



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 June 9, 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.

- **Budget, capital program and rates:** The Board approved an operating budget of \$19.1 million and a capital improvements program totaling \$9.9 million for the fiscal year from July, 2011 through June, 2012 (FY 2012), and a 2% increase in monthly rates. For a residence using 5,000 gallons of water and sewer service per month, bills will increase \$1.66, from \$81.87 to \$83.53.
- **Access to Jordan Lake water supply:** The Board adopted a resolution agreeing to implement mandatory water shortage restrictions in the future before any purchasing any water from neighboring communities or obtaining water from OWASA's Jordan Lake storage allocation – provided that Carrboro and Chapel Hill approve previously proposed language to clarify that the 2001 Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement cannot be construed to prevent OWASA from obtaining water from its Jordan Lake allocation.
- **Election of officers:** Gordon Merklein will continue as Chair, Alan Rimer will continue as Vice Chair and Amy Witsil will be the Secretary to the Board effective on July 1.
- **Natural Resources/Technical Systems (NRTS) Committee:** Alan Rimer, Chair of the NRTS Committee, reported on discussion of Orange County's telecommunications plan to enhance mobile phone signal coverage for 911 calls, etc. and a proposal by a regional water resource organization (the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative) for funding future purchase of land and conservation easements in watersheds to protect water quality.
- **Outreach and Education Committee:** William Stott, Chair of the Outreach and Education Committee, discussed the draft charge to the Committee and the Committee's draft Goal Statements and Objectives. The Committee will meet on July 13th to discuss staff's draft implementation plans for the goals and objectives.
- **New appointee to the Board:** It was announced that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen recently appointed Ms. Dana Stidham to the seat now held by Braxton Foushee, whose term will expire on June 30th.

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 25th at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.