

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 28, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a regular business meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard.

Directors present: Gordon Merklein, Chair; Alan Rimer, Vice Chair; Amy Witsil, Secretary; Fred Battle; Joyce C. Preslar; Will Raymond; Dana Stidham; and John A. Young. Director absent: William Stott.

OWASA staff: Ed Kerwin; John Greene; Mason Crum; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; Ed Holland; Rachel Monschein; Andrea Orbich; Stephen Winters; and Robin Jacobs, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

Others present: Ben Poulson, Associate Director of Energy Services, and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Glenn Bowles, Orange County staff; Kevin Brice, Triangle Land Conservancy; James Center, Boy Scouts of America; Mac Clarke, Chapel Hill resident; Robert Hetterly, Orange County resident; Bill Holman, Duke University; Ellie Reinhold, Chapel Hill resident; Elijah Raymond, Chapel Hill resident; and Renee White, Chapel Hill resident.

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

MOTIONS ACTED UPON

1. Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2011 Board Meeting; the motion was seconded by Fred Battle, and carried by unanimous vote.
2. Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Board Meeting; the motion was seconded by Fred Battle, and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM ONE: OATH OF OFFICE

Andrea Orbich administered the oath of office to Carrboro and Chapel Hill appointees Dana Stidham and Will Raymond respectively.

ITEM TWO: 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.

AUGUST 11, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Gordon Merklein announced that the August 11, 2011 Board of Directors' meeting is cancelled.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Gordon Merklein announced that Amy Witsil will Chair the Board's Finance Committee and that Fred Battle will Chair the Board's Human Resources Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

John Young said that the Outreach and Education Committee met on July 13, 2011 to discuss the draft plan for implementing the Outreach and Education goals and objectives presented to the Board on June 9, 2011. The next step will be developing a proposal for OWASA's "brand" as a foundation for education and outreach initiatives. OWASA's brand will be the focus of our communication strategy and influence service to the community every day.

WATER QUALITY REPORT CARD

Rachel Monschein reported that OWASA met and exceeded the standards under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and related State rules for drinking water. OWASA's report includes information about where OWASA water comes from, how it is treated and a summary of our test results. Last year OWASA provided 2.8 billion gallons of drinking water to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community and tested the drinking water for more than 150 contaminants. The 2010 water quality report card was mailed to our customers this spring and as well as posted on OWASA's website at www.owasa.org.

ITEM THREE: PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

ITEM FOUR: QUARTERLY REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The Board received this item as an information item.

ITEM FIVE: SEMI-ANNUAL CONTRACTOR AND CONSULTANT PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Board received this item as an information item.

ITEM SIX: MINUTES

Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2011, Public Hearing and Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Fred Battle and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 1 above.

Alan Rimer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2011, Meeting of the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Fred Battle and carried by unanimous vote. Please see Motion No. 2 above.

ITEM SEVEN: UPPER NEUSE CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

Bill Holman and Kevin Brice gave a presentation on behalf of the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative (UNCWI). The UNCWI protects regional water quality and proposes funding a similar initiative in the Cape Fear River Basin by requesting Raleigh, Durham, Cary, and OWASA to establish a one penny per 100 gallon water rate surcharge to generate revenue for watershed land conservation.

The Board referred this matter to the Natural Resources/Technical Systems Committee.

ITEM EIGHT: ORANGE COUNTY MASTER TELECOMMUNICATION PLAN

The Board agreed with staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to sign the *Statement of Intent to Participate in Orange County's Request for Proposal Program* in Orange County's Master Telecommunication Plan.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.