

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a Work Session on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 6:00 PM in OWASA's Community Room at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

Board Members present: John A. Young, Chair; Michael M. Hughes, P.E., Vice Chair; Heather Payne, Secretary; Terri Buckner; Steve Dear; Quinton Harper; David Moreau; Ruchir Vora; and Amy Witsil.

OWASA staff present: Ed Kerwin; Mary Darr; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; Stephanie Glasgow; John Kiviniemi; Andrea Orbich; Ruth Rouse; Todd Taylor; Ronnie Weed; Stephen Winters; and Robert Epting, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

Others present: Nancy Holt and Ed King, Sewage Sludge Action Network; Ben Poulson, Associate Director of Energy Services and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

There being a quorum present, Chair John Young called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Epting said that former OWASA Board Chair and Board Member Lois Herring passed away on October 3, 2014 and he noted that her son Robert works as a Laboratory Analyst at OWASA. He added that her service was exemplary, and that she should be remembered as one of those Board Members whose energy, intelligence and determination guided OWASA's work in serving our community.

ITEM ONE: OVERVIEW OF OWASA'S BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

John Kiviniemi, Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Recycling Manager, presented information on biosolids management including staff's proposal to develop a long-term biosolids management plan.

Nancy Holt and Ed King commented in opposition to land application of sludge (biosolids).

The Board agreed that on November 13, 2014, staff will give the Board a proposed scope of work for developing a Biosolids Management Plan.

ITEM TWO: JORDAN LAKE PARTNERSHIP'S TRIANGLE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

The Board received and discussed a presentation from Ruth Rouse, Planning and Development Manager, on the Jordan Lake Partnership's draft water supply plan for the Triangle region, which is consistent with OWASA's 2010 Long-Range Water Supply Plan. The Board agreed to have a

resolution supporting the Partnership's plan on the consent agenda for the October 23, 2014 meeting.

ITEM THREE: RATE STRUCTURE REVIEW

The Board received and discussed information from Stephen Winters, Director of Finance and Customers Service, on OWASA's structure for billing customers for monthly water and sewer services including reviews of changes the Board has considered in the past. The Board advised staff that it does not plan to consider rate structure changes in the budget process for Fiscal Year 2016, but asked staff for information on alternative rate structures for discussion later this fiscal year.

ITEM FOUR: SCOPE AND SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEE TOTAL COMPENSATION STUDY

The Board discussed the proposed scope for an Employee Total Compensation Study. Staff will submit a revised schedule based on intent to select a consultant and get the work started no later than July 2015.

ITEM FIVE: REVIEW BOARD WORK SCHEDULE

Ed Kerwin noted that the agenda for the October 23, 2014 meeting will include a resolution on the Jordan Lake Partnership's draft plan as discussed earlier in the meeting and an item regarding prequalification of bidders for construction and repair projects.

ITEM SIX: REQUEST(S) BY BOARD COMMITTEES, BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Board supported Heather Payne's request, as Finance Committee Chair, that a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled in November 2014 to discuss reserves.

Steve Dear and Terri Buckner reported on a petition to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on October 7, 2014 by the Reverend Nathan Hollister on behalf of 100 citizens concerned about private bills for water service at some apartment developments with private meters. Mr. Dear and Ms. Buckner asked staff to follow up on the concerns and to offer help to the Town of Carrboro.

ITEM SEVEN: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL SUMMARIZE THE KEY ITEMS FROM THE WORK SESSION

Ed Kerwin summarized key items as indicated above.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Andrea Orbich
Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board