



ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Annual Meeting on September 25, 2014

Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. Audio recordings of the OWASA Board's meetings and the Board's official minutes, when adopted, are available to citizens for review. Video recordings of OWASA Board meetings held in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.

The Board:

- **received a draft of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, including the independent auditor's report, for the fiscal year from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.** The auditor has issued an unqualified opinion that the financial statements "*present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities*" of OWASA. Key points from the Financial Report are:
 - OWASA met all of its financial targets.
 - Drinking water sales averaged 6.2 million gallons per day, which was equal to the amount projected.
 - Operating revenue was less than 1%, or \$0.3 million, under budget. Revenue from new system connections was \$0.4 million over budget.
 - Operating costs were 2.6%, or nearly \$0.5 million, under budget.
 - Capital improvements expenditures of approximately \$16 million were on budget.
- **authorized staff to issue a request for qualifications and to select the best qualified firm for consulting services for the potential implementation of an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system.** The consultant's first task will be to prepare a feasibility study for the project, which the Board will consider prior to deciding whether to move ahead with project implementation.
- **reappointed Robert Epting as OWASA's General Counsel.**
- **authorized merit pay adjustments to be effective in November 2014.** The total amount of the adjustments will be within the amount authorized in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Employees that receive a performance rating of "Successful" will receive a 2% merit pay increase; employees receiving an "Exceptional" rating will receive a 3% increase.
- **adopted resolutions of appreciation honoring the prior service of Alan Rimer and Will Raymond on the Board of Directors.**

For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>. The OWASA Board's next meeting is a Work Session scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.