

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #8/08, August 28, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried

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

- a) Biennial Tour 2008, Sudbury, Ontario, September 7 to 10, 2008
Alan Arbuckle, Ken Graham, Maria McRae, John H. Miller, Jim Ellis and Dell Hallett attended the Biennial Tour 2008 in Sudbury. John Miller and his Committee members took note of the impressions of the participants in order to prepare for the 2010 Biennial Tour we are co-hosting with the Mississippi.
- b) RVC Foundation Meeting, September 22, 2008
Charles reported that the meeting was postponed because of the workload associated with the Tri-Valley Conservation Award Gala coming up on October 22. All RVCA Directors are cordially invited to attend the Gala and network with their counterparts from the Mississippi and South Nation watersheds.
- c) Eastern Region Conservation Areas Meeting, September 23, 2008
Dell lead a discussion on the recent activity around the Mining Act. Mississippi Valley Conservation (MVC) has taken the lead on reviewing the situation and writing comments on behalf of all Conservation Authorities. Essentially, two adjustments are recommended: reuniting mineral and surface rights on properties without them currently, and the development of an mining exploration plan before scarification and exploration work can begin.

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

That the RVCA Board endorse comments submitted by Mississippi Valley Conservation on the discussion paper “Modernizing Ontario’s Mining Act – Finding A Balance”, and that the RVCA Board endorse AMO resolution #cc 2007-171 regarding reuniting surface and mineral rights on “surface rights only (SRO) properties”.

Motion Carried

It was further suggested that RVCA forward this Staff Report and attachments, to all City of Ottawa councillors and City Clerk Pierre Pagé.

6. **Accounts Paid, August 1 - 31, 2008**

Dell Hallett talked to several questions from the Directors.

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

That the Accounts Paid, August 1 - 31, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried

7. **Report on the Watershed Planning Program**

Lynn Preston presented a slide show (attached) on a modification to RVCA's Watershed Planning Program.

8. **September Activity Reports**

Carried on consent.

9. **In-Camera – Land Acquisition**

Motion 5	Moved by:	Ken Graham
	Seconded by:	David Crowley

That the Board move in-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 6	Moved by:	Dwight Bennett
	Seconded by:	Maria McRae

That the Board move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 7	Moved by:	Maria McRae
	Seconded by:	Michael McEwen

That the RVCA support the Foundation to acquire the land as discussed in-camera.

10. **Member Inquiries**

Directors expressed some dissatisfaction in the late arrival of documentation for the meeting. The situation should not happen again.

Directors discussed the recent announcement of GOLD LEED status for the new Rideau Valley Conservation Centre. Various ways of promoting and publicizing the achievement were discussed.

It was noted that a large tour group of the Ontario Soil & Crop Association will be in the building on October 1 for lunch and a tour.

11. **New Business** None.

12. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Middle Advisory Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – Location to be announced
- b) RVCA Upper Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, October 18, 2008 – Crow Lake School House/Meisel Woods Conservation Area event
- c) Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala, Wednesday, October 22, 2008 – Monterey Boardroom, RVC Centre
- d) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, October 23, 2008, Baxter Conservation Area, includes event, lunch and meeting

13. **Adjournment** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm on a motion by Maria McRae.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

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