

**Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

April 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

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Next meeting: May 12, 2022

Call to Order: Mark Basler at 6:05 pm

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

Mark Basler introduced Mike Hartman with the USDA. Mike had presented the Board with the Letter of Conditions and items needed to take the Project to Bidding.

Mark Basler took the time to reiterate that the current flat rate of \$42.10, which is billed quarterly at \$129.52 is the lowest amount the residents will be billed. When the meters are installed, there will be a new flat rate plus usage. That amount has not been determined, we are working with the USDA, DNR and our engineering firm for the rate once the meters are completely installed.

Guest Speaker: Mark Basler introduced Rich Cochran with Waters Engineering.

- Rich gave the history on the requirement (by the DNR) for the new treatment facility.
- Rich also explained how and why we came up with the proposed design.
- He then explained why the USDA was chosen to fund the project.
- It will be at least one year to finalize the design and approval from the DNR and USDA.
- Bids will then be advertised.
- Bids will go out in multiple contracts and will be published in several different arenas.
- The District will choose the lowest bid.
- The treatment plant will be the first project to take place, could be next year, late summer.
- The plan is for lakes to be drawn down in 2024 and 2025, all will not be drawn down at the same time.

Questions and Answer time:

Q: Will there be an odor when the lakes come down?

A: You will have some odor but not a lot and once the lakes start drying it will get better.

Q: What are you doing with the silt?

A: We will need to haul that away but we are looking into ways that this can take place without doing a lot of damage to your roads.

Q: What will go on with our palpable water?

A: This project is for the wastewater system only.

Q: If bids have not been received, how do you know how much the project will cost?

A: The budget is based on the firm's past projects, our knowledge and previous bids, it is an educated guess but not a guarantee in today's market.

Mike Hartman from the USDA voiced that once it's bid, that's the price we work with – period.

Q: Can we avoid the marina?

A: Silt is a problem in that area and we need to stay with the present pipe system so no, we cannot avoid the marina.

Rich then explained that there are a couple ways to process the excessive sludge from the treatment facility and that will be discussed at future meetings.

Q: Where does the DNR test the water?

A: Indian Creek, upstream and further downstream. The CWD has a current permit and when that was received, the CWD sent a letter to the DNR opposing the levels given. The CWD wastewater discharge still does not meet the DNR limits resulting in the required wastewater system upgrades.

Q: Once your design is done, then what?

A: The DNR and the USDA engineering departments will make modification if needed and then we will have the approval of the design. Bids packages will then go out.

There were no more questions for Rich, he was thanked for his time. Rich and Mike Hartman then left the meeting and the regular Board meeting resumed.

Office Administrator: Julie Orrick

- 2nd quarter bills are due by April 20, 2022, payment received after the 20th will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.
- All User Agreements have been submitted.

Property Manager: Tom Duro

- Well #1 - 481,000 gallons Well #2 - 802,500 gallons Total amount: 1,283,500
- Wells and pumps are working great.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Kelley

- April financials were read, a copy of the balance sheet is on the bulletin board at the club house for your information.

Communication Received: Don Kuehn

- An email was received asking about the DNR required fence around the water tower, how much ground will the fence take? Is it going to be the full size of the LFE-CWD lot?
A: At this time, we need to make the fence the size of the water tower PLUS space to allow any machinery needed to maintain/repair the tower or paint the tower. We believe it needs to be 6 feet tall but will get the exact requirement from the DNR. The cost of the fence will be submitted with our request for ARPA money.

Open Forum: Don Kuehn

- Don asked if there were any more questions, there were not.

Old Business: Mark Basler

- ARPA funds: no money has been released yet; we requested a check for the meters but it has not been cut. We are also asking for additional funds (besides the cost for the meters, pits and install) for flush hydrants, valves, fencing but those funds will not be released until June 1st. We will be at the County Commissioners door, asking for more money then, if the ARPA monies are not spent, it will go back to be spent somewhere else, why not for the CWD?

New Business: Mark Basler

- Mark read the 2021 Water Quality Report – we are in excellent standing. This report will be emailed or mailed to all the residents of the CWD as required by the DNR.
- Again, the quarterly water/wastewater bills will be mailed or emailed to all the residents and once the meters are all installed, the base rate will change plus water usage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm: Motion to adjourn by Don Kuehn. Seconded by Jim Donze.
Motion passed with all in favor.

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