



BOX ELDER MEETING SUMMARY

05/24/2022

IN ATTENDANCE: 7

#1 Reason why you live in Meade County? Aka: Favorite thing about Meade County?

- People **X2**
- Ag resources
- Rural area
- Access to nature
- Amenities
- History of hills
- Thankful to live here
- Veteran population
- Little bit of everything- rural, I-90, hills
- Nostalgia/history

What should be **Preserved** in Meade County?

- Our way of life
- Keep local residents
- Water (availability and quality) **X2**
- Liberty and freedoms **X2**
- Agriculture
- Values, respect
- Community
- Quality of life
- Work ethic- hard working people
- Local people
- Youth opportunities
- Limited government
- Local priority on hunting
- Rural feeling
- Natural integrity (preserve wetlands)

Biggest **Challenges** facing Meade County?

- Roads (upkeep/maintenance/quality)
- Law enforcement needs (need more officers)
- Limited floodplain data for Meade – wetland data – ag soil surveys
- Communication between local governments (cities and counties)
- Forms of government (County Commission not elected at large – lack of representation – accountability – similar issues with school district)
- Growth (pace and amount)
- Rally
- Development (need infrastructure in place to lower costs)
- Funding (for everything)
- Funding for special districts
- Law enforcement (need more)
- Preserving natural resources
- Infrastructure (lack of/quality of) **X2**
- Being prepared for growth (ready for next generation)
- Size of Meade County (different cultures/values – split the county)
- Respect issues
- Community involvement (seeing less and less volunteers) **X2**
- School funding (property taxes)
- Country of origin labeling (meat labeling)
- Better representation (gov/schools) – better representation for ag community
- Emergency response/healthcare (response/volunteers/rural needs) **X2**

Opportunities to make Meade County even better as a place to...

Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech school opportunities in day-to-day school (auto mechanic, home ec., divers ed.) • Broadband (improve quality)-help with remote work, education • Update subdivision or ordinances for: infrastructure standards, % of land to public usage, sidewalk standards • Affordable housing (lot sizes, challenging soil types – figure out how to build) • Affordable housing (must have infrastructure in place ~water and sewer before we can have affordable housing) • Centralized sewer • Plan/prepare for growth • Split up Meade County • Eliminate districts- represent people as a whole
Recreate	
Get Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads – require developers to contribute (update sub. regs) • Developer fees that contribute to public facilities • Rapid City MPO

Work & Do Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufacturing & industry (needs to be brought in)• Internet access – broadband – cell service – TV analog/digital (services in rural areas)• Need better wages – magnet to bring in growth
Farm & Ranch	
Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilize our history/wild west (non-Rally related) ; give tourist something to do