

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 13, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a Work Session on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 6:00 PM in OWASA's Community Room at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

Board Members present: Michael M. Hughes, P.E., Vice Chair (Acting Chair); Heather Payne, Secretary; Terri Buckner; Quinton Harper; David Moreau; Ruchir Vora; and Amy Witsil.

Board Members excused: John Young, Chair; and Steve Dear.

Citizens present: Larry Mitchell, Dewberry; and Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Manager, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

OWASA staff present: Ed Kerwin; Mary Darr; Patrick Davis; Greg Feller; John Kiviniemi; Andrea Orbich; Ruth Rouse; Todd Taylor; Ronnie Weed; Stephen Winters; and Robert Epting, Esq., Epting and Hackney.

There being a quorum present, Vice Chair Michael Hughes called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Kerwin reported on the Community Engagement Committee's meeting on October 29, 2014, at which guidelines for community engagement plans were discussed; and the Committee's plans to review current engagement practices when it meets on December 2, 2014.

ITEM ONE: JORDAN LAKE AS A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY SOURCE: AN UPDATE

Ruth Rouse reported on consideration of alternatives and estimated costs for access to Jordan Lake when needed due to a severe drought or operational emergency. The alternatives include:

- relying on the existing mutual aid agreements with Town of Cary and City of Durham;
- sharing the costs of potential facilities on the west side of the lake with Durham, Pittsboro and/or Chatham County; and
- developing a 5-year agreement with the Town of Cary and City of Durham to guarantee capacity for pumping water from Cary through the Durham water system to OWASA if and when needed.

These Jordan Lake alternatives will be reviewed in detail along with other supply and demand management alternatives as OWASA updates its Long-Range Water Supply Plan.

ITEM TWO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR ADVANCED METERING
INFRASTRUCTURE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Todd Taylor presented draft community engagement plans for the feasibility study of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for the Board's consideration.

After discussion, the Board agreed to defer the discussion of community engagement until after completion of the feasibility study.

ITEM THREE: DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK FOR BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT

Ed Kerwin presented the proposed scope of work for biosolids management including evaluation of:

- whether to dewater biosolids, suspend application of liquid biosolids on farmland and recycle biosolids through a privately-owned composting company which provides soil additives for landscaping; and
- how to optimize biosolids management in the near and long term.

The Board concurred with the proposed scope of work.

ITEM FOUR: REVIEW BOARD WORK SCHEDULE

The December 11th work session will include a report on the Finance Committee's upcoming meeting on a date to be determined.

ITEM FIVE: REQUEST(S) BY BOARD COMMITTEES, BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Michael Hughes asked that a meeting of the Human Resources Committee be scheduled to discuss the timetable for the performance review of the Executive Director. The Board concurred.

ITEM SIX: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL SUMMARIZE THE KEY ITEMS FROM
THE WORK SESSION

Ed Kerwin summarized key items as indicated above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



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