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9-10-09 Executive Director Report:

I have provided monthly activity reports to the Iowa RC&DS beginning in Feb. of 2009. The following is a brief summary of accomplishments and activities:

Legislative:

- Packaged information for the Iowa League Legislative Breakfast and for the group attending the Leadership Forum in Washington DC.
- Developed presentation about the Iowa RC&D's and the NRBOG program and presented along with Cy McDonald and or Jim Frederick at 3 Legislative Committee Meetings.
- \$250,000 was appropriated to the NRBOG program for 2010.
- Packaged RC&D information and sent to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.
- Sent emails to Senators Harkin and Grassley staff about 2010 Appropriations for RC&Ds.

Byway Project:

- Submitted fund requests and final report for NRBOG Grant for Byway Program
- Set up quarterly training sessions for Byway Participants
- Participated in Heartland Byway Conference and National Byway Conference
- Developed Sub-agreements for RCDI Grant with Byway RC&Ds

Other Cooperative Projects:

- Submitted a Local Food Project application to USDA Ag Marketing Service for funding to help RC&DS implement local food activities in their regions.
- Worked with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to secure a Conservation Innovation Grant from USDA-NRCS wetland mitigation.
- Developing strategies for a cooperative project involving the RC&DS and the DNR Wildlife Action Plan

Other Activities:

- Attended Board Meetings at Limestone Bluffs, M&M, Pathfinders and Iowa Lakes RC&Ds.
- Participated in National RC&D Meeting
- Coordinated the development of a four state Board Development Training Course for RC&D Coordinators to be held Sept. 22-24 in Sioux City