Housing issues are heard loud and clear in our rural communities. Whether it is nuisance properties, lack of rentals, absentee ownership or lack of room for development, the list goes on and on.

The South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) is partnering with the South Platte Chamber of Commerce (SPUCC) and the Nebraska Development Region-Central Region to put forth ideas on the problems.

“Many of the communities in our 21-county region are asking questions like, ‘How do we deal with nuisance properties? What can our community do to bring mixed housing into our community? What do we do with the housing stock that needs rehabilitation?’” says Tom Hastings, SPUCC President.

“This program will provide highlights of real community solutions as well as information about resources available,” he said.

A panel of three experts will showcase their solutions to housing issues.

Chris Anderson of Central City (pop. 2,934), Chad Nabity with the City of Grand Island (pop. 48,250) and John Madsen of Stuart (pop. 590) will share how they leveraged local resources and used innovative ways to address their local housing issues.

The panel discussion will be on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Taste of Texas, 302 East Ave, in Holdrege. The meeting kicks off at 5:30 p.m. CT, the meal will be served at 6:45, and the meeting will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Housing resource providers will be present to provide information and a brief summary of their programs.

RSVP by Nov. 5 to SCEDD, 308-995-3190 or admin@scedd.us. Cost of the program is $25/person and includes the meal.