

## What's Developing

The Eureka Community Development Company is a non-profit organization that has been serving the economic development and community development needs of the community for the past 30 years. The look-back at ECDC's history in this article is for the year 2011.

Link It Software was in business as a call center in Eureka that closed that year.

Because many small towns had been successful in establishing investment groups for fostering growth in their communities, ECDC continued to bring speakers to Eureka to let people know how investment groups were set up in other towns. Verne Hansen from Faulkton was a speaker for potential investment groups and explained how it had been done in his hometown.

Several businesses were explored by community members and worked with ECDC during the year as they explored the possibilities. Businesses that were discussed with ECDC included a laundromat, convenience store, motel, car wash, farmer's market, snack shop, auto dealership, and bed & breakfast.

A partnership with Chamber in the Paint South Dakota program resulted in approval (and free paint & supplies) for two houses in Eureka. ECDC partnered with the Quasquicentennial history book committee and scanned pictures for their book. They partnered with Leola Development and worked together to bring more information to pheasant hunters when they came to the county.

The annual meeting was a celebration of 25 years for ECDC with Gov. Daugaard as keynote speaker. All ECDC members were invited to attend the dinner; the business meeting and speaker portion of the annual meeting were open to the public.

Grants received that year were Rural Community Development Initiatives (salary and training) \$6,640.98, Freedom Forum (community copies program) \$1,000, and Horizons (marketing/signage seminar open to all Eureka businesses) \$1,000.

A loan from the Revolving Loan Fund was made that year to M & M's convenience store.

The new board member in 2011 was Bob Duemig.

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