RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2025

COOPER MARSH VISITORS CENTRE
20020 County Rd. 2, Summerstown, ON

PRESENT:	Bryan McGillis, South Stormont, Chair Andrew Guindon, South Stormont Jacques Massie, North Glengarry Carilyne Hebert, City of Cornwall Claude McIntosh, City of Cornwall Martin Lang, South Glengarry Lachlan McDonald, South Glengarry
STAFF:	Alison McDonald, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer Josianne Sabourin, Administrative Assistant Phil Barnes, Team Lead, Watershed Management Annabelle Beaudry, Nature Interpreter Scott Braithwaite, Project Coordinator Cheyene Brunet, Stewardship Coordinator (A) Sandy Crites, Finance Officer Lissa Deslandes, Regulations Officer Brandon Jacobs, Stewardship Specialist Caroline Kupczyk, Conservation Technician Vincent Pilon, Communications Specialist Pete Sabourin, Team Lead, Field Operations Jason Symington, Source Protection Project Manager Lisa Van De Ligt, Team Lead, Communications and Stewardship
REGRETS:	Adrian Bugelli, North Stormont
GUEST:	Jamie Pollock, MNP

CALL TO ORDER

Bryan McGillis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read, recognizing that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee peoples, the Mohawks of Akwesasne, original keepers of this land, past and present. The acknowledgment included gratitude for the opportunity to gather and thanks to all generations who have cared for the land for thousands of years.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #42/25

Moved by: Martin Lang
Seconded by: Claude McIntosh

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 #43/25:

Moved by: Andrew Guindon
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

That the minutes of May 1, 2025, meeting of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jamie Pollock from MNP presented the 2024 Audited Financial Statement.

RESOLUTION #44/25:

Moved by: Claude McIntosh
Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors approve a net transfer from reserves of ($145,111) and,

THAT special benefitting area surpluses and deficits be added to, or taken from the appropriate reserves as part of end of year municipal levies settlements; and,

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2024 Financial Statements

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

The General Manager presented the Board with the Statement of Operations for the period ending April 30, 2025

RRCA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN – FINAL REPORT

RESOLUTION #45/25: Moved by: Jacques Massie
Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2025 Strategic Action Plan Final Report.

CARRIED

FORMATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Following a discussion among members regarding interest and suitability for participation, the Board appointed three members to serve on the Corporate Services Working Group. The members appointed to this group are Lachlan McDonald, Martin Lang and Jacques Massie.

RESOLUTION #46/25: Moved by: Lachlan McDonald
Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

THAT the Board of Directors appoint three members to sit on the Corporate Services Working Group to begin working on the topics included in this report.

CARRIED

2024 RRCA ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLUTION #47/25: Moved by: Jacques Massie
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2025 RRCA Annual Report.

CARRIED

WETLAND ESTABLISHMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

RESOLUTION #48/25: Moved by: Martin Lang
Seconded by: Carilyne Hebert

THAT the Board of Directors approve contracting 2025-26 fiscal year wetland establishment and enhancement projects to ARL Land Improvements Limited, Edwin's Excavating Services, Pasco Excavation Inc., and Mike Redpath Dragline Services to a combined upset limit of $1,200,000 plus tax.

CARRIED

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

RESOLUTION #49/25: Moved by: Carilyne Hebert
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting up to $250,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to support tree planting projects in partnership with its member municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting $8,000 from the River Institute to provide technical support towards their project to develop and evaluate nature-based solutions for coastlines protection and stabilization in the Upper St. Lawrence River;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with funders, as required.

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

RRCA Board of Directors starting at 9:00 am – Sept 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION #50/25:

Moved by: Carilyne Hebert
Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

THAT the Board of Directors Meeting of June 5, 2025 be adjourned.

Bryan McGillis
Chair

Alison McDonald
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer