

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

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall at the Landings



Agenda

Roll Call:

Commissioner Jim Proctor
Commissioner Dave DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Olivia Stewman, Town Manager

Laura Krejci, Communications Director
Sean Humphries, Police Chief
Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief
Dana Bradley, Park & Rec Director
Dean Lindsey, Public Works Director
Mike Williams, Community Development Director
Doug Ramiser, ICF
Jeff Geisler, Rumbling Bald

Absent:

Commissioner Scott Doster
Evan Smith, FEMA

I. Call to Order

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

III. Resolution No. 26-02-16 Accepting SRF Helene Funds for Bulk Chemical Storage Building

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman presented to council a resolution accepting SRF Helen Funds with principal forgiveness.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to approved Resolution No. 26-02-16 Accepting SRF Helen Funds for Bulk Chemical Storage Building. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

IV. Resolution No. 26-02-IGA Accepting SRF Helene Funds for Yacht Island Emergency Waterline

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman presented to council a resolution to accept funds for Yacht Island Emergency Waterline. The project has been approved for \$6,636,349 in total funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). This includes \$6,111,262 in principal forgiveness and \$626,087 in loans. Of the principal forgiveness, \$6 million is awarded at 100 percent, with the remaining portion structured at 76 percent principal forgiveness and 25 percent loan. The loan carries a 0 percent interest rate over a 20-year term.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-02-16A Accepting SRF Helene Funds for Yacht Island Emergency Waterline. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

V. Resolution No. 26-02-1GB Accepting SRF Helene Funds for New WWTP Design and Construction

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman presented to council a resolution to accept funds for new wastewater treatment plant design and construction. This supports projects that strengthen infrastructure resilience by reducing flood risk and vulnerability and improving preparedness. The project has been approved for \$5,000,000 in total funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The full amount is awarded as 100 percent principal forgiveness, with no loan repayment required. Any additional funding, if awarded, would be structured at 76 percent principal forgiveness and 25 percent loan at a 0 percent interest rate over a 20-year term.

The total estimated project cost is \$34,032,402.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-02-ISB Accepting SRF Funds for New WWTP Design and Construction. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VI. Consider Approval of Easement with Duke Energy for Parcel #219448

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman presented a request from Duke Energy requesting an easement to provide upgrades on Sunset Cove Rd. There are some concerns from residents and concerns with timeline with town work. After discussion council decided to hold off on making any decisions until the March regular meeting after the residents can meet next week and voice their concerns.

VII. Storm Recovery Updates

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman, advised there were no new updates since Friday's report.

Public Works:

Dean Lindsey, Public Works Director, advised of updates with Town projects.

The west end dredging project is moving forward. The bench will be going away and the bank on the Fae Nectar side will be stabilized. Other side will be stabilized at a later date.

The smart program has began mobilizing and planning taking place this week. The Wetlands at Morse park has been cleaned out and is deeper. Will be adding 2 fountain features to help with the beautification of the park and continue working on the drainage plan for the area as well. Working to restore the walking path and plan for the ramp for future kayak access. Will be working with Vic Knight on the design.

Welcome Center has been demoed and concrete pad and fencing will be removed. Power is being installed and the EV connections will be replaced.

Working on the mold abatement at the beach marina area. Getting quotes and working to bring everything back to code. Still looking good for opening in May.

Tainter Gate project is now complete. Raising lake two feet to evaluate any leaks.

Below the Dam, everything is operational.

Hydro Electrical High Road update. Doug met with Labella who is working on a design that will be presented to FEMA. Discussion ensued. Questions regarding what Morgan Corp was doing. Dean will look into this further and get back to us.

Boys Camp Road bridge is starting in March. Currently in the bidding process. No definite timeline but could take up to three or four months.

Proctor road culvert project is beginning this week. Should not impact access, but there may be some intermittent delays.

Paving will continue across Lake Lure. Charlotte Drive is on list as priority. Along with Memorial Hwy DOT repairs.

Working on access for Mallard Cove Lake Access. Currently in the property phase.

Public Works working to replace three manholes. Advised to have police presence.

Seawall in Tryon Bay Circle is in progress and is on time for completion. Discussion ensued.

Parks & Rec:

Dana Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director, advised contractors have been selected for the weed patch trail. Set to begin soon.

Disc Golf at the green space is available for beginners to advance game players with a 9 hole game play.

Ramps will open once lake is open.

Rumbling Bald:

Jeff Giesler advised they were able to get pontoon boats on to the lake. A huge thank you to Lake Lure and Mountain Biz Works as a grant was received. Did have questions if non-motorized and motorized boats will be granted access at different times. No all boats and active will begin at the same time for all. Rowing teams will be here February 28, 2026.

Along with this Mayor Carol C Pritchett thanked Rumbling Bald for all there help and support during this time.

Community Development:

Mike Williams, recommended that kayaks be allowed after the rowing teams leave. Feel it would give the Town a positive look at the upcoming opening of the Lake. Discussion ensued. Town believes to wait to allow access for all at the same time. Will re-visit once lake comes up more.

Police Department:

No storm related updates at this time.

Fire Department:

Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief advised no updates at this time.

Communications:

Laura Krejci, Communications Director gave a thank you to all that took time out to be included in interviews.

ICF:

Doug Ramiser advised there currently are no updates.

FEM.A:

Evan Smith, FEMA was unavailable for an update at this time.

Finance:

No updates to report currently.

Other:

Commissioner Jim Proctor advised we need to make it clear to residents/homeowners that if a approved contractor takes boats out its ok. It is against Town Policy to allow owners to remove boats themselves at this time.

Would the Town consider antique boat show? Other plans have already been made no decision needed.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant asked questions about boat tours and if they will be able to resume.

Waiting on bids to come in for the stationary docks. Hopeful this process will be quick and work can begin immediately. Timeline currently is for April but could be extended a little longer.

With the tours a building is still in the works. We have a few options as to what can be placed there temporarily. Discussion ensued with ideas and will reach out to ridgeline with there perspective and re-visit at a later date.

VIII. Adjournment:

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to adjourn Storm Recovery Status 'meeting.
Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:



Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

