

Orange Water and Sewer Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 10, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) met in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in OWASA's Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

Board Members present: Bruce Boehm (Chair), Raymond (Ray) DuBose (Secretary), Jody Eimers, Pedro Garcia, David Gorelick, Melody Kramer, Kevin Leibel, and Elmira Mangum.
Board Member absent: Todd BenDor (Vice Chair).

OWASA staff present: Mary Darr, Monica Dodson, Robert Epting, Esq. (Epting and Hackney), Vishnu Gangadharan, Blake Hodge, Robin Jacobs (Epting and Hackney), Wil Lawson, Andrea Orbich, Todd Taylor, Stephen Winters, and Richard Wyatt.

Public present: Meg Holton (UNC Water Resources Manager) and Scott Werley (ECS Southeast).

Motions

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority adopts the Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign Western Intake Partnership Project Permits as Owner of Seaforth Property. (Motion by Kevin Leibel, second by Ray DuBose and the Motion was unanimously approved.)
2. Kevin Leibel made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2022, Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors; second by Ray DuBose and the Motion was unanimously approved.

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Announcements

Chair Boehm asked if any Board Member knew of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to any item on the agenda tonight to disclose the same at this time. None were disclosed.

Chair Boehm announced the Chapel Hill Town Council awarded OWASA \$120,000 of its ARPA funding to cover water bill debt accrued by Chapel Hill residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Boehm said a new Board Member Diversity and Inclusion training session was held on November 9, 2022.

Chair Boehm announced the Chapel Hill Town Council OWASA Committee and Chapel Hill Appointees to the OWASA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss items of mutual interest.

Chair Boehm announced a Change to the Agenda and without objection, discussion item 2 on the Regular Agenda, Goals and Expectations for a Potential Rate Study, will be rescheduled for the January 12, 2023, meeting. He noted OWASA's rate consultant, Andrew Burnham (Stantec), was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to Hurricane Nicole bearing down on Florida.

Blake Hodge, Communications Specialist, provided details on OWASA's 2022 Care to Share Day campaign including staff participation in the Thanks + Giving Food Truck Rodeo on November 13, 2022 and Care to Share Day on November 17, 2022.

Todd Taylor, Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Meg Holton, UNC's Water Resources Manager and liaison to OWASA, for her 20+ years of service to the University and OWASA. Ms. Holton will retire on December 1, 2022.

Petitions and Requests

Chair Boehm said no petitions or requests were received from the public.

Chair Boehm asked for petitions and requests from the Board and staff; none were provided.

Consent Item One: Financial Report for Three-Month Period Ended September 30, 2022

The Board accepted this as an information item.

Consent Item Two: Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign Western Intake Partnership Project Permits as Owner of Seaforth Property

Kevin Leibel made a Motion to approve the resolution; second by Ray DuBose and the Motion was unanimously approved. Please see Motion 1.

Consent Item Three: Minutes

Kevin Leibel made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2022, Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors; second by Ray DuBose and the Motion was unanimously approved. Please see Motion 2.

Discussion Item One: Update on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

The Board received and discussed in detail with staff this item. Staff will keep the Board and community informed on next steps.

Discussion Item Two: Goals and Expectations for a Potential Rate Study

This item was rescheduled to the January 12, 2023, Board meeting.

Discussion Item Three: Review Board Work Schedule

David Gorelick announced he is resigning from the OWASA Board effective December 31, 2022 because he is moving out of-state. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Gorelick for his service on the Board and wished him great success.

The Board agree to cancel the December 8, 2022 OWASA Board meeting.

Summary of Board Meeting Items

There were no comments on this item.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Andrea Orbich
Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Attachment

**Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to File Applications for Various Permits
Related to the Western Intake Partnership Project**

Whereas, the City of Durham, Town of Pittsboro, Chatham County, and Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) are working together to plan, design, construct, and operate a new water supply intake and water treatment and transmission facilities on the west side of Jordan Lake in Chatham County; and

Whereas, the proposed water treatment plant and related facilities are proposed to be sited on land owned by OWASA; and

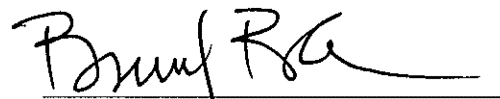
Whereas, many of the permits necessary to proceed with the planning and design of the project require the approval of the property owner; and

Whereas, in consideration of the magnitude of the project the Board finds it appropriate to specifically authorize to the Executive Director to provide this approval on behalf of OWASA;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority:

1. That Todd Taylor, Executive Director, the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute permit applications necessary for the Western Intake Partnership Project on behalf of OWASA as owner of the land on which the water treatment facility and related facilities for the Project are proposed to be located. Provided, the Executive Director shall obtain the consent of the Board before executing any permit application obligating OWASA to pay or participate in the payment of further Project costs.

Adopted this the 10th day of November 2022.



Bruce Boehm, Chair

ATTEST:


Raymond E. DuBose, P.E., Secretary