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## *Minot, North Dakota's* **GATEWAY TO THE BAKKEN**

### **AGT HOSTS TOUR FOR MADDC BOARD**

In early October, the Minot Area Development Corporation's Board of Directors took full advantage of the opportunity to tour AGT Food's (AGT) multi-million dollar plant at the Industrial Park of Minot. AGT is one of the world's largest suppliers of value-added pulses, staple foods, and food ingredients. With over 40 facilities across the globe and shipping products to over 120 countries, AGT's production represents nearly 45 percent of the global market.



The Minot plant focuses on the production of flours, proteins, starches, and fibers derived from pulses. The products exported from Minot's facility are used for food ingredients in snacks, pastas, pet food, and aquaculture. Over half of the lentils, peas, beans, and chickpeas that go through Minot's facility are purchased from local North Dakota farmers. As the lead tenant at the Industrial Park, AGT Foods continues to push the innovative envelope and MADDC looks forward to see the growing impact AGT has on Minot's economy.

## **EDND HIGHLIGHTS MINOT'S INDUSTRIAL PARK IN 2019 SUCCESS STORIES BOOKLET**

MADC attended the [Economic Development Association of North Dakota's \(EDND\)](#) Fall Conference in late October, this year's theme was [Fueling Our Future- Leveraging Collaboration](#). The event covered all aspects of economic development, including leveraging partnerships, statewide programs and incentives, business retention and expansion, growth strategies, and more. In addition to the Fall Conference, EDND has tracked exciting projects across the state, incentives used for each project, and economic impact of each project. MADC is proud to have its efforts and dedication to the Industrial Park of Minot highlighted amongst other [successful projects](#), contributing to the growth and progression of North Dakota's economic development.

## **MADC NAMES CHAMBER PRESIDENT AS INTERIM LEADER**

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) has an interim President/CEO, as the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's President John MacMartin will handle the reins on a temporary basis. The MADC and Chamber Boards recently approved the interim position. Leadership from the two organizations agreed that MacMartin is a good fit for both entities and for the Minot region.

"Having a strong, well-knowledgeable interim leader will allow for a seamless transition, as the Minot Area Development Corporation executes a full job search starting in late 2019, early 2020," said MADC Board Chair, Brekka Kramer.

"John will continue to serve the hundreds of Chamber businesses well, as he takes on this brief role as interim president for economic development in the region," said Chamber Board Chair, Tom Rafferty.

The two entities have long been champions of existing and new businesses, as well as advocates for a great community and region.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WDEA HELD IN MINOT**

The Western Dakota Energy Association (WDEA) held its annual meeting in Minot at the end of October. Among the multiple days of presentations a number of speakers and panels addressed topics relevant to the energy producing counties in the state. In his keynote address, North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford reemphasized the challenge from Governor Doug Burgum of two years ago, that the prospect of the state's oil production reaching 2 million barrels per day is definitely within reach. Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, updated the attendees on the potential slide in oil production numbers in September, due to record wet conditions and the impact on roads and travel throughout the west. A panel of school administrators and a state legislator with a background in education delved into funding issues facing energy-impacted districts in western North Dakota at this week's WDEA annual meeting.

The meeting was attended by a variety of MADC Board Members and staff as well as businesses and elected officials within the Minot region. During the meeting's business session, Bowbells City Councilman Shannon Holter was elected to a two-year term as president of the WDEA. Holter replaces Killdeer School Superintendent Gary Wilz.

## **MINOT REPRESENTATIVES JOINED MAIN STREET SUMMIT**

Minot representatives joined other statewide leaders for the annual Main Street Summit, held in Bismarck. The 2019 conference welcomed local and regional experts to continue the advancing development of Governor Burgum's Main Street Initiative: a skilled workforce; smart, efficient infrastructure; and healthy vibrant communities.



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***Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area and investing in Minot's future! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in October, 2019:***

Central Machining & Pump Repair  
CTS Properties LLC  
Fisher Research LLC  
Magnum LTL, Inc.  
Marketplace Foods  
Wold Engineering

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