



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' Annual Meeting on September 22, 2016

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 held in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.

The Board:

- **Authorized OWASA's Executive Director to apply for low-interest loans and grants from the State of North Carolina.**
- **Received a draft of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, including the independent auditor's report, for the fiscal year from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.** The auditor gave an unmodified opinion which means that OWASA's financial statements fairly represent the organization's financial condition. OWASA continues to meet financial management objectives and provide high quality drinking water, wastewater and reclaimed water services, and is pursuing affordability outreach, energy management, and other initiatives.
- **Received a presentation on OWASA's use of chloramines to treat drinking water and denied a petition to hire an independent consultant to assess the effect chloramines have had on plumbing systems in Chapel Hill and what corrective actions are required to resolve past effects and avoid future effects.** The Board accepted the Natural Resources and Technical Services Committee's recommendation that chloramines remain OWASA's best option as its secondary disinfectant due to the significant reductions in disinfectant byproducts they provide. Staff will inform and engage customers and other stakeholders such as plumbers, realtors, and home and plumbing inspectors about the safety of our water and our use of chloramines.
- **Reappointed the firm of Epting and Hackney as OWASA's General Counsel.**
- **Received a staff report on the capital improvements program** including Fiscal Year 2016 expenditures, participation rates for minority and women owned businesses, and capital projects active during Fiscal Year 2016 including sewer and water line renovations and replacements, facility upgrades and renovations.
- **Received information on the process to update OWASA's Long-Range Water Supply Plan.** The Board authorized staff to offer a presentation to the local elected Boards in accordance with the *Community Engagement Plan for Long-Range Water Supply Plan Update*.

For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>. The OWASA Board's next meeting is a Work Session scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.