

**Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 12, 2025  
6:07 pm**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Basler

**Roll Call:** Mark Basler, Jim Donze, Don Kuehn, and Bruce Giesler in attendance. Eric Kelley absents with excuse.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jim Donze made a motion to approve June's agenda. Motion was seconded by Bruce Giesler. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of May Minutes:** Don Kuehn made a motion to approve. Seconded by Bruce Giesler. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Office Administrator:** Julie Orrick

- Quarterly statements will be sent July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call or text if you do not receive one by July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks are costly and time consuming. Missouri Rural Water Association recommends accepting only cash, money orders, payments through Utilipay or cashier's check if the resident has a previous history of NSF checks through the district office. A resolution will be drafted and voted upon in July's meeting.

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**Property Manager:** Tom Duro

- Well #1 pumped 393,000 gallons    Well #2 pumped 1,106,800    Total 1,499,800
- The wells and lagoon are in good shape, running well.
- Our communication program for the wells is working fine, it was the main Mission system that had a temporary shut-down last month. We were never in danger or our water tower running low.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Orrick

- Financials were read. Bruce Giesler made a motion to approve. Don Kuehn seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Communication Received:** Don Kuehn

The office received an email from a resident asking if the water in the main lake has been tested recently? The result? The resident is concerned for the safety of the water for swimmers, mainly the children.

The office responded with: The LFE Clean Water District has not completed any water testing of the lakes. With lake Anne being lowered, use of the lake is very limited.

**Open Forum:** Don Kuehn

John Cooper asked that the 24" extension on his manhole, be removed.  
Tom Duro will make sure that is done.

Don Kuehn said Mark Basler will cover the project update under old business.

**Old Business:** Mark Basler

Lake Anne continues to drop at a rate of 3' a week. Once completely lowered, we will replace the damaged pipes under an emergency project financed by the district with the approval from the USDA to reimburse when the project is closed. Our main concern is if the damage is in the pipe going through the dam, we need to address it now as we do not want to compromise the dam. Even though the lakebed in lake Anne looks dry, we are asking the residents to not go much beyond their seawall due to the risk of breaking our fragile wastewater pipes.

The district is still working with neighboring landowners to secure a route to the Establishment Creek. One landowner is agreeable and the proper agreement is being drawn up. The second landowner is still reviewing and we hope to have an answer by the next meeting.

Q: Mike Kraenzle: Will all the pipes be replaced?

A: Yes, in the overall project they will all be replaced. We are currently taking the lake down for the emergency repairs/replacement of the damaged pipes. We plan on leaving the lake down for the overall project which we hope to have a timeline for the project by July's meeting.

Q: Tim Uding: Will you dredge all the lake then?

A: The pipe repair and replacement will require substantial removal and cleanup of the silt in the lake bed. The district is working with the Association to complete this part of the project.

Q: Larry Thompson: Will you work on all of it then?

A: It needs to be dry to find the problem, we'll repair that first, then plan from there. This is a timing issue. If all falls together, we may keep marching forward. The goal is repair and replace all piping in the lake as the funding is released.

Q: Who will pay for all this, will there be a special assessment?

A: We have a loan through the USDA, \$7.5 million, for 35 years at 1.75% interest with \$3,325,000 of that in grant money. Each home is currently paying \$63.83 a month for the wastewater project; this amount is set to go to \$82.00 a month soon, to be in compliance with the USDA contract/loan.

Q: Is there a timeline for all of this?

A: The MO DNR is our timeline, when they approve, we should be ready to go.

Q: There is a rumor that the lake will be down 3 years.

A: In a perfect world, we will work on it this winter and hope for the spring rains to help fill lake Anne back up.

Q: What can you work on until the DNR approves the plans, is there anything that can be done to speed up the process?

A: The District Engineer is working on plan updates to finalize as soon as remaining decisions are made and the District is working with the Association on a place where the fill material can be relocated.

Q: Mary Hurt: Will the two other lakes have new pipes also?

A: Our goal is to have all three lakes worked on, as it states in the original plan.

Q: Is the drain open all the way?

A: Yes, but the lower the lake goes, less pressure is on the outflow.

Chairman Basler said we needed to wrap up the Q&A period as we were going to take time away from the association's meeting.

Several residents then thanked the board for all their work; it is much appreciated.

**New Business:** Mark Basler

Non at this time

**Adjournment:** Don Kuehn made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jim Donze. Motion passed with all in favor at 6:58 pm.

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