

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) met in a Work Session on Thursday, February 12, 2015, from 6:00 PM until 9:45 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; Stephen (Steve) Dear; Quinton Harper; David (Dave) Moreau; Ruchir Vora; and Amy Witsil.

OWASA staff present: Ed Kerwin; Mary Darr; Patrick Davis; Monica Dodson; Stephanie Glasgow; Randy Horton; Kenneth Loflin; Andrea Orbich; Johnny Riley; Ruth Rouse; Todd Taylor; Stephen Winters; and Robert Epting, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

Others present: Scott Dawson; Alan Tom, Chapel Hill resident; and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

MOTIONS

1. Steve Dear made a motion that the Board of Directors approve the Community Engagement Plan for the Long-Range Water Supply Plan and authorize staff to proceed with the approach described in the draft amended Plan including suggestions provided by the Board; second by Dave Moreau and unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Young 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.

John Young said he provided OWASA's annual update to the Orange County Board of Commissioners on February 3, 2015 and included an overview on Rogers Road Sewer, biosolids management and rates/affordability. Terri Buckner, Michael Hughes, Mary Darr and Ed Kerwin also attended. Mr. Young said that the Commissioners provided positive supportive and feedback.

Mr. Young announced that tonight's Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter will include two items instead of one.

Mr. Young said that the terms of three OWASA Board Members (Steve Dear, Michael Hughes and Amy Witsil) will expire on June 30th and all three Board Members are eligible for reappointment.

Steve Dear said the Community Engagement Committee will meet on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the OWASA Board Room to meet with Carrboro Alderman Damon Seils and

Assistant to the Town Manager Julie Eckenrode to learn about “Engage Carrboro” and other Town engagement programs.

Michael Hughes said he attended the February 11, 2015 Intergovernmental Parks Work Group meeting and informed the Group that the OWASA lakes will open for recreation in March 2015.

ITEM ONE: LAKE RECREATION

The Board received a presentation from Kenneth Loflin, Water Supply and Treatment Manager, on OWASA’s 2014 Annual Recreation Report and agreed to keep University Lake open on Fridays throughout the 2015 recreation season. The Board also agreed to continue discussion of recreation matters during the March 12th Work Session.

Michael Hughes suggested the proposed Lake Rules and Regulation Enforcement Policy penalties for lake patrons who use drugs or alcohol be amended as follows: first offense 60 days suspension; second offense 1 year suspension; and third offense banned from the lake. The Board concurred with Mr. Hughes’ suggestion.

The Board agreed to consider adoption of the proposed Lake Rules and Regulation Enforcement Policy at the March 26th meeting and that the agenda material for that meeting include the Current Lake Rules. Staff will inform stakeholders of possible approval of the proposed policy.

Dave Moreau arrived at 6:50 PM.

ITEM TWO: DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN AND SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR THE LONG-RANGE WATER SUPPLY PLAN

Steve Dear made a motion that the Board of Directors approve the Community Engagement Plan for the Long-Range Water Supply Plan and authorize staff to proceed with the approach described in the draft amended Plan including suggestions provided by the Board; second by Dave Moreau and unanimously approved. Please see Motion 1 above.

ITEM THREE: CHEMICAL TRIALS AT THE JONES FERRY ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND ENHANCE EMPLOYEE SAFETY

The Board received a presentation by Monica Dodson, Operations Supervisor at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant, on the recent chemical trials to improve drinking water quality and enhance employee and community safety.

Michael Hughes asked if staff knew what the net change in carbon emissions was as a result of the switch to the new water treatment chemicals. Staff will follow up.

ITEM FOUR: REVIEW BOARD WORK SCHEDULE

Heather Payne, Finance Committee Chair, said that a Finance Committee Meeting in February is not needed; the Board agreed. The Board agreed to cancel the February 26, 2015 meeting and instead hold a Closed Session at 7:00 PM in the OWASA Board Room to discuss two personnel

matters. The Board agreed to modify several items on future agendas; add appointment of the Nominating Committee and the Election of Officers. The Board also agreed that staff will schedule the Board's review of a draft customer survey on a date to be determined.

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

Steve Dear suggested that members of Board of Directors consider attending a "Dismantling Racism Workshop," or similar event, in the future.

Dave Moreau requested an analysis of water consumption and revenue for each water-use block of our single-family residential block rates. Staff will follow up.

ITEM SIX: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL SUMMARIZE THE KEY ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF FROM THE WORK SESSION

Ed Kerwin summarized the key action items for staff as follows:

- Staff will email the Board a list of lake recreation topics to be discussed on March 12th for Board feedback;
- Staff will update the Lake Rules and Regulation Enforcement Policy for consideration on March 26th and notify stakeholders of same;
- Staff will respond via email to Michael Hughes' question regarding the net change in carbon emissions due to the switch to new water treatment chemicals;
- Staff will evaluate how best to respond to Dave Moreau's request of an analysis of water consumption and revenue; and
- Staff will update the 12 Month Board Meeting Schedule.

ITEM SEVEN: CLOSED SESSION

Without objection, the Board convened in a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing two personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



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