

**Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

Call to Order: Chairman Mark Basler

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

Approval of Agenda: Jim Donze made the motion to approve tonight's agenda. Bruce Giesler seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of the February Minutes: Eric Kelley made the motion to approve February 2026 minutes. Bruce Giesler seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Office Administrator: Julie Orrick

- We successfully closed out the fiscal year on February 28, 2026
- 1st quarter invoices will be sent out on April 6th and 7th. Come by the community center on April 7th around 8:00 am to pick yours up before it's mailed and enjoy some coffee and a donut.
- Well #1 pumped 355,000 gallons and Well #2 pumped 515,800 Total: 870,800 Well #1's meter dial is being replaced as it broke around February 12th. Well #2 experienced a leak, this has been repaired.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Kelley

- Financials were read with Bruce Giesler making a motion to approve. Jim Donze seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Communication Received: Don Kuehn

No written communication received.

Open Forum: Don Kuehn

Q: I have a blue and white 6-foot stake in my yard next to my water pipe, should I leave it there?

A: Yes, it's to mark where the pipe is should there be snow on the ground. Tom and John will get them when the threat of snow is gone.

Old Business: Mark Basler

Bruce Giesler gave the update on the Emergency sewer line replacement in Lake Anne: When BE pulled out, the project was 7 weeks ahead of schedule and we have remained on track with only the sleeving of 50 manholes to complete. This is a time-consuming project and with the lake filling up so fast, the company had to go from sleeving on the lake side to sleeving by land access. This means, the company could be in your yard to access the manhole, please be patient and kind.

- Chairman Basler asked for a vote to approve the latest invoices from CE and Waters Engineering.
- Bruce Giesler made the motion to approve \$353,847.96 to CE Contracting. Don Kuehn seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

- Bruce Giesler made the motion to approve \$18,119.00 to Waters Engineering. Eric Kelley seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

New Business: Mark Basler

Missouri Department of Natural Resources mailed their copy of the 2026-2028 “Compliance Report”. The two items under “Recommendations” were the repair and painting of the bottom 1/3 of the water tank on Hilltop Drive and for the District to develop a “Written flushing program”.

The plan is to power wash the water tank this summer and repair/paint within two years. The office is writing the flushing program to submit to the MDNR.

Over the past year, we have spent \$24,471.95 to clear grease and wipes from our wastewater pipes. Our service provider recently identified dude wipes and other larger items- as the cause of the most recent clog. Please remember that only toilet paper should be flushed down your toilets.

Grease remains our primary concern for the system. To help you prevent grease from entering your drains, we will have an example of proper disposal methods on display at the post office for everyone to see.

Waters Engineering is ready to submit the 3rd phase (treatment plant) of the overall project to the MDNR but we are in our 10-day waiting period for possible protests by outside sources. After submission, MDNR has 180-days to approve the plan. We are hoping it will not take the full amount of time to approve as we wish to do the right thing and put our treated water in to Establishment Creek.

Q: My manhole cover is cracked; will it be replaced?

A: If your manhole cover is damaged, it will be replaced when the company sleeves it.

Q: My backyard is still not finished from when they replaced the manhole.

A: CE will acquire a landscaper to finish the yards and dam when the project is complete.

Q: When will the two smaller lakes get pipe attention?

A: The treatment plant must be done first, after that, the smaller lakes will be addressed.

Q: We’ve experienced low water pressure, is there anything you can do about that?

A: (Chairman Basler responded) I’ve personally experienced that issue, and in our case, it was the water softener. We recently replaced ours, and the difference is amazing.

I suggest having your system checked first. If that is functioning correctly, check your faucet screens. If those are clean, check the pressure at your outdoor faucet; if the pressure there is strong, then the issue is likely something else inside your home.

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

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