

PRESS RELEASE

The SIGRED Board of Directors hosted a meeting Friday, March 4, at the Bayard Community Center for a discussion of economic development in Grant County. Scott Epstein from the Center for Institutional Effectiveness facilitated a discussion about where our community wants to go regarding economic development and how the various interests of the community might interact.

The Board asked for input prior to its strategic planning session held the following day. The input provided during the discussions was very helpful for the strategizing done on Saturday.

Two important conclusions the board reached are (1) there remains a definite and important role for SIGRED in the economic development of our community, and (2) it is important to continue community input and dialogue related to economic development.

The common themes that surfaced in the Friday night discussions covered the gamut of economic and community development. These common themes and the details under each one were folded into the work the board did Saturday. The themes included:

Quality of life	Transportation
Workforce	Education
Infrastructure	Health services
Climate	Public safety
Tourism	Sense of community
Income distribution	Business support
Customer service	Development planning
Cost of doing business	Business friendly
Economic conditions	Industrial park

A detailed list of the community input is available from the SIGRED office for anyone who would like a copy. Call 538-6320 or email sigred@silvercity-business.com. It is an 8-page document.

At the end of the day, it was agreed that the next steps for the board include:

1. Perform external and internal assessments of the staff and the board
2. Solidify board leadership
3. More precisely define and capture data for the KRMs (Key Result Measures)
4. Finalize the mission statement
5. Continue to review additional information and community input
6. Conduct further community meetings

SIGRED is looking forward to working with Southwest Planning & Marketing and with others in the county to chart a viable and meaningful path for future economic development in Grant County.