

**RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors** **March 22, 2007** **3/07**

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**Present:** Alan Arbuckle                      Dwight Bennett  
David Biggs                                  Glenn Brooks  
David Crowley                                Ken Graham  
Magda Kubasiewicz                        John H. Miller  
Cathy Willoughby

**Staff:** Charles Billington                      Brad Carew  
Cliff Craig                                      Dell Hallett

**Regrets:** Steve Desroches                      Michael McEwen  
Maria McRae

1. **Declaration of Interest**                      None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Item 5c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting was added to the Agenda.

**Motion 1**                      **Moved by:** Ken Graham  
   **Seconded by:** David Crowley

That Agenda Items 3 and 5a) be carried under Consent Agenda.

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of Minutes, February 15, 2007**

**Motion 2**                      **Moved by:** Cathy Willoughby  
   **Seconded by:** David Biggs

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #2/07, February 15, 2007, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**                      None.

5. **Meetings**

a) **RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting – February 22, 2007**

**b) RVCA New Office Headquarters Meeting – March 7, 2007**

Charles Billington outlined a campaign to raise funds to ensure that we achieve the Silver Level LEED certification for the new building. Charles is working with an independent Steering Committee under the auspices of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation. Charles reviewed plans including pledge levels, invitation lists, the gala fundraising dinner and recognition guidelines. The Board of Directors expressed their support for the Conservation Centre Campaign.

Cliff Craig brought the Directors up to date on construction progress and financial status of the project.

**Motion 3**                      **Moved by:**                      Ken Graham  
   **Seconded by:**                  Dwight Bennett

That the Board of Directors approve cost-cutting measures 1 through 15, except #3, and that they not approve items 16 through 20;

And further, that the RVCA increase the construction budget by \$200,000 to accommodate the remaining cost overrun.

**Motion Carried**

**c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, March 5, 2007**

Alan Arbuckle and Dell Hallett reviewed the highlights of the CO Council Meeting for the Directors which included suggested protocol for access onto private property (already in place at RVCA); status of the Algonquin Land Claim in the Ottawa Valley; and several housekeeping items.

**6. Accounts Paid, February 1 – 28, 2007**

Dell answered several questions about payments in February.

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Dwight Bennett  
   **Seconded by:**                  John H. Miller

That the Accounts Paid, February 1 - 28, 2007 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**7. March Activity Reports**

Brad Carew of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection team was on hand to answer several questions about progress on the technical studies.

**Motion 5**                      **Moved by:**                      David Crowley  
   **Seconded by:**                  Magda Kubasiewicz

That March Activity Reports be received.

**Motion Carried**

**8. Member Inquiries**

- David Crowley asked about the status of RVCA involvement in the mining issues in the Upper Watershed area; it seems that exploration activity is increasing in North Frontenac; RVCA involved by resolution, through CO and through the Clean Water Act work; Mark Burnham and Maureen Towajj are the area representatives on this issue; David Crowley will keep the Board informed of developments.
- Directors were concerned about the status of the Haggart Island Dams proposal and about the safety booms situation (delegation before the Board last fall); the dam reconstruction project is going to Perth Council soon and staff is sending a letter to residents about the booms for 2007

**9. New Business**

- Directors were informed of several events going on in the watershed including the kickoff of the Rideau Canal 175 in Smiths Falls on May 22, 2007.
- Rebecca Whitman has been hired as Foley Mountain Area Supervisor to start around the end of April.

**10. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Upper Advisory Board, Monday, April 16, 2007
- b) RVCA Middle Advisory Board, Thursday, April 19, 2007
- c) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, April 26, 2007

**11. Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

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**Alan Arbuckle**  
**Chair**

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**Charles Billington**  
**Recording Secretary**