



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 January 26, 2017

Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board of Directors. OWASA's webpage with Board meeting information includes the Board's adopted minutes, agenda materials, staff's meeting summaries, audio recordings of Board meetings on second Thursdays of the month, and video recordings of Board meetings on fourth Thursdays of most months.

The Board of Directors:

- **Received a presentation by representatives of the Friends of Bolin Creek regarding the creek's wildlife and other ecological information.** OWASA plans in future years to replace a sewer in the Bolin Creek area from Estes Drive Extension to Homestead Road. The planning and design of this project will include providing information to and seeking feedback from stakeholders including the Friends of Bolin Creek.
- **Received the financial report for the six-month period ended December 2016.** OWASA continues to meet its financial management objectives.
- **Received a semi-annual report on capital projects.** The Board asked staff to provide additional information in future reports when there are significant delays in or budget impacts from a project(s).
- **Received the annual report on recreation at the Cane Creek Reservoir and University Lake.** Lake patronage increased 5% and lake revenues increased 4% in 2016. The Board approved continuing the birdwatching program on Wednesday mornings at the Cane Creek Reservoir from mid-November to mid-March.
- **Agreed to re-evaluate OWASA's rate structure for charging customers for monthly water and sewer service when the Advanced Metering Infrastructure system is in place in about two years. The Board also plans to review this fall the impact of the recent change in the water rate for multi-family master-metered customers.** The Board periodically reviews OWASA's rate structure to ensure it is meeting the rate-setting objectives of equity across customer classes, understandability, service affordability, conservation promotion and revenue stability.

The Board will meet on Thursday, February 9th at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro and on Thursday, February 23rd at 7 PM in the Council Chamber at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.