

**Meeting Minutes  
ILG Board of Directors  
December 11, 2025  
NDACo County Office Building**

Before the meeting began, Governor Armstrong addressed the Board on priorities of his office and the upcoming Special Session. President Ruland called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM. After the pledge of allegiance, the President asked Genny to take roll call, and a quorum was declared. The President introduced the new members to the ILG and NDACo Boards: Howdy Lawlar, McKenzie County Commissioner; Jarret Van Berkorn, Burke County Commissioner; and Neal Messer, Stark County Commissioner and current NDCCA President.

Members Present:	Chad Kaiser	Trudy Ruland
Becky Hagel	Scott Ouradnik	Jarret Van Berkorn
Aaron Mork	Don Flaherty	Tiffany Harr
Erica Johnsrud	Kim Jacobson	Kelly Palm
Dana Larsen	Shirley Murray	Robert Wilson
Joshua Frey		

Members Absent:	Tony Grindberg	Jamee Folk
Neal Messer	Stanley Dick	Nick Moser
Howdy Lawlar		

Also Present:	Aaron Birst, NDACo Executive Director
	Genny Dienstmann, NDACo Staff
	Michelle Tabbert, NDACo Staff
	Jeff Eslinger, NDACo Staff
	Micheal Casey, NDACo Staff
	Linda Svihovec, NDACo Staff
	Donnell Preskey, NDACo Staff

The President then called for review of the proposed agenda. As there were no suggested changes, Hagel moved that the agenda be approved as printed. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The President then asked for a review of the minutes of the August 28, 2025, meeting. Kaiser moved to approve the minutes as printed and distributed. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Genny was next asked to present the ILG financial report. It was moved by Jacobsen to approve the financial report as presented, including checks #4575 through 4582 and ACH payments made from July through October 2025. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Angie continued with a presentation of the proposed 2026 Budget for ILG. Hagel moved the adoption of the 2026 ILG Budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Genny continued with the Scholarship Fund Report. She noted the recent scholarship award amounts and focused on the contributions to the fund. It was noted that the 2026 application is now available online. There was discussion on reviewing the scoring of scholarship applications and how scholarships are allocated. Staff will review the guidelines and scoring criteria and bring recommendations to the next Board meeting for consideration.

Under other business, Aaron announced NDACo will see some staffing changes with retirements in the coming year. There being no further business and having reached the end of the agenda, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Approved by Board Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Birst, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_