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' Meeting on January 28, 2021

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, recordings of Board meetings on second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The agenda and related information for the January 28th meeting that was held virtually are available here.*

The Board of Directors:

- Received an update on OWASA's response to COVID-19, including an update on our support of wastewater surveillance testing for COVID-19 and on trends in past due accounts, to ensure that OWASA continues to provide the Carrboro and Chapel Hill communities with high-quality and reliable water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services throughout the pandemic.
- Received the annual lakes recreation report for 2020 to provide an update on the lake recreation season, including visitors, expenses, revenue, and operational changes due to COVID-19.
- Received the financial report for the six-month period ended December 31, 2020. All but one of our financial performance targets were met. Total income for the period was about $691,000 greater than budgeted. Operating expenses were about $1.1 million less than budgeted due to non-essential departmental spending being reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Discussed the Fiscal Year 2022 budget calendar and assumptions.

The Board will hold its next two meetings remotely as follows: a Special Meeting of the Board on Thursday, February 4, 2021, via Microsoft Teams at 5 PM; and Thursday, February 11, 2021, via Microsoft Teams at 6 PM; a link will be provided on OWASA's website at www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings.

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