



3. **Consent Agenda**

All agenda items were discussed.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2**                      **Moved by:**                      David Crowley  
**Seconded by:**                      Michael McEwen

That the minutes of the Upper Advisory Board meeting #1/09, January 19, 2009 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 3**                      **Moved by:**                      Andy Jozefowicz  
**Seconded by:**                      Estella Rose

That the minutes of the Middle Advisory Board meeting #2/09, April 15, 2009 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Michael McEwen  
**Seconded by:**                      Barclay Cormack

That the minutes of the Joint Advisory Board meeting #3/09, October 14, 2009 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

5. **Business Arising from Upper Board, Middle Board and Advisory Board Minutes**

None.

6. **Election of Officers for 2010**

Dell Hallett conducted the election for Chair and Vice-Chair, of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Advisory Board.

a) **Scrutineers**

**Motion 5**                      **Moved by:**                      Andy Jozefowicz  
**Seconded by:**                      Ken Graham

That Bruce Reid and Don Maciver be appointed as scrutineers in the event of a vote.

**Motion Carried**





Members had several questions and comments:

Barclay Cormack asked if the reduction in capital revenue had resulted in the levy increase. The capital projects were funded by special levy from Ottawa and WECl funding from MNR.

Barclay added that we should be looking for more revenue from other sources. All agreed.

Larry O'Grady sent a letter to the RVCA asking that levy be reduced. Larry commented that the public perception was not good if the RVCA will consistently look for increases beyond inflation, especially with the backdrop of other people losing jobs and generally tough economic times.

John Miller talked about Tay Valley having a similar concern but, once the Council considered the programs that were delivered and the multiplier effect, felt that it was worth the increase. John suggested all Councils should look at the details and better use of the programs.

Al Arbuckle mentioned that the CA levy is a separate line item in the City of Ottawa tax bill. He wished that all municipalities would do the same. This would improve the direct accountability to municipalities and the ratepayers.

Rob Dunfield thought that breaking out the CA levy on the tax bill would be a good idea and also questioned the 5.5% debenture rate and suggested that Rideau Lakes would be looking for a decrease in levy. The 5.5% is flow through from the City of Ottawa.

Barclay thought we would get the same sentiment from North Grenville and asked if there was room to cut back the levy.

Al reminded the group that the RVCA aggressively increased levy and program in the early 90's to bring the per capita and levy/assessment rate in line with the provincial average. Since then we have kept increases close to inflation and assessment growth. We don't want to slip back again.

Kim Weedmark asked what the debenture assumptions were during budget setting. We expected 4.5%. He suggested that the municipal representatives find out what their debenture rates are for capital projects.

Ken Graham talked about staffing being a big portion of the cost for a service provider like the RVCA and that we had to catch up to the external comparisons that were done in 2008. He was concerned about losing staff if we do not offer competitive salaries. We suggested that municipalities should get away from the % increase and consider that the actual dollar amount of the increase is not a lot of money.



12. **Member Inquiries**

None.

14. **New Business**

None.

15. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2010
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, February 18, 2010
- c) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, February 25, 2010

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm on a motion by Ken Graham.

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**Barclay Cormack**  
**Chair**

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

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