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Summer 2024



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A Haiku for you:

Magnolia Bloom

Sweet magnolia blooms
Graceful scent in southern
breeze
Mississippi's charm



From President Mike Crosby...

The NARRC Board of Directors met in Biloxi, MS June 9 – 11 to formalize plans for the upcoming NARRC Annual Meeting to be held 9/23/24 to 9/25/24 with the Presidents reception held on Sunday 9/22/24 and the optional tour offered on 9/21/24. On behalf of NARRC I would like to thank the Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation for all the work they have done to prepare for the 2024 Annual NARRC Meeting. Bennie Hutchins, the president of Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, surrounded by his Mississippi board of directors, Kathy Odham, Martha Watts and Greg Crochete did a marvelous job of planning for our arrival and showing us what they have in store for you. As we drove in to Biloxi from the airport in Gulfport, MS. I could see where Hurricane Katrina had devastated the area. It wasn't until we got to Jefferson Davis's House that I noticed the Hurricane miraculously spared much of his estate. I guess that was mother nature's way of showing us that Jefferson Davis, The President of Confederates States had been through enough!

Biloxi, Mississippi and The Beau Ravage Hotel are located right

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From President Mike Crosby, continued

on the water and have something to offer for everyone. For the gamers among us you will be happy to see the casino in the hotel. Kids of all ages coming with parents and grandparents will have a blast at the hotel since it has a wonderful pool and arcade area, as well as a lot of shopping. For those of you who love to eat fine seafood, you should fast the week before you go. For anyone who loves a good Boudreaux (Budro) joke, get ready. I believe everyone will learn something new and enjoy the meetings and field trips Mississippi has in store for us.

While in Biloxi, the NARRC BOD discussed the 2025 meeting. A decision was made by the NARRC BOD, for NARRC to host the 2025 NARRC Meeting in Sioux City, Iowa, because of several meeting limitations that would exist if the Iowa Finance Authority hosted the meeting in Des Moines. Mark Leonard, our NARRC Board Member, and Iowa Development Authority member, has graciously offered to do much of the leg work required to host the meeting, if it is held in Sioux City, Iowa. The NARRC BOD made a decision to extend an invitation to the NCOSFAP Members because many of them are also NARRC Members, and the NARRC BOD did not want them to have to choose whether to go to the NARRC or NCOSFAP annual meeting. Mark has indicated that he will need volunteers to help him, and I suggest that if you want to get to know Mark better, you reach out to him in Biloxi and strike up a conversation about how you can help him in 2025.

Your NARRC BOD also discussed and made a decision on one other issue that you need to be aware of. NARRC has several member states that have not attended the Annual Meeting in many years, therefore the NARRC BOD made a decision to offer a voucher to pay the registration fees for one delegate to attend the meeting in Biloxi. The states that will receive this voucher offer are: West Virginia, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Tennessee, South Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming and Missouri. If you have a contact in any of these states, please reach out and give them an invite! Ask them to reach out to me or Lisa for more information.

I hope that the summer brings good crop growing conditions to you all. Please reach out to Lisa or me if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Biloxi!

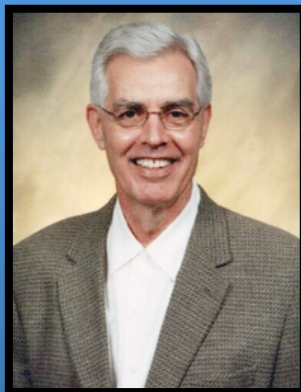
Sincerely,

Michael L. Crosby (Mike)

President NARRC 2024

Let us remember his dedicated
service...

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the recent passing of Vernon Eagan on June 16, 2024, at the age of 89. Mr. Eagan was appointed to the NARRC Secretary/Treasurer position at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Great Falls, Montana, and served until the 2019 Annual Meeting in



Rapid City, South Dakota. He was a devoted public servant and his influence on the mission to improve the quality of life for Rural America will be thoroughly missed. Please keep Ms. Jeannie and all of her family in your prayers.

- 1) Director Ray Hilburn, AL
- 2) Director Larry Mack, FL
- 3) Director Walt Anseth, MT
- 4) Director Mark Leonard, IA
- 5) President & Treasurer, Mike Crosby, SC
- 6) Vice President, Shana Forster, ND
- 7) Secretary, Lisa Barber, CO

Not Pictured
Director Wes Sheperd, KS



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Kansas!



Wichita Skyline

Monday featured topics including water use and the High Plains Aquifer, farming in western Kansas and the changes that have taken place through time, specialty programs at Kansas State, the role of the Kansas Wheat Commission, and an overview of current FSA loan programs. It was an informative day and there was a lot to learn.

Throughout the convention the members of the Kansas Homestead Corporation treated the delegates and their guests to delicious food, live music, art, and friendship. We thank them for their time and effort to show everyone a slice of what Kansas has to offer.

The 2023 NARRC convention was held from 19-25 September in Wichita, Kansas. The Kansas Homestead Corporation provided delegates with interesting tours on Saturday and Tuesday and some informative speakers on Monday.

Saturday’s tour traveled to nearby Hutchison, home of the Kansa State Fair and the Kansas Cosmosphere. Tuesday the group traveled to Flint Oak, “America’s Premier Hunting Resort.” They toured the grounds, learned about how the hunts are managed, and enjoyed a demonstration of trained competitive Labrador Retrievers. Returning to Wichita the group toured the Kansas Air Museum, the original airport for the city built in the Art Deco style.



Keeper of the Plains

NARRC Committees

The following people have graciously volunteered – if you are interested in serving, please talk with President Michael Crosby or Vice President Shana Forster!

Finance Committee

- Gen. Don Jacka --KS
- Larry Mack --FL
- Thomas Carter --GA

Website Committee

- Walt Anseth --MT
- Wes Shepard --KS
- Katie Crosby --SC

Audit Committee

- Ken Dalsted -- ND
- J. Lee Alley -- AL
- Michael Hucks -- SC

Nominating Committee

- Don Giffey -- ND
- Tate Rusk -- CO
- Horace Horn -- AL

NARRC Treasurer's Report: Summer 2024

Income Statement

NARRC Treasurer's Report
As of 04/15/24

	Jan-Mar 24	Jan - Dec 23
Income		
Dues		
2023 Dues	0.00	3,750.00
2024 Dues	4,650.00	0.00
Total Dues	4,650.00	3,750.00
Interest Income		
Grinnell St Bk	73.67	725.64
M Mkt Interest	36.84	116.62
Total Interest Income	110.51	842.26
Total Income	4,760.51	4,592.26
Expenses		
Meeting Expense	961.94	197.10
Supplies	0.00	70.42
Travel		2,013.72
Website Work	230.00	230.00
Total Expenses	1,191.94	2,511.24
Net Income	3,568.57	2,081.02

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet		
Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Greenstate Credit Union		50,985.65
Wells Fargo		14,634.16
Total Checking/Savings		65,619.81
Total Liabilities		
		0.00
Equity		65,619.81



Learning about the Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation:

The Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (MRRC) currently has a seven member board that governs its activities. The corporation is currently fully loaned, mainly in home and farm ownership. The land loans are often for smaller parcels next to adjacent larger holdings. The corporation does not make operating loans, though it has

in the past. Loans are made at 5 ½ to 6%. Borrowers who are first responders and veterans receive a 1% discount.

Do you have a topic to discuss relevant to other states? Perhaps a question you would like to ask as to how other states have handled a matter? The Monday session will include a one hour discussion block. Contact Bennie Hutchins with your topic! benniehutchins@gmail.com

Mississippi 2024!

A return to Mississippi! The Mississippi RRC last hosted the national convention in 2010 in Olive Branch, Mississippi. The president that year was Sandra Tenorio of Texas and her vice-president was Bud Weiss of Colorado. Now the convention

returns in September of 2024 to Biloxi and our hosts at the Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation are diligently working on a program that will be both interesting and educational.

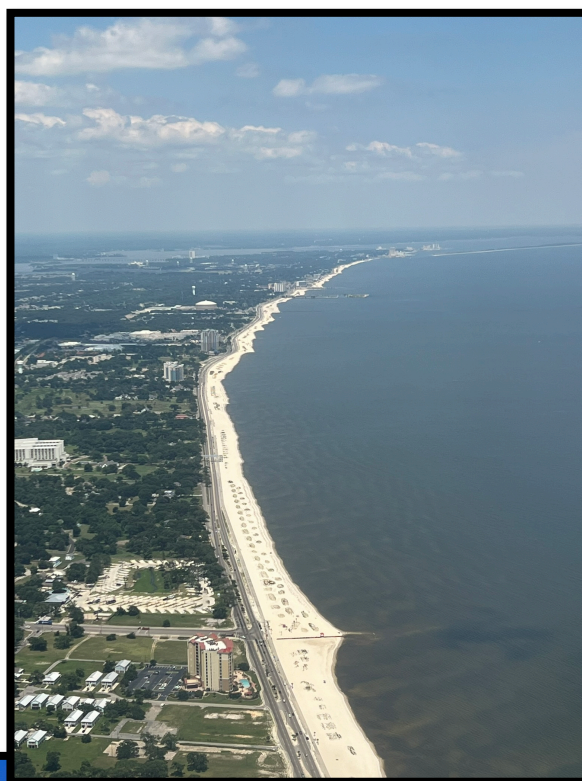
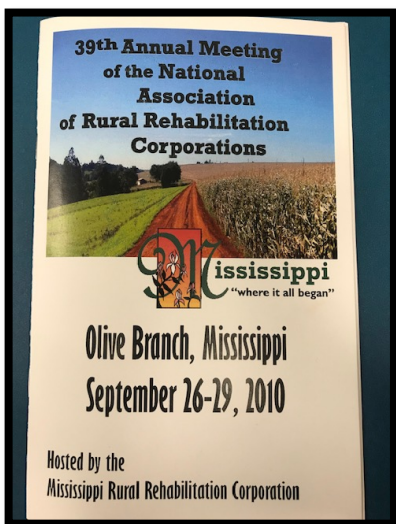
Those coming for the Saturday tour will enjoy a trip to Ship Island, headquarters for the British in the War of 1812 and site of the Civil War era Ft. Massachusetts. Also planned for the day is a trip to Pascagoula for the Hummingbird Festival and the Krebbs House and Museum, a site dating to the French colonial period and the oldest in Mississippi.

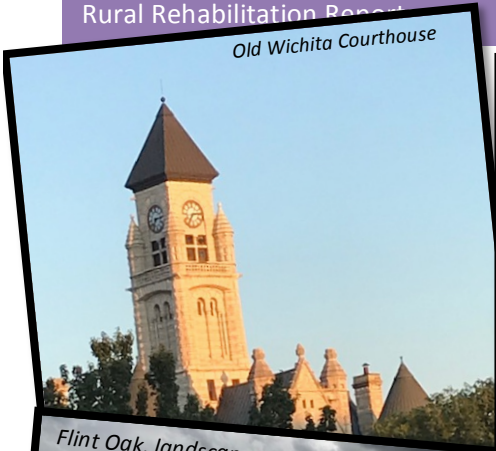
The Tuesday tour includes stops at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Facility, the Maritime & Seafood Museum, and then after lunch one hour tours at the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies and the Port of Gulfport.

The Monday program of speakers will feature discussions on farming in the Mississippi Delta by one of the state's larger farmers, coastal ecology, grant writing (maybe for your state too!), the problem of feral hogs and a possible solution,

poultry production, and end with a one hour discussion on points and projects of interest to our members. For those taking the Monday tour, you're in for treat in Ocean Springs!

This will all be focused around the luxurious Beau Rivage hotel and casino perched on the Mississippi Sound adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. Temperatures will likely be in the high 80s and humid. Do bring good walking shoes. *See everyone there!*





Old Wichita Courthouse



Jim & Laurie Hodges – GA, Jerry Driscoll -- KS



Flint Oak, landscape



Monday's live music



Shaun & Chris Lampkin – AR
Horace Horn -- AL



Barbara Beckage – AK
Jennie Koebel -- MI



Tony Minicozzi – AR, Bennie Hutchins -- MS



Inda and Louis Clarkowski, Jennie Koebel -- MI



Jerry and Patty Driscoll -- KS



Penn and Ree Rogers -- SC

Sights and Socializing at the Kansas NARRC Convention, 2023