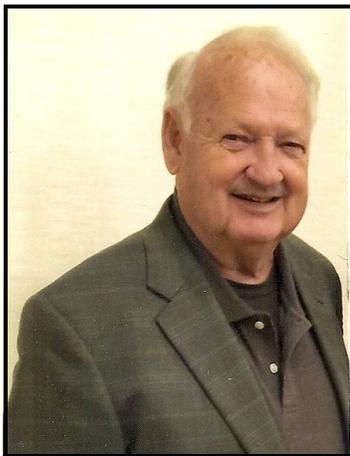


# REPORTS



June 2017

## President's Message—By Harold Gary



Greetings!

Words are inadequate in expressing my appreciation to John Stencil, Bud Weiss, Tate Rusk, and all of the Colorado delegation for the hard work and the strong leadership they provided to make our board meeting a huge success. Thanks to them, we are going to have an outstanding conference in

September in historic Fort Collins.

The Colorado delegation has put together a program with outstanding speakers. The tour will be very educational, as well as enjoyable.

I would ask each of the states to encourage their board and guests to attend our annual meeting and enjoy the beautiful state of Colorado. We all appreciate the many hours spent in planning and organizing this meeting. You will enjoy the hotel's pleasant atmosphere.

The National Association of Rural Rehabilitation Corporations is an outstanding organization of which we all should be proud to be a part. It is more than an organization, it is a family—whereby we work together to make the lives of farmers, ranchers, and college students easier and more productive.

We cannot thank Jeannie and Vernon enough for all they do for this organization.

We look forward to seeing each of you in Fort Collins on September 17-20, 2017. May God bless each of you.

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### WELCOME TO COLORADO—THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE!

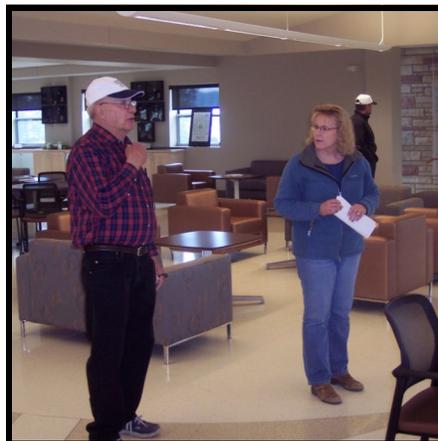
*From Tate Rusk, President CRRC, and the CRRC Board*

NARRC Colleagues: The Colorado Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (CRRC) extends a warm “Rocky Mountain” welcome to beautiful Colorado, on **September 17-20, 2017**. It is an honor for us to host the 46th Annual NARRC Conference in historic Fort Collins—home of Colorado State University.

Our Monday program and Tuesday tour will be an opportunity for you to experience a portion of Colorado to which you may not have been previously exposed.

A letter of invitation detailing pertinent information is included with this newsletter to aid you in making plans to attend the conference. We hope you will take advantage of the optional pre-conference tour on Saturday, September 16th, taking you to Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park. We are committed to making your participation an enjoyable and informative experience.

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*CRRC Board Member John Stencil and tour host guide at the CSU Agriculture Research, Development and Education Center (ARDEC).*

## Report of 2017 Mid-Year Planning Meeting—Fort Collins, CO—By Vernon Eagan

**Call to Order:** The Mid-Year Planning Meeting of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors was called to order by President Harold Gary on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in the President's Board Room, of the Hilton Fort Collins Hotel, in Fort Collins, Colorado. A quorum was established including a conferenced-in call. Also present were CRRC board members, USDA Liaison Russ Clanton (via conference call), and Jeannie Eagan. Absent was Past President William Stanley (SC).

**Opening Remarks:** President Gary welcomed everyone to Colorado and expressed appreciation to the board for their commitment to NARRC. He also thanked the Eagans for their dedication to serving as secretary/treasurer and ensuring the smooth operation of NARRC. President Gary expressed appreciation to the entire Colorado Rural Rehab Corporation (CRRC) board and staff for all the hard work, time, and effort that they have put into hosting the 2017 Annual Meeting. President Gary also thanked Russ Clanton for his commitment to NARRC and being available to the states to assist them with the success of their various and diverse programs. **Director Steve Ferguson** gave the invocation.

**Minutes and Reports:** Upon motion by Horn/Ciarkowski, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Pre-Conference Board Meeting held September 23, 2016.

Upon motion by Horn/Ciarkowski, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Post-Conference Board Meeting held September 28, 2016.

Minutes of the September 28, 2016, Annual Business Meeting were reviewed for accuracy—no changes were indicated.

**Russ Clanton** briefed the board on the Easy Guarantee Loan which he will address in September. He advised that some reorganization is in progress—NRCS, FSA, Risk Management, and Rural Development—however, loans are unaffected. Russ reaffirmed his commitment to the states and encouraged them to contact him if they should have any problems with their local FSA in resolving issues. He will always be available to help.

A detailed report of the secretary's activities was given by **Jeannie Eagan** to keep the board fully informed of the secretary/treasurer activities and efforts to reach out to non-participating states.

The financial report was given by **Secy/Treas Vernon**

**Eagan**. Upon motion by Ferguson/Neal, the Board approved the report as presented and to be filed for audit.

Upon motion by Horn/Neal, the Board ratified the unanimous email vote of January 12, 2017, recommending the reinvestment of NARRC funds. (*Following email board approval, action was taken on January 12, 2017. Details of this action are in the minutes and secretary/treasurer's financial report and will be provided to the membership at the annual meeting in Fort Collins.*)

Website Committee member **Jeannie Eagan** reported the website is up to date with changes being sent to the website manager (Jason Crider) as changes occur. The website hosting fee has been paid for the next two years.

**2017 Annual Meeting: John Stencel, Bud Weiss, and Tate Rusk** gave a detailed report of plans for the Annual NARRC Conference on September 17-20, 2017, at the Hilton Fort Collins Hotel, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Lodging rates are \$139.00 (plus taxes) for single/double occupancy—and includes breakfast buffet.

Delegate registration fees will be \$285.00. Guest Registration fees will be \$230.00. Optional pre-conference tour on Saturday, September 16, is \$85.00 per person. All deadlines will be noted on the registration form. Green Ride Airport Shuttle is the official transportation provider for those desiring shuttle service to/from Fort Collins—info to be included in registration packet.

The optional pre-conference event (Saturday, September 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) will be a tour to Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park. If you desire, you may travel on to the Alpine Village Center at 11,796 feet above sea level. Or you may travel to Moraine Park Visitor Center and Bear Lake. You may shop on Elkhorn Avenue in Estes park and also visit historic Hotel Stanley—site for the filming of “The Shining” starring Jack Nicholson.

The conference will begin on the evening of Sunday, September 17th with the President's Reception. A buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided with entertainment by local bluegrass band, “Mason Street.”

Monday's session will open with Colorado welcoming speakers, Tate Rusk, CRRC President, and Dr. Ajay Menon, Dean of Agriculture, Colorado State University (CSU). Delegate session speakers will include: Russ Clanton, USDA Liaison, “Update from Washington”; David Carter, Executive Director, National Bison

**(Report of 2017 Mid-Year Planning Meeting cont'd)**

Association, "Making Room for a New Herd"; Dr. Temple Grandin, Professor Animal Science, CSU, "Animals Make Us Human"; Dick Wolfe, State Water Engineer, CO Dept. of Natural Resources, "Colorado, the Headwaters State"; Tanner Ehmke, Chief Economist, CO-Bank, Greenwood Village, "Agriculture Economic Outlook"; and Don Brown, Commissioner of Agriculture, CO Dept of Agriculture, Broomfield, "Mile High Agriculture."

The guest activity will include a drive through of Loveland Sculpture Park; on to Boulder for a tour of Celestial Seasonings with lunch, and a tour of Leanin' Tree and Sculpture Museum. (Hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

President's Awards Banquet will be on Monday evening with special award presentations and entertainment by "Mile High Cowboys."

Tuesday, September 19, delegates and guests will board buses for agricultural tours: CSU's National Seed Lab and the Equine Center; lunch and tour at CSU Agriculture Research, Development and Education Center (ARDEC); tour of JBS Feedlot—Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, LLC, in Kuner; concluded with a drive by of Leprino Cheese Factory, in Greeley, with a brief presentation at Centennial Village.

CRRC will send out the agenda and registration packet with all associated costs to the states in early July. It will also include a list of sites of interest.

Pending travel conflicts, the NARRC Pre-Conference Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, at 9:00 a.m., in the President's Board Room.

**2018 Annual Meeting:** Past President Stanley previously advised that South Carolina is making steady progress for hosting the 2018 annual meeting in Columbia, on August 26-29, 2018. An optional pre-conference tour

to Charleston is being planned if enough interest is indicated. (*More details for this conference are noted on page 4 of this issue.*)

**2019 Annual Meeting:** Terri LaBrie confirmed to the Eagans the meeting plans for 2019. The meeting will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, on September 13-18, 2019. (*Detailed information for this conference is also provided on page 4 of this issue.*)

**2020 Annual Meeting:** The year 2020 is open for any state to consider hosting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NARRC Panel Discussion:** Upon motion by **Horn/Neal** the Board ratified the unanimous email vote of February 7, 2017, recommending we forego having a panel discussion on new programs at our 2017 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Gary advised of the appointments for the nominating committee and the audit committee. Upon motion by **Horn/Driscoll**, the Board **unanimously approved both committee appointments**. (*These committee appointments are noted on page 4 of this issue.*)

**CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT**

President Gary expressed appreciation to everyone for their commitment to NARRC and to the CRRC board for their hard work in hosting the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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*Members of CRRC Board, NARRC Board and spouses at the 2017 Mid-Year Planning Meeting.*

*Front Row L to R: Jerry Pursley, Tate and Wendy Rusk, Clarice Weiss, Harold Gary, Patty Driscoll, Linda Ciarkowski, CSU Equine tour host, Bud Weiss, and Jeannie Eagan.*

*Second Row L to R: Horace Horn, Jerry Driscoll, G. W. Neal, John Stencel, Steve Ferguson, Ken Miller, Steve Nein, and Lou Ciarkowski.*

*(Vernon Eagan taking the photo.)*

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## Future NARRC Annual Conferences

### 2017

**September 17-20, 2017—Fort Collins, CO**  
**Hilton Fort Collins Hotel**  
**425 W Prospect Rd; Fort Collins, CO 80526**  
**Phone: 970.482.2626**  
**Host Contact: Tate Rusk**  
**Email: bpicket@fusainsurance.com**

### 2018

**August 26-29, 2018 — Columbia, SC**  
**Marriott Columbia Hotel**  
**1200 Hampton Street; Columbia, SC 29201**  
**PH: 803.771.7000**  
**Host Contact: William Stanley, President**  
**Email: scrrc1927@att.net**

### 2019

**September 13-18, 2019 — Rapid City, SD**  
**Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza Hotel**  
**505 North Fifth Street; Rapid City, SD**  
**PH: 855.239.9227**  
**Host Contact: Terri LaBrie**  
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### 2020

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