

Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District

Board of Director's Meeting

March 9, 2023 6:00 pm

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Next meeting: April 13, 2023

Call to Order: Chairman Mark Basler

Roll Call: Mark Basler, Jim Donze, Bruce Giesler, Eric Kelley
Don Kuehn, absent with notice

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Jim Donze. Seconded by Eric Kelley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of February's Minutes: Motion to approve by Eric Kelley. Seconded by Bruce Giesler. Motion passed with all in favor.

Office Administrator: Julie Orrick

Invoices for the 2nd quarter will be sent the week of March 20th. The BASIC invoice will be:

\$47.85 for water

\$135.99 for wastewater

\$1.20 for County tax

\$185.04 Total

Property Manager: Tom Duro

Well #1 pumped 439,000 Well #2 pumped 606,900 Total of 1,045,900 gallons of water

- Lagoon is running normal
- Meters and pits are all installed
- CE Contracting is going through seeding and strawing areas that can be finished and cleaning up some of the last ones but they are waiting for more rain to settle the ground.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Kelley

Reading of February's financials

Motion to approve financials made by Jim Donze. Seconded by Bruce Giesler. Motion passed with all in favor.

Communication Received and Open Forum: Bruce Giesler

The concerns of the community were addressed by Bruce regarding the possibility of a cost overrun should the construction exceed the \$7,500,000.00 budgeted for the wastewater project.

The CWD has not received the final design by Waters Engineering therefore we have not sent RFP's (Request for Proposal) to contractors and we do not know what their proposals will be until that time.

The CWD does not want to address “what if’s” when we have not even received the final design. Once the design is finalized by Waters Engineering, it will need to receive authorization from the USDA and the Missouri DNR to proceed. This could take up to an additional 90 days before we can release to bid.

The USDA has granted the CWD a \$4,175,000.00 loan and a \$3,325,000.00 grant (equaling \$7.5 million). The loaned money must be used before the grant money can be spent. This is normal loan/grant terms for government loans. The budgeted design also has worked in a \$588,000.00 contingency should the cost go above the required items to finish the project.

When we get the okay back from Rich Cochran at Waters Engineering we will start working with LFE committees to build schedules such as the Lake Committee in working with the fish population.

Q: Since the meters are installed, will we still need to have a backflow test each year for our inground sprinkler system?

A: Yes

Q: With the new meters, will we still need to chlorinate the wells?

A: Yes, according to our water operator, Jeremy Meyer, the culprit is the elevated storage tank which is vented on the top. This allows the tank to breathe out when filling. But it also allows pollen and dirt to pull in which MAY introduce bacteria into the system. By chlorinating, we will not have to be concerned about our drinking water.

Old Business: Mark Basler

Meter installs update:

- 20 new shut off valves were installed
- 7 new flush hydrants installed and replaced 2 broken ones
- Installed 290 pits, setters, rings and lids
- Installed 291 meters, nodes and hangers (including the 2 lots being developed). The pool has not had the meter installed as yet.
- Leveled the ground, seed and straw are almost complete
- The plan is to make sure all meters are working then Mueller will install the software programs so we can monitor usage for at least one quarter before billing for usage.
- Over all budget for the meter install:
\$433,776.25 awarded from Ste. Genevieve County Commissioners through ARPA funds which we have come in on target finically and within the determined time frame. Approximately \$33,500.00 the CWD has paid out of pocket for materials needed AFTER breaking ground (couplings, saddles, curb stops and new pvc water lines). This was expected and not part of the CE Contractors bid.

New Business: Mark Basler

- I asked for an updated time frame until the completion of the engineering design. Rich Cochran believes they are 2 months out on everything being ready for submittal.

Adjournment: Bruce Giesler made the motion to adjourn. Eric Kelley seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

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