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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **April 22, 2010** **04/10**

Present:	Alan Arbuckle David Crowley Clive Doucet Andy Jozefowicz	Glenn Brooks Steve Desroches Ed Hand John H. Miller
Staff:	Diane Downey Kristy Giles Don Maciver	Rudy Dyck Dell Hallett Bruce Reid
Regrets:	Barclay Cormack Michael McEwen	Ken Graham Maria McRae

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion	Moved by:	Andy Jozefowicz
	Seconded by:	Ed Hand

That Agenda items 3, 6, and 8 be approved on consent.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, March 25, 2010

Approved by consent.

4. Business Arising from Minutes None.

5. Meetings

- a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, Thursday, April 1, 2010

Alan Arbuckle attended the meeting. He commented that the information introduced at the April 1 meeting was very similar to the presentation by Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Project Co-Manager, at the Source Protection Authority Meeting that was held earlier in the evening. Sommer presented highlights from the draft Perth and Smiths Falls Surface Water Studies.

- b) Conservation Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, April 15, 2010

Alan Arbuckle commented that there was a lot of good discussion and a reasonable turnout at the Advisory Board meeting. There was a brief discussion on the RVCA's organizational structure as well as other sources of revenue, the budget process and subwatershed reporting.

- c) RVC Foundation Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2010

Dell Hallett announced that Jason Kelly was elected Chair of the RVCF as Mary Bryden chose to step down.

6. Accounts Paid, March 1 – 31, 2010

Approved by consent.

7. Staff Report – Foley Mountain Road Repaving Project

Steve Desroches expressed how pleased he was to see the project supported through federal funding. He was however concerned about the bid process with only one contractor stepping forward. Jim Ellis, Director of Conservation Lands, explained that he did contact various local contractors but only one submitted prior to the deadlines. In reviewing the prices, he feels that it is a reasonable quote. Just recently, the costs were reduced \$2,000 in light of lower oil prices.

Clive Doucet asked if paving was the right approach. Staff ensured Mr. Doucet that this is the best solution given the slope and drainage issues at Foley Mountain.

Motion	Moved by:	Steve Desroches
	Seconded by:	David Crowley

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority proceed with repaving the roadway at Foley Mountain Conservation Area on the quote provided by G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Co. Ltd.

Motion Carried

8. **March Activity Reports**

Approved by consent.

9. **Member Inquiries** None.

10. **New Business**

a) **2010 Biennial Tour Update**

John Miller said that although the organizing committee hasn't met recently, the MVC and RVCA staff continue to work through details in preparation for the Biennial Tour. Fifty-six people have registered leaving 44 spots to be filled before July 4.

b) **Upper Flowing Creek**

Don Maciver, Director of Planning and Regulations, provided an update on Upper Flowing Creek activities regarding a proposal for work under the *Drainage Act* (see attached Supplementary Activity Report — Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services). The RVCA's roll was to ensure compliance under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Section 35 of the *Fisheries Act*. Letters of advice and approval have been issued.

A consultant completed significant work on behalf of the petitioners. The RVCA received an invoice totaling \$44,350.00 from an engineering firm for work undertaken as part of the proposal. The RVCA is following advice from their legal advisors at Bell, Baker disputing these costs and their payment through the Drainage Act. The Board can expect more updates as we work to resolve this situation.

Glenn Brooks cautioned that these assessments will continue to be an issue as more expensive studies are required to complete these approval processes. He feels that if an agency requests an additional study, they should be prepared to cover the costs.

c) **Banking Services**

Dell Hallett announced that staff would be investigating banking services in hopes of reducing fees and improving interest in the long term. In the interim staff will be investing money in hand to receive interest. Dell anticipates a staff report will be available for review in May.

d) **Water Quality Monitoring — Selection of a Laboratory for Sample Analysis Services**

Patrick Larson presented various prices for water quality sample analysis services required for the RVCA water chemistry monitoring programs. Although RVCA has used ROPEC since 1991, ROPEC is currently reviewing its fees and anticipates a significant increase to costs. As a result, a comparative cost analysis was initiated by RVCA. Patrick reviewed the various costs and services provided by the six labs who submitted costs.

