



FAITH VISIONING MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: 9

Participants were asked to write several newspaper headlines for the “Meade County Times” in 2032.

MEADE COUNTY TIMES Headlines 2032	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grasslands continue to dominate the Meade County landscape. Cropland acres are at an all-time low level. • Meade County sunset on Time magazine cover. • Meade County leads State in new job/employment report. • Meade County named leader in ag production and ag tech development. • Elon Musk donates fortune to Meade County, Bezos and Buffet follow suit. • Property taxes hit all time low in Meade County. • County roads 100% paved in Meade County. • Wages in Meade County top all counties in South Dakota. • Schools in Meade County show record success for South Dakota. • Housing in Meade County surpasses all records. • Property taxes lowered for tenth year in a row. • New shopping mall connects all towns on I-90 corridor. • Water park in Faith brings tourists in from five state area. • Meade County paves all roads. • All county roads are now paved. • Check out the new County Courthouse in eastern Meade County. • Meade County drug free. • Meade County provides police coverage in Faith. • Faith wins safest place to live in the county certification award. • Drug bust in Sturgis. • Drug bust along I-90/Tilford area. • Child sex trafficking ring busted. • Faith family named US Ag Producers of the year. • Opal hall hosts fall carnival. • Faith has a huge community garden. • Faith is named community of the year. • Local churches were at capacity. 	

Participants were placed into small groups and then asked to choose their top three headlines and to create goals for how to achieve these headlines.

Headline:	Meade County Leads the State in Average Annual Salary, Employment, and Industrial Growth
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw new identity. • Create housing opportunities. • Improve quality of life.

Headline:	Water Park in Faith Brings in Tourists from Five State Area
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional water table from Missouri River. • Employment. • Ag business increasing tax base for water park maintenance. • “Oil,” Trans Canada employees give money to fund water park.
Headline:	Grasslands Continue to Dominate the Meade County Landscape, Cropland Acres Are at an All-time Low Level
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS recommends to landowners to keep grasslands natural.
Headline:	Faith Safest Place to Live in the County Award
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide police coverage in Faith, local and county. • Provide more drug dogs in Meade County.
Headline:	Meade County Is the Leader in Ag Production and Ag Technology Development
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase adoption of sound farming and ranching practices. • Incentivize ag-tech companies to move to South Dakota.
Headline:	New Shopping Mall Connects All Cities and Towns in the I-90 Corridor
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central sewer systems. • Regional water systems. • Sales tax and tourism tax for Meade County. • More people and employment. • More manufacturing plants, larger employers, and higher pay scale.
Headline:	Meade County Split
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split Meade County by putting Union Center and Elm Springs in the eastern side of the county.
Headline:	Meade County Drug Free
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide police coverage in Faith, local and county. • Provide more drug dogs in Meade County.
Headline:	Meade County Schools Named Best in State
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase teacher pay. • Increase vocational education. • Encourage/Inspire youth to pursue careers in education.
Headline:	Property Taxes Lowered for Tenth Straight Year in Meade County
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Legislature vote to allow county to charge sales tax and tourism tax in the unincorporated acres of the county. • Oil pipeline begins in 2023. Trans Canada with new refinery.

Headline:	Meade County Adoption Is on the Rise
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower cost of adoption. • More crisis pregnancy prevention facilities.

Headline:	Meade County Sunset on Time Magazine Cover
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (No goals listed.)

Participants were last asked to complete the following phrase:

“In 2023, Meade County will be...”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and beautiful. • Full of maintained roads. • The fastest growing county in the state; lowest sales tax; most industry; most manufacturers. • Highest employers; lowest property tax; largest urban growth. • Providing more police coverage in Faith. • Reduce taxes. • Increase housing. • Increase jobs. • Growth. • Two separate counties. • County roads paved. • Wages at all-time high. • Housing abundant. • Untaxed. • Increase wages. • Socialism, free. • Protecting small family ranches. • Protecting small family farms. • Protecting agriculture. • Have more police.