

Old Wives Watershed Association

2011 – 2012 AEGP Final Report

For Submission to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

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Foreword

The Old Wives Watershed Association had an extremely successful 2010-2011 operating year. Deliverables for the year included:

- Hosting 2 workshops;
- Developing 4 newsletters;
- Developing 65 Farm Stewardship Program applications with 40 producers; and
- Update the website.

Nearly all of the deliverables were achieved while some deliverables were reduced. We ran into issues with our newsletters due to the significantly higher than projected FSP applications and associated human resource and travel costs. 140 FSP applications were put through by 65 separate producers, well exceeded our projected amounts. The increased costs lead to development of 3 newsletters, rather than four.

We also had several projects not listed as deliverables that we worked on throughout the year including:

- Increasing RM participation;
- Working with Saskatchewan Watershed Authority on developing a Watershed Background Folio; and
- Working with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority on developing a Drought and Excessive Moisture Preparedness Plan.

Although not all the deliverables that were achieved were as planned, we feel as though they have contributed greatly to the longevity of our organization as well as the progression of securing our water sources for the future.

2011 – 2012 Deliverables Summary

- Publish four quarterly newsletters with a distribution of ~5000 households;
 - o Three quarterly newsletters were published with a distribution of ~5000 households each. The deliverable was reduced to three newsletters due to budget constraints.
- Host 1 summer field tour and 1 winter field tour;
 - o Gully Remediation Field Day/Workshop was held October 5, 2011 in Vanguard, SK.
 - 20 people in attendance
 - o Corn Grazing Field Day/Workshop was held November 14th in Gravelbourg, SK.
 - 10 people in attendance
- Present at RM ratepayer meetings and other producer functions as per requested;
 - o 3 RM meetings were attended upon request. These RM's include the RM of Sutton No, 103, the RM of Whiska Creek No. 106, and the RM of Chaplin No. 164.
- Update website;
 - o The website for the organization has been update to reflect the changes in the organizations names and structure. The new URL for the website is [HTTP://www.oldwiveswatershed.com](http://www.oldwiveswatershed.com).
- Develop 65 Farm Stewardship Program (FSP) projects with 40 separate producers;
 - o 140 FSP projects were developed with 65 separate producers.
- Develop 2 Special Issues Projects. These projects will include addressing areas determined to be of special concern to our organization. Landowner and stakeholder consultation and in depth planning will be a major part of this deliverable;
 - o These special issues projects were conducted in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. They include development of a Drought and Excessive Moisture Preparedness Plan, and a Draft Background Report of the Watershed.
- Continue to advertise programming through newspaper, radio, and posters.
 - o This deliverable was not achieved due to budget constraints.

Deliverables that were achieved that were not included in the 2011 – 2012 WorkPlan include:

- Work with local rural municipalities.
 - o Secured \$3000 worth of funding from six RM's for 2012-2013 operating year

BMP	BMP Description	Estimated	Actual
09-101	Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities	2	1
09-201	Fencing to Protect the Environment	20	34
09-202	Fencing to Protect Damage By Wildlife	0	1
09-301	Improving Livestock Site Management: Portable Windbreaks and Shelters	10	34
09-302	Improving Livestock Site Management: Water System	15	22
09-401	Farmyard Run-Off Control	1	2
09-701	Manure Application Equipment and Technologies	0	1
09-801	Modifying and Grassing Waterways	3	9
09-901	Stream Bank and Lakeshore Protection: Planting Forages, Trees or Shrubs	1	0
09-902	Stream Bank and Lakeshore Protection: Improved Crossing	1	0
09-1001	Water Well Management: Capping Old Wells	1	4
09-1002	Water Well Management: Protecting Existing Wells	1	0
09-1101	Protecting Marginal High Risk Soils	10	32
	Total	65	140

Financial Statement

Revenue

Item	Budget
Ministry of Agriculture AEGP Funding	\$ 40,000.00
SWA AEGP Top Up Funding	\$ 5,000.00
RM Donations	\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ 48,500.00

Expenses

Item	Calculation	Budget	Total	Deviation from Budget
Contract Agrologist	1385 hours @ \$20/hour + GST	\$ 30,585.00	\$ 30,741.50	\$ (156.50)
Travel	12500 km@\$0.4125 (prov. rate), meals, lodging	\$ 7,041.42	\$ 8,709.09	\$ (1,667.67)
Insurance	Workers Comp & Liability	\$ 823.58	\$ 681.58	\$ 142.00
Office & supplies	office supplies, photocopying, phone, mailing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,676.16	\$ (676.16)
communication	newsletter, advertising, website,	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,087.85	\$ 1,412.15
field days & workshops	hall rental, coffee, etc. (2 @ 375.00)	\$ 750.00	\$ 312.50	\$ 437.50
Steering committee	10 meetings x 8 board members @ \$30.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,069.60	\$ 730.40
Accounting	Financial Review	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ (375.00)
Total		\$ 48,500.00	\$ 48,618.78	\$ (118.78)

For the 2011-2012 operating year, the major cost overrun included travel. Travel costs ran \$1667.67 over the budgeted amounts. This cost was balanced by reducing the communication budget; more specifically, the amount of newsletters published. It was felt at the time that because of the high amount of applications being developed, an additional newsletter at the time would not be necessary. Our communications strategy was more than effective.

March 22, 2012

Ministry of Agriculture
Director – Regional Services Branch
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Regina, Sask. S4S 0B1

Dear Sir/Madame:

Re: Old Wives Watershed Association
Payment Disbursement – Final 20%

As per Section 5 of Schedule A, in the Agreement for the Delivery of the Canada-Saskatchewan Agri-Environmental Group Planning (AEGP) Program, we formally request disbursement of the final 20% of funding provided for in the Agreement signed March 19, 2011.

The Old Wives Watershed Association has completed its plan for 2011-2012 and provided the required reports to the Ministry of Agriculture, as outlined in the Agreement.

Yours respectfully,

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