



Wednesday April 10

Pre-Conference Opportunities

10:00-3:00 2023 Annual Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Conference. Lunch provided.
Garden Room, Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa

<https://go.iastate.edu/KSSSMB>

3:00-5:00 Empower Rural Iowa Task Force

5pm- 7pm: Welcome Reception at Reiman Gardens
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center Garden Room
Sponsored by DMACC and The Bill Menner Group

Thursday April 11

7:30-9am Registration and Continental breakfast
Sponsored by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

9am Conference Welcome, Gateway Hotel Prairie Ballroom
IRDC Board President Mark Reinig
ISU VP for Extension & Outreach Jason Henderson

9:10am Creating a Culture of Excellence and Civility, Prairie Ballroom
Scott Raecker, Executive Director, Robert D. and Billie Ray Center
Himar Hernandez, Community & Economic Development, ISU Extension
Brenda Hackman, Community Relations Manager, Allamakee-Clayton Electric
Sponsored by CultureALL

10:00am "20 Questions in 20 Minutes: What Do We Need from this Summit?" (Ballroom).
Sponsored by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

10:20am Celebration of Sponsors and Exhibitors (Ballroom)

10:40am Networking Break

11:00am Break-out Sessions, Round 1

Critical Issues: Rural Pharmacies: Keeping Doors Open/New Ideas (South)
Kate Gainer, Iowa Pharmacy Association (moderator)
Brett Barker, Nevada
Joe Dunham, OneroRx
Brad Magg, Colfax

Facilities/Projects: Culture and Community: Three Stories (Central)
JJ Kapur, CultureALL (moderator)
Dylan Does, Marshalltown
Lorena Dorado-Robles, ISU Extension
Antonio Mouzon, Dubuque County

Facing the Future: Elite Leadership in Small Towns (North)
Sponsored by Alliant Energy
Moderator: Debi Durham, IEDA
Meche Crise, Woodward
Dennis Jordan, Alliant Energy
Mindy Stalker, Creston

12:15pm Lunch, Garden Room with Overflow Rooms Available

Sponsored by D.A. Davidson
Empowering Rural Iowa with Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg

1:30pm Break-out Sessions, Round 2

Critical Issues: Community Development Options: Three Ideas (South)
Lorin Ditzler, Keep Iowa Beautiful (moderator)
Katie Mason, Coon Rapids
Steve Jebsen, Delmar
Rachel Allensworth, Macedonia

Facilities/Projects: Ag and Ag Tech: Driving Rural Innovation (Central)
Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau
Nathan Katzer, IFBF (moderator)
Jason Ryner, ReEnvision Ag
Mark Mendick, Appanoose Manufactured Products
Chad Huyser, Lely North America

Facing the Future: Complex Strategies: A Deep Dive for Summit Vets (North)
Sponsored by Bolton & Menk
Bruce Nuzum, IADG (moderator)
Rural Housing, Dave Miller, City of Rock Valley
State Reinvestment Districts, Kim Didier, DMACC Newton
Port/business park, Frank Huseman, New Coop, Blencoe

- 2:30pm Short Break with Light Snack/Transition to Break-out Rooms
- 2:45pm Break-out Sessions/Population Cohorts
- Under 2,500 Caucus (South)
- 2,501-5,000 Caucus (Central)
- 5,001-10,000 Caucus (North)
- Over 10,000 Caucus (Garden Room)
- 3:45pm Hotel Check-in and Meet the Vendors!
- 5:00pm Rural Recognition Reception (Garden Room)
Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau/Renew Rural Iowa
- 5:30pm The Rand Fisher Rural Leadership Awards Ceremony (Garden Room)
Sponsored by IADG Community Foundation
- 6:30pm Dinner on your Own

Friday April 12

- 7:30am Buffet Breakfast/Community Networking Time (Garden Room)
Sponsored by ITC Midwest
- 8:30am Welcome Back, Day 2 (Ballroom)
- 8:50am Roundtable #1: Rural Vitality Coalition Update (Ballroom)
Sponsored by Wellmark
Drew Conrad, UNI (Moderator)
Laura Jackson, Wellmark
Jason Henderson, ISU Extension & Outreach
Edith Parker, UI College of Public Health
Pilot Community Representatives

- 9:45am Break/Check Out
- 10:15am 45 Ideas in 45 Minutes (Ballroom)
Sponsored by America's SBDC – Iowa and ISU Economic Development & Industry Relations
- 11:00am Closing Roundtable: "We'll Do it Ourselves" Making Things Happen on Your Own
Sandy Ehrig (Moderator)
Beth Bilyeu, Forest City
Molly Murphy, Mount Ayr
Peg Raney, Jefferson
- 11:50pm Parting Messages and Adjournment

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