR and NACo Annual Conferences were noted. Aaron reported on the use of the National Participation Match Fund so far this year. It was announced that Scott Ouradnik is working to get the WIR Conference in Medora.

Aaron went on to encourage the Board to review the NDCCA Mailbag items.

Under Other Business, Donnell shared the Primary Election information on the various county races and measures on the ballot. Aaron then announced that Joan Hollekim was the top candidate for the EICG Commissioner nominee. Kapitan made a motion to move Joan's name forward as the NDCCA Board's nominee for the EICG Commissioner of the Year, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote. President Messer noted the date of the next Board meeting is Wednesday, August 26, 2026. He reminded the members to complete the meeting evaluation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved by Board Resolution: ______________________________
Aaron Birst, Executive Secretary

Date: ______________________________