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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

May 28, 2009

5/09

Present: Alan Arbuckle Glenn Brooks
David Crowley Steve Desroches
Ken Graham Andy Jozefowicz
Michael McEwen Maria McRae
John H. Miller Cathy Willoughby

Staff: Dell Hallett Bruce Reid
Don Maciver Charles Billington

Regrets: Clive Doucet Ed Hand

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That Agenda items #3, #6, #7 and #10 be approved by mutual consent of the Directors.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, April 23, 2009**

The minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #4/09, April 23, 2009, are approved on consent.

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

5. **Meetings**

a) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, April 27, 2009
Alan reported that Dick Hibma is returned as Chair of CO while Mark Burnham, Chair of the MVC, is elected to the Board of Directors.

b) Municipal Council Presentations
Dell reported that two RVCA presentations have been made with positive results (North Grenville and Smiths Falls); Dell and Paul Lehman, GM of the MVC, spoke at Lanark County Council on the CA role in planning and regulation; next municipal presentation is the Town of Perth on June 2.

6. **Accounts Paid, April 1 - 30, 2009**

Accounts Paid, April 1 - 30, 2009, approved on consent.

7. **Conservation Ontario Presentation – “Reaffirming Our Priorities & Charting a Path Forward”**

This information item is received on consent.

8. **Staff Report – RVCA Expenditures and Revenues at April 30, 2009**

Dell Hallett reported that the financial picture is not as bleak as we expected given the economic downturn and the uncertainties in revenue projections and fundraising. RVCA staff will monitor progress on a monthly basis and provide another update using the end of June figures.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

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

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Friends of the Jock request re. Ontario Regulation 174/06 (the RVCA’s “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses” regulation).**

Don Maciver reported on the history of RVCA involvement with this regulation and its repercussions. Following lengthy discussion, consensus was that RVCA will continue to work with the City of Ottawa and interested property owners to complete this job done using a science-based approach.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Cathy Willoughby
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That this report be received and that staff be directed to come back to the Board at the July meeting with a strategy to specifically address the requests made by the Friends of the Jock.

Motion Carried

10. **Staff Report – 2009-2010 Provincial Transfer Payments**

This report is received for information purposes on consent.

11. **Britannia Village Flood Control Project – Status Report**

Bruce Reid made a presentation describing the history of the project.

Directors were pleased to receive the report for information purposes.

12. Brewer Park Flood Control Dyke and Pump Station

Bruce Reid presented the context of the pump replacement project which is being managed by the City of Ottawa's Infrastructure Services Branch. For information purposes only.

13. Rideau Valley Watershed Conditions Reporting Framework

Bruce Reid brought the Directors up to date on current staff thinking around the suggested new approach to reporting on watershed conditions. For information purposes only. Presentation Attached.

14. In-Camera

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
 Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Board move in-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the Board move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

15. Member Inquiries None.

16. New Business

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That Ed Hand be appointed to the Parks Canada Landscape Strategy Steering Committee on behalf of the RVCA.

Motion Carried

Steve Desroches brought the recent passing of Gord Cullingham to the attention of the Board. Gord was involved in many volunteer aspects of life around Ottawa (Heritage Restoration Committee, Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy Public Advisory Committee among many others) and will be missed.

Dell Hallett mentioned the upcoming Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee meeting on June 11 at which time the Dowdall Drain will be on the Agenda. Drainage work is subject to the Conservation Authority Act and the Federal Fisheries Act. Some people would prefer that it still worked like it did in "the good old days". RVCA's involvement as the agent for DFO in terms of fish habitat protection is sometimes not well received or understood. Our role is to

provide science-based reviews and analysis in a timely and professional manner.

17. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting and Municipal Open House, Thursday, June 18, 2009
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, June 25, 2009

18. Adjournment Steve Desroches adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

C:Board of Directors Minutes May 28 2009 Approved