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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **March 26, 2009** **3/09**

Present: Alan Arbuckle David Crowley
Steve Desroches Clive Doucet
Ken Graham Ed Hand
Andy Jozefowicz Michael McEwen
John H. Miller Cathy Willoughby

Staff: Ferdous Ahmed Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Martin Czarski Diane Downey
Rudy Dyck Dell Hallett
Don Maciver Shelley Macpherson
Bruce Reid Brian Stratton

Regrets: Glenn Brooks Maria McRae

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion 1 **Moved by:** John H. Miller
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That Agenda items #6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 16 be carried by mutual consent of the Directors.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, February 19, 2009

Mrs. Willoughby highlighted an error in the minutes referred to as a decision of the "Rural Clean Water Board." Instead, it should be recorded that it was a decision of the Rural Clean Water Steering Committee.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #2/09, February 19, 2009, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

5. **Meetings**

a) RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2009

b) Conservation Ontario Council, March 2, 2009

Dell reported on his and Chair, Alan Arbuckle's attendance at the Conservation Ontario Council meeting. Highlights include:

- Member Survey — all CA General Managers and Chairs have completed. This survey will assist with a future Conservation Ontario strategic planning session scheduled for April 22, 2009.
- Accessible Communications and Information Standards — new legislation (Ministry of Communications and Social Services) requiring compliancy in 2012. Conservation Authorities continue to investigate how it will impact program delivery.
- Green Energy and Green Economy Act — Conservation Ontario is responding to the province with concerns relating to the lack of local decision-making surrounding this act (e.g. Official Plans will have no status, RVCA regulations will have partial recognition.

c) Source Water Protection Meeting, March 5, 2009

Motion 3

Moved by:

Michael McEwen

Seconded by:

Ed Hand

That Joint Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2009, Conservation Ontario Council, March 2, 2009 verbal report and Source Water Protection Meeting, March 5, 2009, verbal report be received.

Motion Carried

6. **Accounts Paid, February 1 – 28, 2009**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

7. **Staff Report – Award of Contract – RVCA Client Satisfaction Survey**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. **Staff Report – Consultant Selection – Village of Lanark Groundwater Vulnerability Study, Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

9. **Staff Report – Tier 1 Water Budget and Stress Assessment**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. **Staff Report – Kemptville Creek Flood Mapping – Hydraulic Modelling and Map Production**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

11. **Staff Report – 2009 – 2010 Provincial Grant Applications for Water Control Structure Repairs and/or Decommissioning**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

12. **Staff Report – Endangered Species Act (ESA) - Ontario**

Martin Czarski circulated to the members the Conservation Ontario kit folder entitled *Stewardship Partners — Working Together to Recover Species at Risk* which included two sheets: *Species at Risk in South-eastern Ontario* and OMNR's *What Species are at Risk in Ontario*.

Mr. Czarski presented background information on the ESA including:

- i) key elements of the ESA
- ii) species at risk in the Rideau Watershed
- iii) how the ESA could impact Authority activities as a regulator and a landowner level

In the short-term:

- 1) RVCA will make existing MNR material (brochures, website, etc) available to public through RVCA LandOwner Resource Centre staff.
- 2) The RVCA will respect the intent of the revised legislation through our ongoing management of conservation lands.

In the long-term, further discussion is required with staff and neighbouring CA's to ensure our approach is consistent. Discussion with our member municipalities is required to ensure their service needs are met. Staff will report back to the Board on further efforts that may be required such as policy development and other accommodations.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the report be received.

Motion Carried

13. **Staff Report – Ontario Regulation 174/06 Activity Summary**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

14. **Staff Report – Activity Report – Ontario Regulation 174/06, “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses” Regulation under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario**

Cathy Willoughby requested a time frame in which staff are dealing with Section 28 review of drainage related projects and how this relates to cost recovery. Don Maciver indicated that files dramatically vary in time and effort. For example, a Section 35 letter of advice relating to a drain clean out could take several hours whereas a request for a new drain could take up to two years. Mr. Maciver clarified the goal is that 60% is cost recovery and 40% is covered through levy. The current reality is that 40% of the cost of the overall program is recovered and 60% is covered through levy.

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

That the report be received.

Motion Carried

15. **Staff Report – Work Plan Progress – Ontario Regulation 274/06 Advancing to more comprehensive implementation**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

16. **March Activity Reports**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

17. **Member Inquiries**

None.

18. **New Business**

Rudy Dyck circulated a Staff Report, Emerald Ash Borer Task Force to the members for discussion.

Cathy Willoughby inquired as to whether transportation of nursery stock will be impacted by a potential Ministerial Order from the Federal Minister of Agriculture prohibiting the transport of firewood and ash products outside the City of Ottawa. Mr. Dyck responded stating that the RVCA won't be planning ash as part of future spring tree planting programs.

Mrs. Willoughby also asked the RVCA intends on monitoring ash trees in RVCA plots. Mr. Dyck said that although there has been no formal recording to date, it is something the RVCA intends on doing in partnership with forestry and conservation area management staff.

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Michael McEwan
Seconded by: David Crowley

That the report be received.

Motion Carried

19. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVCA Upper Advisory Board, 7 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2009
- b) RVCA Middle Advisory Board, 7 pm, Wednesday, April 15, 2009
- c) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, April 23, 2009

20. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary

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