

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held a Special work session on Friday, February 17, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in OWASA's Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

Board Members present: John A. Young (Chair), Jeff Danner (Vice Chair), Barbara Foushee (Secretary), Yinka Ayankoya, Terri Buckner, David (Dave) Moreau, Robert Morgan and Heather Payne. Board Member absent: Ruchir Vora.

OWASA staff present: Ed Kerwin, Mary Darr, Monica Dodson, Vishnu Gangadharan, Katie Harrold, Kenneth Loflin, Andrea Orbich, Todd Taylor, Stephen Winters, Robin Jacobs (Epting and Hackney) and Robert Epting (Epting and Hackney).

Others present: Bill Camp; Fred Hall and Tas Simmons, Time Warner Cable News; Meg Holton, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Manager at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC); Molly Horak, Daily Tar Heel; Michael Hyland, WNCN; and Brian Payne.

There being a quorum present, Chair John Young called the meeting to order.

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MOTION ACTED UPON

1. Heather Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by John Young and unanimously approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conflict of Interest

John Young 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 at this time; none were disclosed.

ITEM ONE: DISCUSS THE CONSULTANTS' REPORTS ON THE FEBRUARY 2, 2017 FLUORIDE OVERFEED AND THE FEBRUARY 3, 2017 WATER MAIN BREAK

John Young said the focus of this special meeting is to review and comment on the consultants' reports and questions from the Board. Mr. Young said Jeff Danner, Vice Chair, will facilitate tonight's meeting.

The Board discussed the February 2, 2017 fluoride overfeed and agreed to consider these focus areas:

- risk assessment for water and wastewater treatment plants;
- potential capital investments to improve system resiliency;
- Standard Operating Procedures and training;
- staffing (communications, teamwork, resources); and
- regional preparedness for future emergencies.

The Board discussed and determined the need for improvements in communication protocols to better inform the community about how to prepare their homes and businesses for water emergencies, and how to identify and make productive use of other water resources. Staff will also encourage customers to sign up for OC Alerts.

The Board agreed that staff will prepare a final report on what happened, questions that came up, a plan for corrective actions, and what are the corrective actions.

The Board agreed to schedule a closed session item to review individual personnel performance at the Board's February 23, 2017, meeting.

Heather Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by John Young and unanimously approved. Please see Motion 1 above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Orbich
Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board