

**RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
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**Meeting Held Electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Board of Directors** **9/21** **November 25, 2021**

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<b>Present:</b>	Gerry Boyce Judy Brown Jamie Crawford Bob Foster Victor Heese Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Shawn Pankow Anne Robinson	Carolyn Bresee Vince Carroll Brian Dowdall Steve Fournier Robin Jones Pieter Leenhouts Scott Moffatt Gene Richardson Kristin Strackerjan
<b>Staff:</b>	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Kathy Dallaire Diane Downey Michelle Paton Brian Stratton	Dan Cooper Terry Davidson Glen McDonald Justin Robert
<b>Guests:</b>	Marissa Grondin	
<b>Regrets:</b>	George Darouze Rob Rothgeb	Julie Graveline

Chair Leenhouts called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson conducted a roll call.

**1.0 Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Chair Leenhouts read the following statement:

*I would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging that we are gathered across the Rideau watershed tonight which is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people as well as the traditional territory of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Oneida peoples which is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. We pay respect to all Indigenous peoples in the Rideau watershed and acknowledge their longstanding relationship with this territory. We recognize that they are the traditional guardians of this land and its water,*

*and we honour their traditional knowledge keepers and leaders: past, present and future. We commit to deepening our understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures and to move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.*

## **2.0 Agenda Review**

Chair Leenhouts welcomed Bob Foster to the RVCA Board of Directors. Councillor Foster represents the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and is replacing Don Halpenny.

Chair Leenhouts introduced Marissa Grondin, RVCA's new Executive Assistant. Ms. Grondin is replacing Michelle Paton

Chair Leenhouts reviewed the Agenda.

## **3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

<b>Motion 1-211125</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Gene Richardson
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Judy Brown

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority adopts the Agenda as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

## **4.0 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **5.0 Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2021**

<b>Motion 2-211125</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Andy Jozefowicz
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Brian Dowdall

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #08/21, October 28, 2021 as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

**6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising.

**7.0 Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2021**

Kathy Dallaire, Manager of Finance, presented financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2021 and responded to questions.

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that DRAPE is an acronym referring to aerial photography that is flown across eastern Ontario and used by a number of RVCA programs. Scott Moffatt added that the acronym stands for Digital Raster Acquisition Project Eastern Ontario.

<b>Motion 3-211125</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Carolyn Bresee
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Jamie Crawford

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Balance Sheet for the period ending September 30, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**8.0 2022 Draft Budget and Workplan**

Kathy Dallaire presented the 2022 Draft Budget and Workplan and responded to questions.

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson clarified that the MOUs between the conservation authority and member municipalities required by recent legislative changes will not take effect until the 2024 budget. The budgets for 2022 and 2023 will continue to follow our current model

<b>Motion 4-211125</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Anne Robinson
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receives the attached 2022 Draft Budget and Levy Apportionment sheet and directs staff to circulate it to all member municipalities for review and comment along with RVCA's 2022 Workplan.

**Motion Carried**

**9.0 Summary of 2021 RVCA Low Water Conditions**

Brian Stratton, Manager of Engineering Services, presented a summary of 2021 low water conditions and responded to questions.

**Motion 5-211125**                      **Moved by:**                      Steve Fournier  
**Seconded by:**                      Gerry Boyce

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receives this report for information purposes.

**Motion Carried**

**10.0 Updated Hearing Procedures Under Section 28**

Terry Davidson, Director of Engineering and Regulations, presented the Updated Hearing Procedures under Section 28 and responded to questions.

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that the updated Hearing Procedures was a complete re-write of RVCA's Executive Committee Rules and Procedures and staff would not be able to provide a red-line version for comparative purposes.

**Motion 6-211125**                      **Moved by:**                      Andy Jozefowicz  
**Seconded by:**                      Robin Jones

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached *RVCA Hearing Procedures under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act* and that they supersede *RVCA's Executive Committee Rules of Procedure* effective December 10, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**11.0 Transition Plan Under the Conservation Authorities Act**

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented the Transition Plan under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and responded to questions.

**Motion 7-211125**                      **Moved by:**                      Anne Robinson  
**Seconded by:**                      Carolyn Bresee

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached Transition Plan prepared in accordance with Ontario Regulation 687/21 and direct staff to send a copy to member municipalities and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

**Motion Carried**

**12.0 ALUS Lanark Partnership**

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed work-to-date on the proposed ALUS Lanark chapter and responded to questions. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson noted that ALUS has an excellent reputation in the agricultural community and that a partnership between Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, RVCA and Lanark County would be beneficial for all.

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that this partnership would complement RVCA's Rural Clean Water Program. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson noted that the ALUS Chapter would only be in effect in the Lanark area but there could be an opportunity to expand the program in the future.

**Motion 8-211125**

**Moved by:**

Gene Richardson

**Seconded by:**

Steve Fournier

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority support the formation of an ALUS Lanark chapter in partnership with the County of Lanark, Climate Network Lanark and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority; and

That staff be direct to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with ALUS Canada as the legal entity for "ALUS Lanark".

**Motion Carried**

**13.0 Meetings**

- a) MECP Webinar on Phase 1 Regulations, November 10, 2021
- b) RVCA Executive Committee Meeting, November 15, 2021
- c) Presentation to Montague Council: November 16, 2021  
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that this presentation focused on development review and promoted the pre-consultation process
- d) General Managers Meeting, November 18, 2021
- e) AMO/CO Webinar on Phase 1 Regulations, November 19, 2021
- f) Policy Working Group Meeting #6: November 23, 2021

Upcoming

- g) Eastern General Managers Meeting, November 26, 2021
- h) RVCF Board of Directors Meeting: December 8, 2021
- i) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: December 13, 2021
- j) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: January 27, 2022

#### **14.0 Member Inquiries**

Brian Dowdall raised concerns about the lack of outdoor lighting at the office. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that the lack of lighting that the Executive Committee experienced at the office following a hearing on November 23 was a result of a power failure the previous day. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the outdoor lights have since been reset.

#### **15.0 New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Steve Fournier.

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**Pieter Leenhouts**  
Chair

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**Michelle Paton**  
Recording Secretary

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**Sommer Casgrain-Robertson**  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer