



State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE)
North Dakota State University
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Dear SBARE Directors,

I am writing in support of NDSU Extension, specifically the Leadership & Civic Engagement program. As the Executive Director of the North Dakota Beef Commission (NDBC), I have experienced, first hand, the impact the specialists who lead this program area can have. NDSU Extension was able to meet the needs of the NDBC by providing board training and team building programming to the NDBC board of directors. By conducting board training, NDSU Extension specialists were able to provide an opportunity for the NDBC directors to get to know each other, understand their role on the board, and how to communicate with each other effectively. This training helped directors cohesively work together on the mission of “driving demand for beef” through Checkoff dollars.

I intend to have the Leadership & Civic Engagement Specialists return to NDBC for FY 24-25, as NDBC will welcome 3 new board directors. I feel this is integral to creating a cohesive team of directors. I highly recommend boards and commissions to take advantage of training and programming offered by the NDSU Extension Leadership & Civic Engagement team.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Wardner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Wardner, Executive Director
North Dakota Beef Commission