Orange Water and Sewer Authority

OWASA is Carrboro-Chapel Hill's not-for-profit public service agency delivering high quality water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Work Session on April 23, 2020

Please note: *The summary below was prepared by staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. 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 videos of Board meetings on fourth Thursdays. The agenda and related information for the April 23rd meeting that was held virtually are available* here.

- Received an update on OWASA's preparations and response to COVID-19. OWASA continues to take proactive measures to ensure we provide the Carrboro and Chapel Hill communities with high-quality and reliable water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of OWASA staff has moved to working remotely or on-call hours; OWASA's administrative office is closed to the public; recreation season has been postponed; and measures are in place to limit in-person interaction. We are working internally and externally with local governments staff to plan and coordinate our safe transition back to work when State restrictions are lifted or modified.

- Received an update on OWASA's Forest Management activities since a presentation to the Board at its meeting on March 12, 2020. A draft stewardship plan for the roughly 83-acre Meadow Crest North Property has been prepared by a consultant and reviewed by partner agencies. The plan will be shared with neighbors before the work will begin.

- Received a report on OWASA's financial performance and fiscal position for the nine-month period ending on March 31, 2020. Operating revenue was about $1.2 million under budget for the nine-month period; operating expenses were under budget by about $1 million. All financial performance measurement goals were met.

The Board will hold its next meeting remotely on Thursday, May 14, 2020 via Microsoft Teams at 6 PM; a link will be provided on OWASA's website at www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings.

OWASA's administrative office is closed to the public to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Customers in need of assistance can still contact OWASA from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling (919) 968-4421, emailing customerinquiries@owasa.org, or using the chat function available in the bottom-right corner of www.owasa.org. Please allow for additional time for OWASA staff to respond during this time. We appreciate your patience.