

What's Developing

The Eureka Community Development Company has had a long history of identifying needs in the community, then addressing them. Over the past years, they (along with the rest of the community) have seen some organizational numbers dwindle and others cease altogether. At the same time, there has been a trend of new people moving to Eureka and young adults originally from the area moving back their hometown.

Could there be a way to use these happenings to counteract each other? Are there ways to let voices be heard that are now mostly silent? Can the good things in Eureka be strengthened? Can new things get started? Can more people become involved? Can new leadership step forward? Are there ways that ideas can be shared?

The good news is that the answer to all of the questions posed is “yes”.

It won't be a quick fix. In fact, it will involve at least a year of training and community action to get the process started and then seeing results.

Good news – the process has already started.

A program called Empower! Dakota is offered through an organization by the name of Dakota Resources. ECDC has worked with them for many years, but has just embarked on this specific program for the community. The community will be kept updated through the Northwest Blade, The Eureka Show, and Eureka Facebook page on ways that people can become involved throughout the next 12 months.

The first step was taken on March 20 when a diverse group of a dozen people met to learn details of the training program. They were given about a month to digest all that they had heard and to move forward with beginning steps in areas in which they volunteered. They are currently getting connected electronically to share information with their coach, Paula Jensen, and each other.

Those on the Core Team are Mike Dosch, Rosa Jundt, Matt Opp, Jaci Eberhart, Lloyd Miller, Wanda Jundt, Pastor Ryan Gage, Austin Hoffman, Deb Larson, Kaytlin Pelton, Staci Ackerman, and Lisa Nesheim.

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