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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

March 21, 2013

2/13

Present:	Jim Anderton	Gerry Boyce
	Vince Carroll	David Chernushenko
	Barclay Cormack	David Crowley
	Tom Dewey	Rob Dunfield
	Ken Graham	Ed Hand
	Andy Jozefowicz	Magda Kubasiewicz
	Lyle Pederson	Ray Scissons
Staff:	Terry Davidson	Diane Downey
	Rudy Dyck	Kristy Giles
	Dell Hallett	Don Maciver
	Shelley Macpherson	Michelle Paton
	Bruce Reid	
Regrets:	Alan Arbuckle	Lee Armstrong
	Steve Curtis	John H. Miller
	Scott Moffatt	Sharon Mousseau
	Mark Tinlin	Bradley Wing

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1 **Moved by:**
 Seconded by:

That Agenda items 3, 5a, 8 and 9 be approved by mutual consent.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, February 28, 2013**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, #1/13, February 28, 2013 are approved by consent.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

In response to a question from Jim Anderton, Dell Hallett confirmed that Municipal Information Sheets can be prepared for any of RVCA's member municipalities and added that staff are available to present to municipal councils or municipal staff upon request.

5. Accounts Paid, January 1 – 31 and February 1 - 28, 2013

The Accounts Paid, January 1 to 31, 2013 were approved by mutual consent.

Board members inquired about various details regarding the accounts paid for the period February 1 to 28, 2013.

Motion 2	Moved by:	Jim Anderton
	Seconded by:	Ed Hand

That the Accounts Paid, February 1 to 28, 2013 be approved.

Motion Carried

6. Staff Presentation – Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report

Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report (attached). Bruce Reid spoke to the objectives of watershed reporting. Rudy Dyck addressed the promotion of stewardship and restoration projects and highlighted the Perth Water Treatment Plant Shoreline Naturalization Project (presentation attached). Diane Downey highlighted the communication activities associated with the launch of the report.

Motion 3	Moved by:	Ed Hand
	Seconded by:	Lyle Pederson

WHEREAS human health and well-being depends on an abundant supply of pure, clean water

WHEREAS quality and abundance of water can be safeguarded by sound environmental protection and stewardship of the watershed

WHEREAS the first step to stewardship is being aware and understanding the value of our watershed resources

The Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority hereby acknowledges March 22, 2013 as World Water Day and, as part of the local water awareness program, launches the *Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report 2012*.

Motion Carried

7. Staff Report – Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report

Bruce Reid advised that copies of the Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report were available for distribution.

Ms. Downey reiterated that, should the opportunity arise, RVCA staff are always available to make presentations to municipal council and/or municipal staff and can prepare municipal information sheets or other communication products tools as requested.

Magda Kubasiewicz advised that she had attended the Brewer Park Pond Restoration Project Open House at which the Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report 2012 had been made available. Ms. Kubasiewicz added that the report provided a great opportunity to illustrate Brewer Pond's place within the Lower Rideau Subwatershed

Motion 4 **Moved by:** David Chernushenko
 Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board of Directors receive the report entitled "Lower Rideau Subwatershed Report – 2012: A report on the environmental condition of the Lower Rideau River" and authorize its distribution to all member municipalities, government agencies, non-government organizations and the community at large.

Motion Carried

8. Staff Report – Ad Hoc Committee – Staff Compensation

The following motion from the Staff Report – Ad Hoc Committee – Staff Compensation was approved on consent:

That the following Board members be appointed to an ad hoc committee to deal with staff compensation: Ken Graham, Al Arbuckle, Barclay Cormack, Lyle Pederson, and Steve Curtis

9. Staff Report – Ottawa Septic System Office 2013 Fee Schedule

The following motion from the Staff Report – Ottawa Septic System Office 2013 Fee Schedule was approved on consent:

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the attached Ottawa Septic System Office Proposed 2013 Fee Schedule as per the requirements of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23 as amended by S.O. 201, c.19, schedule 2 section 7. (6) BCA.

10. Staff Report – Hunting on Conservation Lands

Kristy Giles, RVCA’s Manager of Conservation Lands, reviewed the rationale behind the proposed guidelines relating to hunting on conservation lands. Ms. Giles confirmed that the one of the objectives is to gather information on hunting practices and as such no costs are associated with the proposed permitting process. She added that the intent is to manage existing hunting activities.

Ms. Giles confirmed that the development of a permitting process relates to a need for due diligence and anticipates outcomes associated with the management plan process.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Jim Anderton
Seconded by: Tom Dewey

That the RVCA develop a permit, permitting process and internal review committee to consider requests for hunting on conservation lands and that the following guidelines will be adopted to direct the administration and enforcement of all hunting related activity on conservation lands.

Motion Carried

11. Staff Presentation – Emerald Ash Borer

Rudy Dyck gave a presentation and answered questions on the Emerald Ash Borer, its effects on local ash trees, and RVCA’s Emerald Ash Borer Strategy (attached).

Motion 6 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: Barclay Cormack

That the Board of Directors receive the presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer.

Motion Carried

12. March Activity Reports

Staff answered Board Member inquiries regarding March Activity Reports and were asked to provide comparative watershed reporting data where possible.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Lyle Pederson
Seconded by: Ed Hand

That the Board approve the March Activity Reports.

Motion Carried

13. Member Inquiries None

14. New Business

Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative (A2A)

In response to an invitation to RVCA to become a partner of the Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative (A2A), Jim Anderton agreed to attend the first partner meeting on March 23, 2013 and report back to the Board on the benefits of formally joining this collaborative.

15. Upcoming Meetings

- a) Conservation Ontario meeting, Monday, April 8, 2013
Ken Graham and Dell Hallett will represent RVCA at this meeting.
- b) RVCF Board of Directors meeting, Noon, Monday, April 22, 2013
- c) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, April 25, 2013

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. This was moved by David Chernushenko and seconded by Jim Anderton.

Ken Graham
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary