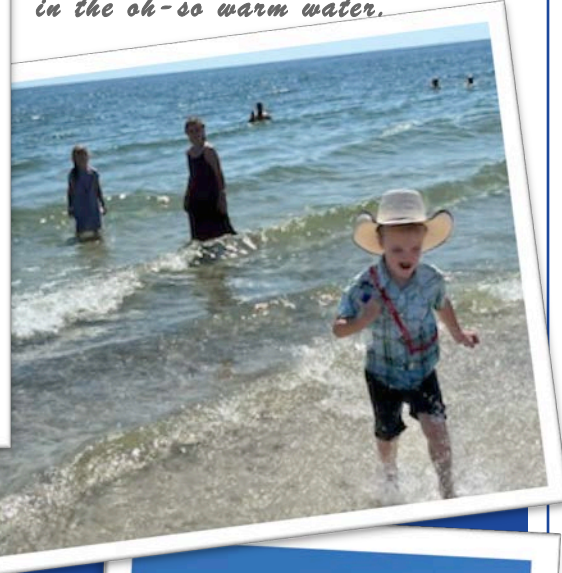




We thank the Board and Staff of the Mississippi RRC for its hospitality in Biloxi, 2024!

*The Saturday group about to board the ship to Ship Island...for some Gulf-side fun in the oh-so warm water.*



# NARRC

**National Association of Rural Rehabilitation Corporations**

## From President Michael Crosby

Dear NARRC Family,  
I can't wait to see you in Sioux City, Iowa!

This message is a "Save-the-Date" message. I believe we will be getting another newsletter out to you in late June or early July to formalize the itinerary for the joint NARRCC NCOSAFP meeting in Sioux City, Iowa.

Iowa's farmers rank #1 nationally producing more corn, pigs, eggs, ethanol, and biodiesels than any other state in the country. Additionally, Iowa ranks #4 in cattle and calves on feed, #7 in turkeys, #9 in sheep and lambs, #11 in milk and #2 in soybean production. I don't know where else in the world we could meet and be surrounded by more Agricultural Enterprises than in Sioux City.



*Heading for the boat to Ship Island: Saturday*

## Mississippi 2024

The 2024 NARRC Convention, held in Biloxi, MS was a whirlwind of sites and sounds that started Saturday at the Hummingbird festival where a Michigan guest,

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Sioux City is not all about Agriculture though. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest City in Iowa, and it sits on the Missouri River. It is part of the Tri-State area

**2025 Iowa!**

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my own Sophia Martin, was able to watch one of the little fellas be banded and then freed back to the wild. The group then moved on to a day of pristine beaches and warm Gulf water. Like bathwater... seriously.

Sunday, back at the Beau Rivage, luxury with a view, our sunburned troop was able to relax... maybe become the next Mississippi millionaires in the casino... or stroll down the street to Beauvoir, retirement home of Confederate President, Jefferson Davis. Food at the President's reception was delicious! Don't we all come for the food?

Monday featured excellent presentations on chicken farming (the Georgia delegation reported that chickens fly, contrary to some reports), the menace of wild hogs, clam farming in the Gulf (impacted by a spillway in New Orleans, I had no idea), grant writing, and farming on the delta.

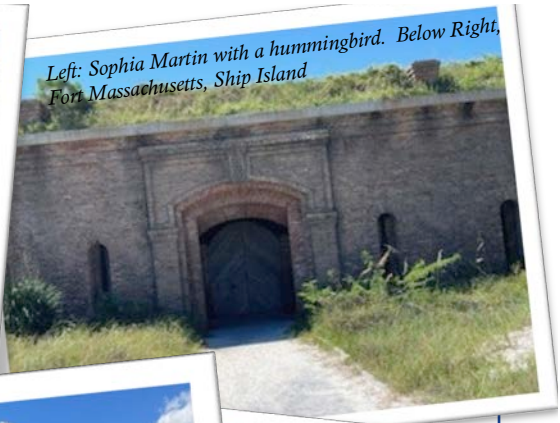
Tuesday featured the maritime museum (it was sad to stroll down the street and read about the beautiful buildings that were no longer there), the aquarium, university research station, and Gulfport.

Wednesday, President Crosby seized power... I mean... he was elected to a second term as president and treasurer. Thank you for your time and energy on behalf of NARRC!

This summary misses soooooo much and if you weren't there, we missed you! It was a joy to visit Mississippi and spend time with good acquaintances and friends. Join us in Iowa for some education and fun as we work for the common purpose of improving the lot of rural Americans. See you there!



Left: Sophia Martin with a hummingbird. Below Right, Fort Massachusetts, Ship Island



Beauvoir



Kaye and Phil Perry, SC



North Dakota Greetings!



Barbara Beckage, AK, and Jennie Koebel, MI



Martha Watts, MS & Lisa Smith, TX



IMMS



Virginia and Richard Mann with Wendy and Tate Rusk, CO



Door Prizes, Mike and Lillian



Gulfport



Tammy Nebola, Iowa



Jonathan Moon, MSU Extension



## **President Crosby's message on IOWA, 2025!** *Continued from page 1*



because of its proximity to Nebraska and South Dakota. It has a rich history, including the site of one of the stops for the 1804 Lewis and Clark Expedition. Sioux City has a rich mix of diverse cultures. The name, "Sioux City," was given in honor of the Sioux Indians and the Big Sioux River. In addition to the rich Native American Culture, one can see a symphony orchestra and a Broadway production at the Orpheum Theatre. Sioux City has a population of approximately 86,419 residents, and it has been ranked first in US Economic Development several times. I believe Sioux City has a lot to offer us in a meeting location.

This year's meeting is a joint meeting between NARRC and NCOSAFP. Your NARRC Board of Directors has been hard at work, along with our counterparts on the NCOSAFP Board. Special thanks go to Mark Leonard for his efforts in securing lodging and meeting rooms at a reasonable price and working to line up interesting and educational destinations for meeting attendees.

- The meeting will be held September 20-24, 2025. We haven't completely nailed down the fees schedule yet, but at this time, it would appear that the hotel rooms will run about \$139 per night, Delegate Registrations will be \$300, and Guest Registrations will be \$150. The Optional Tour (Sept 20) will cost approximately \$150.
- The itinerary for the Optional Tour isn't completely decided upon, but presently it looks like we will visit Tentinger Feed Lot, Inc., a 10,000 head confinement cattle feedlot facility. Plans are also being made to visit Corteva seed facility to learn more about what they are doing with seed, crop protection inputs, inoculants and future technology impacting agriculture. We may do lunch at Whiskey Throttle Restaurant in Cherokee. The last stop on the optional tour will include a visit at Leonard Limousin & Angus to check out what they are doing with breeding cows and other enterprises. The tour will conclude with a steak dinner prepared by the Ida County Cattlemen's Association at Leonard Limousin and Angus.
- The Monday Spouse Tour is also shaping up to be a delight. Stops confirmed at this time include a visit to the Lewis & Clark Museum and River Boat, a stop at Palmer Candy Co., Home of the Bing Candy Bar, a visit to the Orpheum Theatre and lunch, followed by a stop at the Oscar Carl Winery. Upon returning to the Warrior Hotel, guests will be able to do some shopping on their own in downtown Sioux City, in walking distance of the hotel.
- Tuesday's Full Tour is expected to include a visit to Plymouth Energy, an ethanol production facility, a tour of Trans Ova Genetics (cattle genetic research center, embryo transfers and cloning research), both



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near Sioux City, a visit to Wells Blue Bunny, a large milk processor and ice cream maker (Most brands of ice cream in the US are made by Wells).

I believe this year's meeting is shaping up to be a memorable one! You will have a chance to learn new things about many agricultural enterprises, have some fun and fellowship with old friends, and hopefully make a few new ones with the NCOSAFP folks who will be attending with us this year. Please make plans to come! If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Lisa Barber, or any one of your NARRC Board members.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Iowa!  
Mike



## ***Flashback: Iowa 2013***

***Recognize anyone?***





## 2025 NARRC Board

*Left to Right: Larry Mack, FL; Walt Anseth, MT; Mike Crosby, President & Treasurer, SC; Ray Hilburn, AL; Mark Leonard, IA; Chris Lampkin, AR. Not pictured: Shana Forster, Vice President, ND.*

### Retirement:

A.R.R.C.: Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation announced that Barbara Beckage retired this year as manager. Nicole Dixon is taking over the reigns. Our best to Barbara and greetings to Nicole!

## NARRC Treasurer's Report

	Jan-April 25	Jan-Dec 24	Jan - Dec 23
<b>Income</b>			
Sponsors	5,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Dues</b>			
2023 Dues	0.00	0.00	3,750.00
2024 Dues	0.00	7,350.00	0.00
2025 Dues	6,300.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>7,350.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>			
CD Interest	614.76	1,833.96	0.00
Grinnell St Bk	0.00	73.67	725.64
M Mkt Interest	0.00	36.84	116.62
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>614.76</b>	<b>1,944.47</b>	<b>842.26</b>
<b>Registrations</b>			
Delegate	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Optional	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Registrations</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,914.76</b>	<b>19,294.47</b>	<b>4,592.26</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Bank Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meeting Expense	0.00	1,159.04	197.10
Professional	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	81.95	70.42
Travel	0.00	3,083.80	2,013.72
Website Work	190.00	230.00	230.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>4,554.79</b>	<b>2,511.24</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>11,724.76</b>	<b>14,739.68</b>	<b>2,081.02</b>

	Balance Sheet	04/14/25	12/31/24
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
GreenState CD#1001		52,448.72	51,833.96
GreenState Money Market		985.65	985.65
Grinnell State Bank Savings		0.00	0.00
Wells Fargo - Ckg Acct		20,081.31	13,971.31
Wells Fargo - 50th Anniv		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>		<b>73,515.68</b>	<b>66,790.92</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Bombgaars Supply Sponsor		5,000.00	
Prepaid Hotel 2025 Conference		10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total Assets</b>		<b>88,515.68</b>	<b>76,790.92</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>		<b>88,515.68</b>	<b>76,790.92</b>



### With due respect we remember John Stencil III

who passed from this world on 19 March 2025. John served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (CRRC) for over 20 years in separate increments and retired in January 2019. He attended several NARRC Annual meetings and was instrumental in organizing the 2017 NARRC Annual Meeting in Fort Collins, CO.

John's second family, the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union were shocked to hear of the sad news as he attended the Colorado Legislative Drive-In event at the State Capitol on Monday of the same week. He was a devoted public servant and followed his passion for Agriculture and rural America to the very end.