



Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association Inc

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Highlights of 2007

1. Review and update SIPA Strategic Plan and discussed funding options
2. Trade show participation
 - Irrigation Alley at Crop Production show
 - SUMA trade show
 - CWRA national conference
 - AIPA annual conference
 - CSIDC Field day
3. Watershed Planning Committees – participated in meetings in Moose Jaw, Qu'Appelle, and Lake Diefenbaker Water sheds & the provincial meeting of the planning committees & a 2 day Qu'Appelle South workshop regarding watersheds management and the Qu'Appelle conveyance project.
4. CSWSEP
 - Worked on the submissions to the Tier III program regarding economic benefits of irrigation in Saskatchewan and educational materials
 - The Benefits of irrigation to agriculture and society study was awarded to Clifton Associates Ltd.
 - Held meetings with the federal and provincial representatives of the program
 - Participated in meetings and releases re the studies
 - Held a joint meeting with representatives of the 5 study projects – Westside, Luck Lake, Riverhurst, South Sask River Irrigation District, Qu'Appelle
5. Participated in AAFC AG Forum II Workshop in Winnipeg
6. Attended a forum on climate change with PFRA and University of Regina which included findings from a comparisons of Saskatchewan and Chili
7. Board member participated in CSIDC executive meetings, strategic planning meeting, and agreed to become full partners in a new CSIDC management agreement
8. Board members participated in meetings with PFRA regarding the federal irrigation projects transitions in South West Saskatchewan
9. Presentation on SIPA and the 5 Lake Diefenbaker irrigation expansion studies at the CWRA national conference held in Saskatoon
10. We had numerous informal meetings with SAF staff and correspondence with the minister and the department
11. We had several meetings with staff of PFRA and CSIDC.
12. Presentation to the board of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
13. Held a number meeting with Saskatchewan Crop Insurance staff. Topics discussed: division of dry land and irrigated crops, yield level coverage, spot loss hail, new crops and establishing individual yield history
14. Board member participated in the FLAG meetings
15. Representative appointed to the new SWA Provincial advisory board and attended the first meeting

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16. Participated in the workshop with Ag Canada regarding the next Ag census
17. Participated in Premier's Climate change forum
18. Participated in a irrigation strategy workshop of AAFC held in Regina
19. Interviews with media including Calgary Herald
20. Members attended public meetings re bio fuels and had discussions with the Ethanol Development Council
21. Met with Irrigation Branch staff to discuss policies for new infill, rehabilitation and expansion policies.
22. Presentation to Acting Director General of PFRA – Harley Olson
23. Participated in the planning of the CSIDC field day
24. Accepted an invitation to attend the pre-budget agriculture briefing address of the SAF Minister

Table of Acronyms

AAFC – Agriculture and Ag Food Canada
AIPA – Albert Irrigation Projects Association
CSIDC – Canada Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Centre
CSWSEP – Canada Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program
CWRA – Canadian Water Resources Association
FLAG – Farm Leaders Advisory Group
ICDC - Irrigation Crop Development Corporation
SAF – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food
SWA – Saskatchewan Watershed Authority