

Base Retention & Investment Committee
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Welcome from John Bernstrom

GF Air Force Base – Col. Monroe

This will be Col. Monroe's final BRIC Meeting as the change of command at the base will occur July 1.

Thank you to the Military Affairs Committee for the social for the B1 airman.

The base has received funding and approval to resurface their runway next summer. The exact details and timing are still being worked out. As a result there will not be an airshow next year.

Civic Leaders – Barry Wilfahrt

The Base Retention Grant funds should be sufficient to cover needs this next biennium.

Gen. Spain is in line to be the new ACC Commander. Still needs confirmation.

The aircraft availability ratio has improved.

Military Affairs Committee – Tim Haddock, Scott Meyer

The MAC Golf Tournament will be on July 26th.

There will be a Military Appreciation Day at River Cities Speedway on July 2nd.

The "Welcome to Grand Forks" event will be August 1st.

Grand Forks County – Bob Rost

Currently working a compatibility use study.

Still working to address staffing at the new Fire Station at Grand Sky

Tom Ford has been named President of the ADC (American Defense Communities)

The County is working on its 2026 Budget.

Hanger Zero construction is ongoing for General Atomics. Hangers for General Atomics are currently full. There is a potential for a new op for General Atomics that may result in the hiring of up to 50 new people

Northrop Grumman continues to work on TRMC. Their new contract will begin on Sept. 1st.

University of North Dakota – *Scott Snyder*

Working on a research agreement with ACC

Currently testing counter UAS at Camp Grafton.

Received money from the State Legislature to set up SCIF at UND

State of North Dakota – *Sen. Barta*

Sen. Barta is still working with the Ag. Commissioner on Base Encroachment

SB 2018 (Commerce Budget) had \$15 M for Beyond Visual Line of Sight and \$2.5 M for Grand Sky.

The Legislature approved state funding for Twining.

Economic Development – *Keith Lund*

Working on a UAS workforce strategy.

Working to bring in people tied to the UAS industry to the UAS Summit in October.

The UAS Summit is Oct. 14-15.

The next webinar series by BBI is scheduled to drop on June 25th.

Congressional Delegation – *Tom Brusegaard, Randy Richards & Mary Christy*

Sen. Cramer working on Golden Dome

Rep. Fedorchak is working budgets

Base Consultants – *Dave Deptula, George Schlossberg*

Golden Dome is starting to receive a lot of attention

Continuing to work on the Artic Study

City of Grand Forks – Todd Feland

The new potato processing facility, Agristo, is moving closer to starting construction.

Cirrus Aircraft is working on an expansion.

The Altru Sports Complex will have a groundbreaking on June 27th.

Continuing to work on housing

Next Meeting

August 6, 2025

8:00 am

The Hive Executive Board Room