

**TOWN OF LAKE LURE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL STORM RECOVERY
STATUS**

Monday, October 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall at the Landings



Agenda

Roll Call:

Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Dave DiOrio

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman

Jeff Geisler, Rumbling Bald
Chris Metlon, Assistant Fire Chief
Dean Lindsey, Public Works Director
Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief
Mike Williams, Community Development
Laura Krejci, Communications Director
Doug Ramsier, ICF

Absent:

Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Evan Smith, FEMA
Dana Bradley, Parks and Rec

I. Call to Order

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

III. Storm Recovery Updates

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman advised that the Army Corp will be meeting tomorrow for discussion of the continued sedimentation removal. There is also a grant that has a 2.5 million cap. The deadline is November 21, 2025. No other updates to report.

Public Works:

Dean Lindsey advised they continue to work on restoring the West End. The gravity line should be installed by the end of this week. We are currently waiting on manholes so they can be installed. Plumber is working to locate the lines for Buddy Lane and the 2 properties behind the Chimney Rock Inn. Once complete will be a driveway and fence installed at the pump station.

On October 20th we will have a Geotech to begin the retaining wall at the flowering bridge.

Lake levels are slowly increasing but looking to hold at 970. Working to get everything ready to have the Tanier gates. Schnable should be done at the end of this month.

The deep-water ramp that was discussed at putting in Rumbling Bald has been cancelled as the engineers have seen that the property is not suitable for a deep-water access ramp in that location. Working to locate another location.

Smoke testing should begin the 2nd week of November, followed by camera testing as well.

Boys Camp Road Bridge replacement is in the works. Need to have a beam removed from Michelle Morton's property. Will continue to work on that as well.

Parks&Rec:

Dana Bradley was out today but was advised that the playground is being installed this week. The Ribbon cutting will be on Wednesday!

Rumbling Bald:

Jeff Geisler advised that he will be reaching out to Ashbritt regarding the ramp replacement since the town will no longer be putting deep water access there.

Rumbling Bald wants to thank the Fire Department for working in the betterment of station 2.

Would like to advise that the personal property debris removal program reached out to them and will update the town if anything comes of it.

Community Development:

Mike Williams, Director, advised on continued work on the boathouses. As we know some have already been denied by FEMA. Mark Cardwell has a scheduled meeting and will follow up sometime on Tuesday afternoon. No other updates currently.

Police Department:

Sean Humphries advised that his department is gearing up for the upcoming weekend as it is the first Arts and Crafts festival since Helene.

Fire Department:

Dustin Waycaster advised him and Chris Melton to attend the Forest Service Meeting. Currently in a moderate drought and feels that it will be a rough fall fire season due to the fuel load on the ground since the storm.

I attended a TDA Board meeting and gave a presentation. The TDA has approved to fund the remaining on Station 2 in the amount of \$185,000.

The Carolina Climbers Coalition, working on new trails. These are great for the community and will work to ensure fire safety.

Communications:

Laura Krejci advised that the playground is underway. We will have a ribbon cutting at 2:30 on Wednesday once completed.

There has been a lot of good press, and we continue to keep the public updated. Be advised that the first Arts and Crafts festival since the storm is set for this weekend. We look forward to seeing the tourists that will be here.

ICF:

Doug Ramiser advised working with Schnable and Labella to get designs in to FEMA. Had some questions for Dean regarding the West End Sewer project which was discussed.

Doug advised that the demo of the bridge on Boys Camp Road to be sure that timesheets reflect time spent on the project. FEMA can reimburse for that work to the Town.

FEMA:

Evan Smith was unable to attend today.

Finance:

No updates currently.

Other:

Dustin Waycaster advised that he, Chris Melton and Laura Krejci have volunteered to be on a long-term committee to help award money to private property owners. The County has 19.5 million dollars that can be dispersed throughout the county.

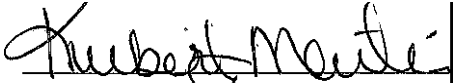
Waste water treatment and collection systems questions. This is being worked on, but it is very difficult to provide certain information to FEMA. Labella has provided a statement, and we are just waiting for a response from FEMA.

Proctor Road is almost completed. Waiting on the paving and will put Jersey barriers once completed. Timeline is uncertain currently.

IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to adjourn Storm Recovery Status meeting.
Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:


Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk


Carol C. Pritc

