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MINUTES

Board of Directors **August 28, 2005** **#8/05**

Present:	Alan Arbuckle Charles Long Michael McEwen Cathy Willoughby	Dwight Bennett Allan McCallum John H. Miller
Staff:	Charles Billington Jocelyne Chandler Dell Hallett Bruce Reid	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Cliff Craig Don Maciver Brad Stephens
Guests:	David Biggs	Michael Kostiuk
Regrets:	Stephen Bird Maria McRae Wendy Stewart	Ken Graham Janet Stavinga

John Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

1. **Declaration of Interest** None

2. **Approval of Minutes, June 23, 2005**

Motion 1	Moved by:	Charles Long
	Seconded by:	Dwight Bennett

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #6/05, June 23, 2005, be approved.

Motion Carried

3. **Business Arising from Minutes** None

4. **Meetings**

a) Conservation Ontario – June 27, 2005
Full minutes available on the CO website or in paper copy from Joan.

5. **Accounts Paid, June 1 - 30, 2005**

Dell Hallett presented the June Accounts Paid statement.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the Accounts Paid, June 1 - 30, 2005, be approved.

Motion Carried

6. Accounts Paid, July 1 - 31, 2005

Dell Hallett presented the July Accounts Paid statement and cleared up questions on three items.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Accounts Paid, July 1 - 31, 2005, be approved.

Motion Carried

7. Staff Report and Expenditure and Revenue Summary at June 30, 2005

Dell Hallett presented our mid-year Financials. At this point, the budget shows that we are very well situated to finish the year on or very close to budget projections. Directors expressed satisfaction at seeing these quarterly written reports.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Alan Arbuckle
Seconded by: Charles Long

That the Expenditure and Revenue Summary, June 30, 2005, be approved.

Motion Carried

8. Staff Report – RVCA Headquarters at Beryl Gaffney

Dell Hallett provided a brief staff report and update on the situation. Details on the financing and responsibility arrangements will be nailed down before the next report goes to city council. Neighbours on streets near the new office site will be advised of our intentions this fall. Directors expressed great satisfaction in the progress made since last spring.

9. A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium – November 16, 17 & 18, 2005

Dell alerted Directors to the excellent networking and professional development opportunities available at Latornell. Members were asked to indicate their interest in attending and provide this information to Joan at the office as soon as possible (Cathy Willoughby and Allan McCallum

are interested.) Final decisions on RVCA participation will be made once full program information is available. Directors discussed the possibility of inviting Kemptville College to nominate an agricultural student who might benefit from an RVCA-sponsored attendance at Latonnell.

10. August Activity Reports

Directors noted the cooperative way used to cover off Matt's parental leave.

David Biggs requested a copy of the final Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy document for presentation to the Ottawa Environmental Advisory Committee. Staff would be happy to assist with that presentation.

The latest information on the Britannia Village Flood Control project is that a community meeting and vote will be held in October to gauge public support for the project. Ottawa River regulatory mapping will be in effect from Shirley's Bay to Rockland when the Generic Regulations package is approved (expected in April 2006).

11. Member Inquiries

General discussion was held on the dry conditions in the Middle and Upper Board areas. Bruce Reid indicated that staff were monitoring the situation and due to evidence obtained in the past 24 hours, that a press release will be issued informing residents that at least a Level 1 drought conditions exist in the western portion of the watershed based on criteria in the Low Flow Response Policy and Procedures. A Level 1 drought calls for a meeting of the Low Flow Response Team to discuss trends and calls for voluntary water restrictions in the affected area.

Directors were informed of a pending meeting with the City of Ottawa, Ministry of Natural Resources and CA staff on the voluntary wetland destruction acts in the news lately. That meeting is scheduled for August 29 in Manotick.

12. New Business

Don Maciver, Brad Stephens and Bruce Reid presented a comprehensive update on our approach to getting the RVCA Regulations in compliance with the provincial Generic Regulations by April 2006. The approach protects and enhances, first and foremost, our existing hazard schedules as outlined in the approved workplan of August 2004. The regulated protection of wetlands, valley lands and shorelands will follow in subsequent years (Phases 2, 3 and 4). Directors held a broad discussion on technical aspects, communication strategies and individual site situations.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the RVCA accept in principle the “Reference Manual: Determination of Regulation Limits, Adoption of the new “Generic” Regulation pursuant to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario”, and further, provide any further comments to Don Maciver within two weeks.

Motion Carried

13. In-Camera

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Alan Arbuckle
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Board of Directors move in-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the Board of Directors move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 8 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Authority and the Foundation move to acquire property #1, and that the RVCA/RVCF team make an offer for property #2 according to the details in Memo to Legal File dated August 25, 2005.

Motion Carried

14. Upcoming Meetings

- a) Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, September 19, 2005
- a) Board of Directors, Thursday, September 22, 2005

15. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

**Chair,
John Miller**

**Recording Secretary,
Charles Billington**