

RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
February 15, 2024

RRCA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
18045 County Rd 2, Cornwall, ON

PRESENT: Bryan McGillis, South Stormont, Chair
Lachlan McDonald, South Glengarry
Andrew Guindon, South Stormont
Adrian Bugelli, North Stormont
Carilyne Hebert, City of Cornwall
Claude McIntosh, City of Cornwall

STAFF: Richard Pilon, General Manager
Josianne Sabourin, Administrative Assistant
Scott Braithwaite, Project Assistant
Phil Barnes, Team Lead, Watershed Management
Laura Grant, Project Manager
Jessica Herrington, Stewardship Coordinator
Brendan Jacobs, Stewardship Specialist
Pete Sabourin, Team Lead, Field Operations
Jason Symington, Resource Specialist
Lisa Van De Ligt, Team Lead, Communications & Stewardship

REGRETS: Jacques Massie, North Glengarry, Vice-Chair
Martin Lang, South Glengarry

CALL TO ORDER

Bryan McGillis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #18/24:

Moved by: Claude McIntosh
Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Staff presented Project Updates through a PowerPoint presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #19/24:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT the minutes of the January 14, 2024, meeting of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION #20/24:

Moved by: Andrew Guindon
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT representatives be appointed to various Committees for 2024, as follows:

Source Protection Committee

Bryan McGillis

Source Protection Management Committee

Bryan McGillis

Jacques Massie

Claude McIntosh

Richard Pilon

Conservation Ontario Council

Bryan McGillis – Voting Delegate

Jacques Massie – First Alternate

Richard Pilon - Second Alternate

St. Lawrence River Restoration Council

Richard Pilon

Brendan Jacobs (Alternate)

City of Cornwall Environment & Climate Change Committee

Lisa Van De Ligt

SDG Community Forestry Working Group

Lisa Van De Ligt

CARRIED

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT MANDATORY DELIVERABLES UPDATE

RESOLUTION #21/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald
Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

THAT the Board of Directors receive the *Conservation Authorities Act* Mandatory Deliverables Update, as presented.

CARRIED

BAINSVILLE BAY (POINTE-MOUILÉE) RESTORATION

RESOLUTION #22/24:

Moved by: Andrew Guindon
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT the Board of Directors approve awarding of the Bainsville Bay (Pointe-Mouillée) ponds excavation contract to Entreprise S. Besner Inc. at a rate of \$530.00 per hour, plus taxes, and a flat rate of \$3,000 for cost and transportation of materials, to an upset limit of \$49,000.

CARRIED

TIMELINE REPORT FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 28

RESOLUTION #23/24:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Timeline Report for Permissions Under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, as presented.

CARRIED

2024 FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION #24/24

Moved by: Claude McIntosh
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors receive the RRCA's 2024 Flood Contingency Plan.

CARRIED

FORESTRY INITIATIVES UPDATE

RESOLUTION #25/24:

Moved by: Carilyne Hebert
Seconded by: Adrian Bugelli

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Forestry Initiatives Update, as presented.

CARRIED

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

RESOLUTION #26/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald
Seconded by: Adrian Bugelli

THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting \$360,000 from the Government of Canada under the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative to restore and enhance a Provincially Significant Coastal Wetland within the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern at Cornwall/Akwesasne;

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting \$240,000 from the Government of Canada under the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative to develop a eutrophication strategy for the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern at Cornwall/Akwesasne;

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors retroactively approve requesting \$9,100 from Conservation Ontario for tree planting;

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with funders and partners, if required.

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

RRCA Board of Directors – Mar 21st, Apr 18th, May 16th, Jun 20th

A request was made by Carilyne Hebert that a Land Acknowledgement be recited at future Board of Directors meetings.

RESOLUTION #27/24:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT a Land Acknowledgment (short version) be added to our agenda, following the Call to Order, and recited at all future Board of Directors meetings, starting with our next scheduled meeting dated March 21, 2024.

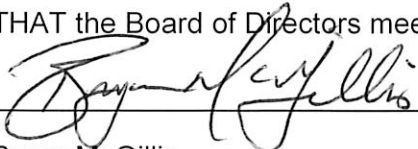
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

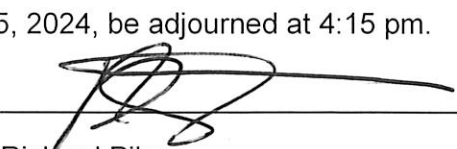
RESOLUTION #28/24:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT the Board of Directors meeting of February 15, 2024, be adjourned at 4:15 pm.



Bryan McGillis
Chair



Richard Pilon
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer