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The De-Go-La RC&D council added eight new projects to the area plan this year. They cover a wide range of concerns in the area from a series of grant writing seminars to the development of recreational facilities, to the development of a plan to market agricultural products to Mexico. In addition, we completed a number of projects from previous years. The Alternative Poultry Litter Demonstration (a 3 year project) was completed. This project was a cooperative effort between De-Go-La, Texas Ag. Experiment Station at Yoakum, Lavaca SWCD, NRCS, Extension Service, and several private landowners. It involved the expenditure of over 200,000. dollars. The major benefit in this project was to educate poultry producers in the Gonzales area regarding the proper application of poultry litter on the land. The total dollar value of projects completed this past year was in excess of \$500,000.00

Projects/\$ Value

Calhoun Co. Resource Team \$60,000.
Grant Seminar 2000——— \$ 1,800.
Grant Seminar 2001——— \$ 1,800.
Guadalupe Ministries———\$ 500.
Karnes City Park———\$90,000.
Regional Composting Facility-\$30,000.
Port of PL/PC Ag. Facilities—\$100,000.
Riparian Habitat Initiative———\$46,000.

Total Value New Projects

\$330,100.00

FY 2001 Financial Report

REVENUES

Dues	\$2,280.00
Travel/ Meeting Reimb.	\$ 947.00
Secretarial Grant	\$16,000.00
Rent (NRCS)	\$2,100.00
Other	<u>\$28,477.00</u>
Total	\$50,781.11

EXPENDITURES

Dues	\$ 875.00
Supplies, Postage	\$ 546.08
Meetings	\$3,077.73
Equipment	\$23,370.97
Rent/Services	\$2,858.40
Salaries	\$7,833.23
Other	<u>\$4,417.19</u>
Total	\$42,978.60
Fund Balance 09/30/01	\$11,945.09

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Projects, etc. by: Jerry Pearce, Coordinator

The De-Go-La RC&D Board of Directors meets quarterly to conduct business. Anyone wishing to attend these meetings is welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is appreciated!

I had an opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting of the Texas Rural Development Council held in Kerrville this year. This year the TRDC held a joint meeting with the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and The Texas Rural Health Association. I was very excited to find out about the number of people working to improve health services in rural communities throughout Texas.

During the awards luncheon, I was really touched by the stories of people who had dedicated so much time and effort to make it possible for the needy in rural communities to get proper health care. Many of these individuals were health care professionals who worked during their off hours in free clinics and with people on a one-on-one basis. That is real dedication. I was also excited by the fact that this was

a great opportunity to network with folks who deal with rural health issues daily. Our local council has identified this as a concern that they wish to address in the future and I felt I made some good contacts that can be used for information later.

While I was in Kerrville, I also attended the Executive Board Meeting of the Texas Association of RC&Ds. A major topic of discussion was the upcoming national meeting which will be held in San Antonio in 2003. It is estimated that over 2,000 people from all over the US will attend this meeting and we hope to make the best one ever.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season this year.

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