

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 25, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a regular Business Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Directors present: Randy Kabrick, P.E., Chair; Gordon Merklein, Vice Chair; Fred Battler; Joyce C. Preslar Alan Rimer and William R. Stott. Board members absent: Braxton Foushee, Secretary; and Michael A. (Mac) Clarke.

OWASA staff: Ed Kerwin; John Greene; Mason Crum; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; Ed Holland; Heidi Lamay; Andrea Orbich; Dan Przybyl; Kevin Ray; Stephen Winters; and Robert Epting, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

Others present: Ben Poulson, Associate Director of Energy Services and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Harlan Hall, Jason M. Allen and Danny Ray of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission; and Craig Benedict, Orange County resident.

There being a quorum present, Chair Randy Kabrick called the meeting to order.

MOTIONS ACTED UPON

1. Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2010 Board meeting; the motion was seconded by William Stott and carried by unanimous vote.
2. Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Public Hearing and Board meeting; the motion was seconded by William Stott and carried by unanimous vote.
3. Fred Battle made a motion to adopt and modify the hunting schedule and allowable number of State permits for archery hunting of deer on the OWASA Mitigation Property; authorize the Executive Director and General Counsel to modify the agreement with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission; and requested staff to provide a report to the OWASA Board of Directors on the hunting activities after the 2010 season. The motion was seconded by William Stott and unanimously approved.

ITEM ONE: ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Randy Kabrick said any Board Member who knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to any item on the agenda tonight is asked to disclose the same at this time. There were none.

MARCH 11, 2010 OWASA WORK SESSION

Randy Kabrick said that the OWASA Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 has been canceled. In its place a Board Work Session will be held with staff at 5:30 P.M. in the OWASA Community Room to discuss strategic planning.

MARCH 22, 2010 CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Randy Kabrick said that the Chapel Hill Town Council invited OWASA Board appointees to attend the Council's business meeting on Monday, March 22, 2010 to answer Council Members questions on OWASA's draft Long-Range Water Supply Plan. All Board members are welcome to attend. The Board will request questions in advance of the meeting so that the Board will be prepared to answer the Council's questions.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Alan Rimer, Chair of the Board's Natural Resources Technical Systems Committee, said the Committee met on February 8th and discussed the feasibility of installing radio read water meters and plans for a conference on biosolids management forum which will be held in April at North Carolina State University. Once the biosolids forum is confirmed, Mr. Rimer requested staff post the information on OWASA's website.

ANNUAL CHLORINE DISINFECTION

John Greene announced that the annual chlorine disinfection of drinking water will begin on March 1, 2010 and will continue through the end of month. Chlorine disinfection ensures a high level of disinfection in the community's network of water mains.

ITEM TWO: PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Randy Kabrick asked for petitions from the public, the Board and staff; there were none.

ITEM THREE: 2009 ANNUAL RECREATION REPORT FOR UNIVERSITY LAKE AND CANE CREEK RESERVOIR

The Board received this report as an information item.

ITEM FOUR: SEMIANNUAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REPORT THROUGH FISCAL YEARS 2006-2010

The Board received this report as an information item.

ITEM FIVE: MINUTES

Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2010 Board meeting; the motion was seconded by William Stott and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 1 above.

Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Public Hearing and Board meeting; the motion was seconded by William Stott and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 2 above.

ITEM SIX: DISCUSSION OF REQUEST BY N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION (WRC) TO MODIFY HUNTING SCHEDULE ON OWASA MITIGATION PROPERTY

Mr. Craig Benedict, an Orange County Resident adjacent to the mitigation property, stated that he prefers the current hunting schedule and did not agree with the proposed changes to the hunting schedule.

Robert Epting suggested that after the new hunting schedule and agreement is in place, the Board may wish to review this information to ensure that the new schedule is accommodating to the interests of the parties and neighbors.

After discussion, Fred Battle made a motion to adopt and modify the hunting schedule and allowable number of State permits for archery hunting of deer on the OWASA Mitigation Property; authorize the Executive Director and General Counsel to modify the agreement with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission; and requested staff to provide a report to the OWASA Board of Directors on the hunting activities after the 2010 season. The motion was seconded by William Stott and unanimously approved. Please see Motion No. 3 above.

ITEM SEVEN: REPORT BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET PROCESS

Gordon Merklein, Chair of the Board's Finance Committee, said that the Committee reviewed the Fiscal Year 2011 Draft Operations and Maintenance and 15-year Capital Improvements Program budgets. The Finance Committee will meet on March 25, 2010, to review financial projections that will include consideration of changes in water and sewer rates.

ITEM EIGHT: VERBAL UPDATE ON THE FORESTRY COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

Patrick Davis gave an update on the public comments received at the Forestry Management Community Meeting held on February 24, 2010. The purpose of that meeting was to provide information to and receive feedback from interested citizens and adjacent property owners regarding the proposed active forestry management plan for the Cane Creek Mitigation Property. Mr. Davis stated that key concerns received relate to the need to: protect buffers along property boundaries; reduce off-site impacts from the active forestry management measures proposed for the land; and keep property owners and other interested parties fully informed of our plans and timetable for forestry activities on the property. He said that staff expects to submit the revised forestry management plan for Board consideration in late-March or April.

ITEM NINE: BOARD DISCUSSION ON PAPERLESS AGENDA AND OTHER BOARD DOCUMENTS

Without objection, the Chair Board moved this item to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting when more Board members are available to discuss this item.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.