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Highlights of 2005 Activities

1. Promoted and participated in the 2005 irrigation alley at Crop Production Show in Saskatoon Then met with the crop production show management to evaluate the show and agreed to participate in an Irrigation Alley for 2006
2. Prepared a brief and presented the like to the Hon. Mark Wartman with the following topics
 - a. Power infrastructure
 - b. Funding & Irrigation policy
 - c. Cooperation One door shopping
 - d. SWA conservation plan
 - e. International joint commission
3. Discussions with federal representatives regarding irrigation polices and funding
4. Completed documentation for a new incorporation took effect April 1, 2005 & transferred assets to new corporation
5. Met with Assistants of Hon. Mark Wartman
6. Had numerous written communications with Hon. Mark Wartman
7. Met with SWA staff regarding irrigation water rights, licenses, prioritization and also discussions on the international joint commission
8. James Harvey attended the quarterly meetings and a presentation to the provincial advisory to SWA
9. Prepared and made three applications under the CSWSEP of which to date 2 have been approved. For the development of education and promotional materials and a new website with programming that can be updated readily. The third application requesting studies for irrigation potential, irrigation rights and policies is being reviewed and we met with the federal and provincial representatives for discussions. Revisions to application have been completed and resubmitted.
10. Met with ADD board representative regarding a joint submission made on water efficiencies and the funding qualifications under the Farm environmental plan to include changing pumps to accommodate low pressure systems.
11. Participated in discussion with Saskatchewan Agrivision and participated in a meeting regarding the organization of the water conference in North Battleford
12. Organized a reception for Hon. Mark Wartman and staff
13. Met with promoters of Farm Progress show regarding promotion of irrigation
14. Met with PFRA for a review of the projects in the South West
15. Attended AIPA annual conference
16. Participated in trade shows and field days promoting the industry
17. Board members attended ICDC and executive management meetings
18. Joint ICDC / SIPA BOARD meeting to discuss each organizations mandate
19. Attended various watershed planning meetings
20. Continued working on an irrigation video
21. Submitted application for a summer student – we qualified but were turned down
22. On going contacts to update media personnel

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23. Made application for the trade shows at SUMA and SARM annual conferences
24. Developed new promotional and educational materials and contracted the construction of a model of a pivot.
25. Worked with ICDC to develop new website, www.irrigationsask.com
26. Participated in water stewardship workshop of Sask Environment Green Forum and we are preparing written submission
27. Participated in public conservation plan meeting & had a meeting with SWA regarding the information presented and submitted a brief to SAF and SWA regarding the conservation plan that is being developed.
28. Successfully requested Sask Power to abandon the 2005 interim billing since there was virtually no spring irrigation with the wet weather conditions.
29. Board members participated in the trial timothy crop insurance coverage.
30. Had discussions with the Sask Party on occasion to update them on irrigation developments
31. Participated in a meeting with Canada Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding their research initiatives.
32. Had a CARDS application approved on development of education material.
33. Attended a workshop on CAIS and discussed the requirement for a structural change that does not take into account the effects of diversifying into irrigation.
34. Discussions with FCC staff on merits of irrigation and potential of their field management program including irrigation.
35. Participated in Agrivision's Water Conference held in North Battleford