

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DECEMBER 8, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a regular business meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in OWASA's Community Room at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

Directors present: Gordon Merklein, Chair; Alan Rimer, Vice Chair; Amy Witsil, Secretary; Fred Battle; Terri Buckner; Will Raymond; Dana Stidham; William Stott; and John A. Young.

OWASA staff: Ed Kerwin; John Greene; Mason Crum; Stuart Carson; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; Ed Holland; Andrea Orbich; Stephen Winters; and Robert Epting, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

Others present: Don Rayno, Community Planner, and Tom Fransen, Deputy Director and Water Resources Management Section Chief, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Warren Miller, Jordan Lake Partnership; Penny Rich and Jim Ward, members of the Chapel Hill Town Council; Dan Coleman and Sammy Slade, members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen; Ben Poulson, Associate Director of Energy Services, and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Kevin Brice, Triangle Land Conservancy; Mac Clarke, Chapel Hill; Elijah Raymond, Chapel Hill; Tom Davis, Orange County; Damon Seils, Carrboro; Reed Palmer, Carrboro; and Tim Halpin, Hillsborough.

There being a quorum present, Chair Gordon Merklein called the meeting to order.

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MOTIONS ACTED UPON

1. William Stott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Will Raymond, and carried by unanimous vote.

2. William Stott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Will Raymond, and carried by unanimous vote.

3. William Stott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Will Raymond, and carried by unanimous vote.

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ITEM ONE: ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Gordon Merklein 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 at this time. There were none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Alan Rimer said that the Natural Resources/Technical Systems (NRTS) Committee met on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 and that the Committee's meetings topics discussed will all be discussed during tonight's Board meeting. Mr. Rimer said that the NRTS Committee is scheduled to meet again on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. in the OWASA Boardroom to discuss next steps regarding the proposed change to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement.

ITEM TWO: PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Gordon Merklein asked for petitions and requests from the public, the Board and staff; there were none.

ITEM THREE: FRIDAY CENTER INTERCEPTOR PHASES I & II – DESIGN, BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES

The Board received this as an information item.

ITEM FOUR: MINUTES

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William Stott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Will Raymond, and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 2 above.

William Stott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Will Raymond, and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 3 above.

ITEM FIVE: DISCUSSION WITH MR. TOM FRANSEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NC DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SECTION CHIEF

Tom Fransen, Deputy Director of NC Division of Water Resources and Water Resources Management Section Chief, provided a presentation and engaged in a dialog with the Board, staff and public regarding the State's Round Four Jordan Lake allocation process. This discussion included prepared questions from the Board as well as questions from the public. A verbatim transcript of this item is available on OWASA's website (http://www.owasa.org/client_resources/about/minutes/2011/fransen%20transcript%2012-08-2011.pdf) and is incorporated by reference as part of the official record of the December 8, 2011 Board meeting.

ITEM SIX: PROPOSED DROUGHT RESPONSE OPERATING PROTOCOL

Ed Holland provided a brief presentation on the Natural Resources/Technical Systems (NRTS) Committee's recommendation regarding the proposed Drought Response Operating Protocol (DROP).

The Board concurred that the NRTS Committee should reevaluate the proposed DROP as well as OWASA's Jordan Lake allocation and the Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement issues at their December 16, 2011 meeting. Alan Rimer also suggested that any Board members with additional comments or questions' following tonight's meeting should send them to him and/or staff for inclusion at the December 16th meeting.

William Stott requested that staff provide a chronological list of public notices and related correspondence issued during the 2007-2008 drought.

Amy Witsil requested that staff report on how the Jordan Lake Level I allocation aids OWASA's proposed DROP and the difference between OWASA's current Level II and Level I allocation.

ITEM SEVEN: UPDATE ON THE UPPER NEUSE CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

The Board concurred with the Natural Resources/Technical Systems Committee's recommendation to defer further consideration until additional information can be evaluated from a new Triangle J/Piedmont Triad Council of Governments project that will soon be underway.

Kevin Brice, Triangle Land Conservancy, addressed the Board in support of the recommendation.

ITEM EIGHT: DRAFT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DIALOGUE PLAN

William Stott said that the Board's Outreach and Education Committee meet and discussed a community engagement and dialogue plan to receive feedback and share information with various community organizations.

The Board concurred with the Outreach and Education Committee's proposal; next steps will include the development of a basic presentation by staff that can be tailored to the interests of community groups.

Jim Ward suggested that the OWASA Board consider televising all Board meetings so that customers and stakeholders will have the option to view Board meetings on television rather than attend the meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.