



## 2015 Community Meeting Recap for the Town of Broadus

This document is a summary of the 2015 CEDS community meetings. These meetings were designed to discuss local findings from the five-year CEDS document created by SEMDC, and to get community feedback as to what the current state of the community is, how things have changed from last year or what has been completed, and what projects are priorities for the coming year(s).

This year was especially important to host a community meeting because of the many natural resource development projects currently going on, expanding, and those that are proposed to begin in the next few years. There will be many impacts on communities in southeastern Montana, and the goal is to maximize positive impacts and mitigate negative ones. The more communities understand the impacts, proactively plan, and communicate within the community and region, the better the outcomes will be.

This document summarizes the thoughts, ideas, and projects discussed at the community meeting. It also summarizes some of the findings from the survey that was passed out at the meetings

# Broadus CEDS Meeting 2015

## Group Discussion

The first activity in this community meeting was to review previous meeting recaps and record strengths and weaknesses of the community. This was a way to open up discussion, and begin looking at the various aspects that enhance or hinder this community. This community continues to be affected by natural resource development from oil development at Belle Creek, demand for services and employees in the Bakken, pipeline construction, and the development of Otter Creek.

## Strengths

Eating establishments	Nurse Practitioner
Warrior Trail	Physical therapist at Powder River Manor
Newer airport	Variety of churches
Wildlife fence	Fairground Facilities
Airport Cardtrol for Fueling	Golf course
Many natural resources	Pool
Ag-based economy	Belle Creek Oil Fields
Clean air/water/etc.	Some access to the arts
Largest Coal Deposit in the World	Recycling
Nursing home (provides about 52 jobs)	Public transportation for all
Strong Ethics	Retail
Good schools and great school staff	Crossroads on highways 59 and 212
Volunteerism is strong	Town square/New Sidewalks
Land available if maximized	Abundant wildlife
Hospice Nurse	Chiropractor Visiting One Day Per Week
Massage Therapy Services	Highland Pipeline
New Lodging Options/Community Conference Room	Shipping Options
Clinic/Staff	Floodplain remapping completed/Decreased properties in floodplain
Outdoor Recreation	Funds for Nursing Home Rehabilitation
Agricultural Economy	Strong Local Core Businesses
Pipeline and Associated Infrastructure increases tax base for County	Physical Therapy Services

## Concerns

Aging Infrastructure	Trying to be everything to everybody
Primary Businesses OK/Secondary businesses decreasing	Lack of handicapped access (clinic)

Great school staff, but worried about how to replace them with quality staff when they leave/retire	Would like to see an increase in population
Difficult to keep/find quality people to work	Lack of Broadband
“Brain drain”	Difficult to find recreation
Passive feeling towards the planning for energy developments	Difficult and costly to hook water and sewer to lots
Lack of “service-based” workers	Limited lots for development
With energy development comes lack of service workers (due to wage competition)	Lack of diverse job opportunities and higher wage jobs
Predator Concerns/Affecting Ag and Hunting	Several Brownfields sites/inability to resolve
Lack of services/recreation/quality housing	Staffing \$\$ for Visitor Center
Ambulance/EMT Services and Staff	Stability of Eating Establishments
Cell Phone Service/Coverage	FEMA Flood Insurance Changes (subsidies)
Changes to EPA Water Regs	No Doctor In The Entire County
EMS Staffing/Volunteers/Training	Nursing Home Facility (Costs?)
Future of Ambulance Service	Inflow and Infiltration in Sewage Lagoon
Aging Water Infrastructure	Decrease in Cattle Prices from 2014
Small Pool for Labor Force	Costs for Road Maintenance
Cost of Utilities (Electric)	Large Amount of Houses on Market
Lack of Brand Inspectors to serve Large Ag Sector	Land that is available does not have water/sewer services
Access to Daycare	Mental Health Services/Availability at School
Highway Signage	No local bank that does housing loans

## Working Groups

In this second activity, we asked the group to discuss important potential projects keeping in mind Housing, the Economy, Quality of Life, and Essential Services/Infrastructure. After the projects were discussed, we came back as a group to review each issue. Each person was given three stickers which they would use to vote on certain projects they deemed more important. They could put all three stickers on one project, or one sticker on each project. This prioritization of projects provides SEMDC and the community an idea of what the priorities are.

## Economy/Housing

### ***Lodging***

Other than Sagebrush Inn and Suites, there are limited suitable accommodations for guests from out of town.

### ***Housing Finance Programs***

There is little if any information distributed regarding special programs for housing finance.

### **Proposed Economy/Housing Projects Receiving Votes**

None

## **Quality of Life**

### ***Brownfields Site***

Finish cleanup of several Brownfields sites along Hwy 212 and in town including old McCurdy Gas Station Site across from Cottonwood Park.

### ***Nursing Home Addition/Remodeling***

Complete nursing home remodeling and proposed nursing home addition that will house Physical Therapy Services.

### **Proposed Quality of Life Projects Receiving Votes**

Nursing Home Addition/Remodeling – 1 Vote

## **Services and Infrastructure**

### ***Rural Address Book***

Develop a rural address book for use by emergency personnel as well as others that may need it.

### ***Brand Inspections***

Recruit or hire additional brand inspectors to make sure they are available at peak inspection times such as October and November during shipping.

### ***Lagoon/Sewer System Upgrades***

The City of Broadus is facing some mandates they must comply with which may take some upgrades to the sewage lagoons as well as the sewer system.

### ***Fire Truck***

The volunteer fire department is in need of a new pumper truck to replace an old, outdated vehicle.

### ***Moorhead Bridge Repair***

Bridge over Powder River at Moorhead needs repairs and/or replacement

### ***Ambulance/EMT Services***

Pursue long term solution for future of Ambulance and EMT Services. New ambulance needed.

### ***Coal Seam Fire Inventory***

Inventory and determine feasibility of extinguishing coal seam fires that are igniting

fires.

**Proposed Services/Infrastructure Projects Receiving Votes**

Ambulance/EMT Services – 2 Votes

Sewage Lagoon Study/Upgrade – 1 Vote