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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

September 24, 2009

8/09

Present: Alan Arbuckle David Crowley
Ken Graham Ed Hand
Andy Jozefowicz Michael McEwen
John H. Miller

Staff: Diane Downey Kristy Giles
Dell Hallett Don Maciver
Bruce Reid

Regrets: Glenn Brooks Steve Desroches
Clive Doucet Maria McRae
Cathy Willoughby

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That agenda items 3, 6, 9 and 10 be approved by consent.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, August 27, 2009**

The minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #7/09, August 27, 2009 are approved by consent.

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

5. Meetings

a) Biennial Tour Organization Committee, September 17, 2009

John Miller updated the group saying that plans are moving forward in a timely fashion for the fall 2010 tour. Mark Burnham (MVC) and Alan Arbuckle will be announcing the event at the upcoming Conservation Ontario meeting on October 5. The draft promotional brochure was circulated for review. Early-bird registration starts October 1, 2009.

b) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, September 3, 2009

Ken Graham reported that there was good attendance at the last meeting. Special thanks to Drummond/North Elmsley for allowing the Committee to meet at their wonderful facility at such short notice.

c) RVC Foundation, Monday, September 10, 2009

Diane Downey highlighted two items from the last RVCF meeting:

- The RVCF Endowment Funds are approaching their first milestone of reaching \$100,000. Once the funds reach this number, the Foundation intends on withdrawing the annual interest for conservation purposes.
- The MVC is hosting this year's Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala on Wednesday, October 21 at the Almonte Old Town Hall. It was a record year with 28 nominations. We hope our board members will join us on the 21st to celebrate local conservation achievements.

d) Ad Hoc Committee on Organization Structure, September 8 and 15, 2009

Alan Arbuckle briefly outlined the three scenarios that have been developed by the ad hoc committee:

1. status quo
2. hybrid – blending the Upper and Middle Boards
3. broadening representation

These options will be presented at the next joint meeting of the Upper and Middle Boards on October 14. The Committee hopes to get input on the proposed structure and prepare for a future briefing with the City of Ottawa. Once these steps are complete, the Committee will return with its recommendations to the Board of Directors for final decision on the matter.

6. **Accounts Paid, August 1 – 31, 2009**

Accounts Paid, August 1 – 31, 2009 (Attachment #1) are approved by consent.

7. **Staff Report – RVCA Expenditure and Revenue Summary at August 31, 2009**

Dell Hallett reported that a major review of expenditures and revenue were completed at the end of June and included projections to the end of the year. At that time, staff anticipated a \$140,000 deficit; however, staff continue to monitor monthly expenses and are already expecting that this number will be reduced. Another major review will take place at the end of September.

Ken Graham inquired as to whether Ottawa has determined the debenture rate. Dell stated that the rate has not been finalized and they are working with an assumed rate of 5.5%.

Alan Arbuckle observed that the RVCA budget has very little flexibility as it is predominantly staff salary.

8. **Staff Report – Motts Mills Dam Operational Review**

Bruce Reid presented highlights of the Motts Mill Dam Operational Review — Final Report (Attachment #2) and answered questions.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: David Crowley

1. That the Board receive the report entitled *Motts Mills Dam Operational Review - Final Report*.
2. That the report be distributed to adjacent landowners affected by the report's recommendations, Ducks Unlimited Canada (Kingston), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (Kemptville) and the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley.
3. That the maximum flood level for the dam be established at 124.08 metres - the level of the crest of the west overflow weir.
4. That some means of manipulating the head pond level be retained in the water control structure to permit water levels to be lowered and raised for wetland vegetation and fisheries management purposes.
5. That the RVCA as owner/operator of the structure should consider entering into flooding easement agreements with registered owners of properties upstream of the dam, to obtain the legal right to cause flooding of any lands that are lower than 124.08 metres in elevation.
6. That regular removal of beaver dam debris in the sluices should continue to ensure that the stop logs can be operated when necessary.

7. That staff be directed to initiate dialogue with other individuals/organizations so as to establish a partnership for Hutton Marsh management/restoration, including adjacent landowners, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Grenville Fish and Game Club and others.
8. That staff be directed to apply for 2010-2011 WECl funding (and other sources) to support an engineering design for dam rehabilitation.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – DART – Drainage Act & Regulation Team Provincial Committee on Consistent Use of Drainage and CA Acts**

The RVCA Board of Directors received this report (Attachment #3) by consent.

10. **September Activity Reports**

The September Activity Reports (Attachment #4) were received by consent.

11. **Member Inquiries** None.

12. **New Business**

Dell Hallett circulated a letter addressed to the Board Members from the Township of Rideau Lakes dated September 14, 2009 (Attachment #5). The Township is requesting exemption from obtaining permits in the case of culvert replacement of the same diameter and flow rate. The Township would ensure that no work is carried out in/near a watercourse during fish spawning season and that all criteria for working in/near a watercourse are met for each project.

Motion 3	Moved by:	John Miller
	Seconded by:	David Crowley

That RVCA staff investigate the nature of this request and provide an update at the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Don Maciver circulated a copy of the news release highlighting the upcoming three open houses regarding changes to regulations (Attachment #6).

- September 29, 2009 — 3:30 to 8:30 at the Smiths Falls Legion, Smiths Falls
- September 30, 2009 — 3:30 to 8:30 at the Maplewood Community Centre, Oxford Mills
- October 5, 2009 — 3:30 to 8:30 at the RVCA Conservation Centre, Manotick

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a) Conservation Ontario Meeting, October 5, 2009
- b) RVCA Joint Advisory Board, 7 pm, Wednesday, October 14, 2009
- c) Tri-Valley Awards Conservation Gala, Wednesday, October 21, 2009
- d) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, October 22, 2009

14. In-Camera

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Board of Directors goes in-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Ed Hand
Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

- 15. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. on a motion by David Crowley.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary