

## LAKE FOREST ESTATES CLEAN WATER DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 11, 2022 at 6:03 pm

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Next meeting: September 8, 2022

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Basler

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Jim Donze. Seconded by Bruce Giesler. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion made to approve the July minutes made by Don Kuehn. Seconded by Jim Donze. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Office Administrator:** Julie Orrick

- Mark Basler presented a Safety Grant that the office applied for through Missouri Employers Mutual. This is a match only grant for a total of \$4,369.00; the CWD would pay \$2184 for a Tommy Liftgate for the community truck and two hydraulic 2-wheel dolly lifts. The equipment would assist in the weekly relocation of the 165-pound barrels of chlorine used in the well houses. Don Kuehn made a motion to approve the \$2,184.00 match for the equipment. Eric Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.
- To date, eight residents have not paid their water/wastewater bill, letters of water shut off were sent on August 9<sup>th</sup> for non-payment.
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter invoices will go out the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Property Manager:** Tom Duro

| Well Readings: | <u>Well #1</u> | <u>Well #2</u> | <u>Total Usage</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                | 1,461,000      | 1,074,300      | 2,535,300 gallons  |

- All the pumps and lines are running well
- The tree limbs were cut back today along the lagoons, an invoice for \$1,000.00 will be submitted next week by the tree removal company.

**Treasurers Report:** Eric Kelley

- Eric read the financials for the month of July (copies available at the community center)
- Wayne Basler - Q: Looking at Citizen's Electric, is that amount for all of LFE and the CWD?
- Eric Kelley - A: That is just for the two well houses, the treatment plant and the water tower house. Electric on the treatment plant being the costliest.

**Communication Received:** Don Kuehn

- Letter received from the EPA regarding the watershed. The Board will receive a copy of this letter via email. Letter will be tabled for further discussion at the September Board meeting.

**Open Forum:** Don Kuehn

Q: Don Torretti - Will Lake Forest Estates Association have water meters? And how many?

A: Mark Basler -The District did not purchase meters for various reasons; the District owes LFE money for the start-up, rent and utilities.

A: Tom Duro - There are six areas in LFE that would need to be metered.

A: Bruce Giesler: Bruce can see where the LFE meters might balance the two accounts.

Q: Don Toretto: Water is the District's greatest commodity, the District should charge.

A: Mark Basler: Mark will contact the District's attorney for direction and advice.

**Old Business:** Mark Basler

- County ARPA Funds: An email was sent to the Commissioners office for and update on our request for additional funding. The contact was on vacation, returning August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on materials received for the meters: The hand-held reader has been received, all the pits and rings have been delivered, we are still waiting on 67 lids. An email was sent for the setters with a response of mid-November. The Board is asking that we receive the setters in smaller lots, possibly 50 at a time. The office will email that request next week.

**New Business:** Mark Basler

- Operation Sand: The District was contacted in order for a representative of Operation Sand to attend the Board meeting to speak in opposition of the project.  
Mark Basler met with one of the representatives in August. The District, being a public entity, will not/can not choose to support or not support the project.  
Mark did state at the Board meeting that Operation Sand flyers are on the entry table if you are interested in learning more about the project.
- Missouri Rural Water Association has a water operator and District office day convention in Popular Bluff on August 23, 2022. A vote was taken for the approval of \$275.00 for both Tom and Julie to attend. A motion was made by Bruce Giesler to approve \$275.00 plus expenses for Tom and Julie to attend the MRWA convention. Jim Donze seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.
- Richard Cochran (District Engineer) would like for Tom Duro and a Board member to begin taking day trips to look at several pieces of equipment for the new treatment plant. Each Board member said they would take a day to travel with Rich and Tom for research of the potential equipment.
- EPA Lead and Copper questioner - The EPA is requiring that the District conduct a field verification survey of each residence as well as each water hook-up for LFE association. The inspection is to report to the EPA of any lead in the pipes or solder.  
There are thirty-four questions for each of our current 289 homes plus the six LFE sites.  
The Board voted that Tom Duro be the field inspector and that this take place as the meters are being installed. Jim Donze made the motion that the inspections take place during the meter install. Bruce Giesler seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Don Kuehn asked that we send a letter to each resident communicating about the meter install and the EPA questioner a month before install takes place.
- Bruce Giesler ask that the office reach out to CE Contracting to apprise them of the delivery dates for the remaining items ordered for the meters. The office will do so next week.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Don Kuehn. Seconded by Eric Kelley. Motion passed with all in favor.

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