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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

August 27, 2009

7/09

Present: Alan Arbuckle Glenn Brooks
David Crowley Clive Doucet
Andy Jozefowicz Michael McEwen
John H. Miller Cathy Willoughby

Guests: Barclay Cormack, North Grenville Representative to the Middle
Advisory Board
Janet Stavinga, Chair, MR Source Protection Committee

Staff: Charles Billington Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Rudy Dyck Dell Hallett
Don Maciver Bruce Reid
Brian Stratton Michael Yee

Regrets: Steve Desroches Ken Graham
Ed Hand Maria McRae

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1 Moved by: Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: David Crowley

That Agenda items 3, 7, 10 and 11 be approved by consent of the Board.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, June 25, 2009**

The minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, #6/09, June 25, 2009, are approved by consent.

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

5. **Meetings**

Conservation Ontario Council, June 29, 2009

Dell gave an overview of the topics discussed including: Integrated Watershed Management (Lake Simcoe Report), the Quinte's Green Energy Project (hydro electricity from a small dam) and restructuring at DFO and its effects on CAs. Early discussions on the eventual integration of Source Water Protection information and staff into regular CA programming were also held.

6. Staff Report – Strategic Planning

Last year at this time, the Board made several recommendations about improving conservation service to our partners. Items one and two are a direct result of that decision; item three arose since last year but it is related.

1. Client Satisfaction Report

Dell reported on the results of surveys about RVCA service to our partners carried out by EKOS. Three target groups were selected: municipalities, the agriculture community and shoreline landowners. Although not statistically significant, the Board felt that the trends indicated by the results are valid and need addressing. Dell's slide show and recommendations are attached to the Minutes.

2. Shoreline Stewardship Program

Rudy described the success of RVCA's early Shoreline Naturalization Program with numbers and pictures. The program is very well received by residents and will be expanded in 2010.

3. RVCA Organizational Structure

Based on recent communications and experiences among the Advisory Boards, some members felt that it is time for a review of the effectiveness of the RVCA organizational structure. Are the municipalities being adequately represented? General discussion followed.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: Andy Jozefewicz

That the Chairman be responsible for establishing a small, representative ad hoc committee to consider RVCA organizational options and to report back to the Board of Directors in December, 2009.

Motion Carried

7. Accounts Paid, June 1 – 30 and July 1 – 31, 2009

The Accounts Paid, June 1 – 30 and July 1 – 31, 2009, are approved by consent.

8. **Staff Report – RVCA Expenditure and Revenue Summary at June 30, 2009**

Dell made a brief presentation on the Expenditure and Revenue Statement.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Expenditure and Revenue Summary at June 30, 2009 be approved.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Fish Habitat Compensation at Baxter Conservation Area**

Michael Yee answered Directors' questions on the topic.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: John Miller

That the Board of Directors endorse the concept of Fish Habitat Compensation at the Baxter Conservation Area.

Motion Carried

10. **Staff Report – 2009 Group Benefits Renewal**

The RVCA Board of Directors accepted the 2009 Group Benefits Renewal, the terms of which have already been accepted by the Group Insurance and Benefits Committee, on consent.

11. **Staff Report – Tangible Capital Assets Policy**

The RVCA Board of Directors approves the Tangible Capital Assets Policy on consent.

12. **Staff Report – Friends of the Jock request re. Ontario Regulation 174/06 (the RVCA's "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shoreline and Watercourses" regulation)**

Don Maciver made a presentation and answered Directors' questions on the topic of how RVCA could move forward in expanding regulatory protection under the Conservation Authorities Act to more wetlands and to lakes and valley and stream corridors as provided for in Ontario Regulation 174/06. General discussion followed. Staff believes that the new regulations could be in place within a year.

On a cautionary note there was also discussion and concern about the RVCA moving too far too fast particularly in the Flewellyn Special Policy Area in the former Goulbourn Township where the City of Ottawa has made considerable progress in terms of trying to balance wetland

protection, property owner rights and land drainage. Staff responded that they believe the proposed RVCA direction respects City Council's decision in this area.

Directors feel that working with our member municipalities and with the affected property owners over the long term will produce better resource protection than rapid, independent action and that this was a good opportunity to make a strong statement about wetland loss and to give RVCA some additional tools to use in protecting wetlands throughout the watershed.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Cathy Willoughby
 Seconded by: Clive Doucet

- That in response to the request by the Friends of the Jock River as well as the findings from recent analysis of watershed conditions and needs that the RVCA change its approach to wetland regulation such that the primary prerequisite for application of the regulation will be that the MNR has deemed the feature "*provincially significant*".
- In addition the locally significant wetland features in the referenced table will be brought into the program based on our understanding that administration of the regulation will be complementary to the municipal interest in protecting the feature as expressed in the OP.
- Staff are to include the wetland features (in the accompanying table) in Public Information sessions to be held this Fall and to report back to the Board.
- And further that an update to the Work Plan for more comprehensive implementation of Ontario Regulation 174/06 including lakes, other wetlands and valley and stream corridors be brought to the Board of Directors in December 2009.

Motion Carried

13. August Activity Reports

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefewicz
 Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the August Activity Reports be received.

Motion Carried

14. Member Inquiries None.

15. New Business None.

16. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVC Foundation Meeting, September 21, 2009
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, September 24, 2009

17. **Adjournment** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

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