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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Board of Directors                      December 18, 2008                      12/08**

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<b>Present:</b>	Alan Arbuckle David Crowley Clive Doucet Ed Hand John H. Miller	Dwight Bennett Steve Desroches Ken Graham Michael McEwen Cathy Willoughby
<b>Staff:</b>	Dell Hallett Don Maciver	Terry Davidson
<b>Regrets:</b>	Maria McRae	Glenn Brooks

Prior to the meeting, Al Arbuckle thanked Dwight Bennett for his contributions to the Board of Directors over the past seven years. He presented Dwight with a token of appreciation. Dwight Bennett has stepped down as North Grenville's representative to the RVCA. Several Board members spoke as well, and passed on their thanks to Dwight.

**1.     Declaration of Interest**

None.

**2.     Consent Agenda**

<b>Motion 1</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Ken Graham
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	David Crowley

That agenda items 3, 6 and 7 be carried on Consent.

**Motion Carried**

**3.     Approval of Minutes, November 27, 2008**

Carried on Consent.

**4.     Business Arising from Minutes**

Dwight Bennett asked for clarification of the Benefits information that was attached to the minutes.

5. **Meetings**

a) **Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, December 8, 2008**

Al Arbuckle summarized the December meeting of Conservation Ontario Council. Highlights included updates on Source Water Protection, Ontario Trails Strategy, Provincial Re-investment in Conservation Authorities Strategy and the formation of the North American Network of Basin Organizations.

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

Carried on Consent.

7. **RVCA 2009 Meeting Schedule**

Carried on Consent.

8. **North American Network of Basin Organizations**

Received for information.

9. **Staff Report – RVCA 2009 Budget**

Dell Hallett presented the 2009 Preliminary budget. Dwight Bennett reminded the Board of Directors of the motion put forward by the Middle Rideau Advisory Board to limit discretionary spending and be conscious of the pressures facing municipalities. Cathy Willoughby suggested that the letter being sent to each municipality contain a specific reference to the actual increase for each municipality as oppose to just presenting the levy apportionment sheet. The budget is based on a COLA of 2.6%, average assessment growth of 2% and an increase in administrative office costs of 1%. Staff salary increases have been incorporated into the budget within these constraints. The expected increase in cost for office financing has not been included in this budget.

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

That the 2009 RVCA Budget and Levy Apportionment Sheet (both dated December 9, 2008) be received by the Board of Directors and circulated to RVCA member municipalities for their consideration.

**Motion Carried**

10. **Member Inquiries**

None.

**11. New Business**

Steve Desroches and Clive Doucet discussed motions put forward at the City of Ottawa to explore partnership arrangements with the CA for acquisition and management of Natural Areas.

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) **RVCA Middle Advisory Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2009**
- b) **RVCA Upper Advisory Board Meeting, Monday, January 19, 2009**
- c) **RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, January 22, 2009**

**13. Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3 pm.

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**Alan Arbuckle**  
**Chair**

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**Dell Hallett**  
**Recording Secretary**

C:Board of Directors Minutes December 18 2008 Approved