

Report prepared for Peace River Agricultural Development Fund

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The objective of this project was to actively participate in discussions in regards to environmental issues and developments affecting the Grain & Oilseed sector and communicate, information and workable solutions to BC Peace producers.

The committee members attended various meetings while trying to accomplish the set objectives:

Environment:

- Representation on Provincial Agriculture Environment Partnership Initiative Management Committee meetings, dealing with applications for projects to better the Agriculture & Environmental conflicts (i.e. Stewardship Initiatives, Demonstration projects, wildlife conflict prevention)
- Partnership Committee Meetings dealing with regulatory requirements and liaisons with agencies & agriculture industry, assist in the prevention of Ag & Environmental conflicts and help achieve workable solutions.
- Environmental Farm Plan working group meetings to launch an industry led voluntary EFP program for the Province of BC
- Committee tours viewing successful environmental projects in the Okanogan and other parts of BC

Green House Gases:

- Attended presentations at Grain Grower's of Canada Convention to address the signing of the Kyoto protocol and to learn what role the Ag industry will play in it
- Host a seminar featuring John Bennett past president of the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association and a former director of Soil Conservation Council of Canada, on the topic of "Understanding Canada's Ag Sink Policy and Offset Markets".

Wildlife:

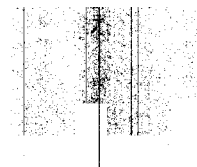
- Developed a tool chest to assist farmers warding off resident wildlife
- Tour local constructed fenced stack yards
- Attend wildlife committee meetings to discuss preventative measures and various wildlife impact compensation programs

Farm Safety:

- Presentation by local Farm & Ranch safety Coordinator at our AGM

Extension and demonstration:

- Reported at BCGPA directors meetings and various e-mails
- Interaction with AAFC through APF consultations
- Brochures and newsletters from FARSHA
- Articles in Peace Prospects
- Presentations at seminars & workshops
- Verbal updates to producers
- Literature & Workbooks available for farmers like "Workbook on Greenhouse Gas Mitigation for Agricultural Managers (AESAs)"



Finances:	Budget:	Actual:
Income:	\$6095.00	\$2,735.68
Expense:	\$6095.00	\$2,735.68

Details on separate sheet

Summary comments, conclusions

Environmental farm Planning will become the household word in the coming years, the BC Peace needs to keep pace with the developments in the Province, country and the world.

Variations form original workplan:

The proposed expenses on the budget are a lot lower due to other associations & agencies reimbursing for travel. Expenses for travel were low, due to the fact that some of the Partnership Committee meetings (where travel is not reimbursed) were held during harvest and therefore director was unable to attend.

Attachments: Financial summary
"In kind" listing