



## Orange Water and Sewer Authority

*A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.*

### Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Meeting on July 28, 2011

*Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. Audio recordings of the OWASA Board's meetings and the Board's official minutes, when adopted, are available to citizens for review. Video recordings of OWASA Board meetings in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.*

- **New Board Members take oath of office:** Ms. Dana Stidham, a resident of Carrboro; and Will Raymond, a resident of Chapel Hill, took the oath of office as new members of the OWASA Board. Ms. Stidham has a Master of Science degree in architecture and community and regional planning from the University of Texas at Austin. She has served on the Town of Carrboro's Environmental and Transportation Advisory Boards, and worked as a professional planner in three municipalities. Mr. Raymond is a consulting software developer and he has been the Chief Information Officer of two local firms. He has served on several local boards and committees, and has a Bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from East Carolina University.
- **Presentation by Bill Holman and Kevin Brice regarding Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative (UNCWI).** Messrs. Holman and Brice reviewed land acquisitions to protect water quality in the Upper Neuse River Basin, which includes Falls Lake; and UNCWI's proposal that localities establish recurring annual revenues for water quality protection by adding one penny per 100 gallons to their water rates. OWASA has acquired more than 1,500 acres of land and conservation easements in the Cane Creek and University Lake watersheds. The OWASA Board's Natural Resources/Technical Systems Committee will next discuss the UNCWI proposal.
- **Orange County's Telecommunications Plan.** The Board agreed to participate in Orange County's program to request proposals from private telecommunication companies to install wireless transmission antennas on various sites, including OWASA land on the west side of the Cane Creek Reservoir. All sites evaluated through the County's program would be subject to balloon tests, visual impact assessments, and public comment. If a proposal is received to install an antenna on the OWASA land, OWASA would negotiate specific terms with the company regarding siting, appearance, rental payment requirements, OWASA's rights to use the antenna for OWASA communications, etc.
- **Report from Outreach and Education Committee.** Board Member John Young reported on the Committee's July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which the implementation plan for Outreach and Education goals and objectives was discussed. The Committee and

staff are working to more formally define OWASA's "brand" and will meet in August for further discussion.

For more information, please see the agenda materials on the OWASA webpage at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next scheduled business meeting will be on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. (The August 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting has been canceled.)