

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

MARCH 12, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a Work Session on Thursday, March 12, 2015 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; Stephen (Steve) Dear; Quinton Harper; David (Dave) Moreau and Ruchir Vora.

Board Members excused: Terri Buckner and Amy Witsil

OWASA staff present: Ed Kerwin; Stuart Carson; Mary Darr; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; Stephanie Glasgow; Randy Horton; Kenneth Loflin; John Kiviniemi; Andrea Orbich; Kevin Ray; Johnny Riley; Ruth Rouse; Kelly Satterfield; 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, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Joel and Daniel Sier, Chapel Hill resident.

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. There were none.

Steve Dear summarized the Community Engagement Committee's meeting on February 23, 2015 with representatives of the Town of Carrboro to discuss Engage Carrboro and other community engagement by the Town. He said the Committee will meet next on March 25, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the OWASA Board Room.

John Young said that the Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the OWASA Board Room to discuss energy management.

ITEM ONE: FISCAL YEAR 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGETS AND RATE ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Board discussed the preliminary budget and rate adjustment recommendation for the budget year July 2015 through June 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016). Stephen Winters said that based on the preliminary budget, an increase in the rates for monthly water and sewer service does not appear necessary for the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The Board will consider setting the dates for budget and rate adjustment hearings at its meeting on March 26th and will continue to discuss budget and rate matters in upcoming meetings as necessary.

ITEM TWO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 2015 LAKE RECREATION

The Board agreed to further discussion later this year whether to increase boat rental fees, reduce fees for low-income patrons, permit use of trailers to bring boats, allow nighttime boating opportunities and allow birdwatching outside of the normal recreation season.

ITEM THREE: EMPLOYEE TOTAL COMPENSATION STUDY – BOARD AND STAFF ROLES

The Board discussed roles of the Board and staff in selecting a consultant and deciding objectives, scope, etc. for an OWASA Employee Total Compensation Study to begin later this year. The Board agreed that Michael Hughes will serve on the consultant selection committee and that Amy Witsil will be asked whether she wishes to also serve on the committee.

ITEM FOUR: REVIEW BOARD WORK SCHEDULE

The Board added a review of the 2016 recreation season fees to the October 8th Work Session and the approval of Consultant Scope for Advanced Meter Infrastructure was moved from the June 11th Work Session to the May 28th Board meeting.

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

There were none.

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

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

- Staff will follow up Board Members' questions for the Fiscal Year 2016 budget;
- Staff will post the proposals for OWASA Employee Total Compensation Study to the Board of Directors' site; and
- Staff will update and redistribute the 12 Month Board Meeting Schedule.

ITEM SEVEN: CLOSED SESSION

Without objection the Board convened in a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

The work session was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



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