

## **Riverside Lakeland Property Owners Association Update**

**Dear Riverside Lakeland Residents,**

**Here's an important update on the FEMA process and our bridge replacement project:**

- 1. FEMA Update:** After a productive call with FEMA, I was given a list of 11 neighbors who need to submit a Declarative Statement via [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) to release an additional \$108,000. I've spoken with 9 of the 11 neighbors and helped a few submit their statements on Sunday and today. So far, approximately \$90,000 has been distributed within the neighborhood, and most of it is coming into the POA. We are addressing one or two neighbors who have yet to turn over Bridge Funds, and FEMA is involved.
- 2. Increased FEMA Interest:** Due to the size of the project and unique circumstances, FEMA is closely monitoring our neighborhood. There will be oversight, so it's important everyone complies.
- 3. Project Scope Clarification:** FEMA mistakenly understood the \$188,000 bid from 5-T Construction as addressing not just the bridge, but all the roads, levees, and dams in the neighborhood. However, this bid only covers the bridge the road surface directly above it and the temporary crossing. We're working with 5-T Construction to revise the proposal and will appeal in the hope that FEMA will accept the Proposal from Waters Construction of \$75,000 to repair the roads and dams.
- 4. We're working with Congressman Pete Sessions' office to secure a dedicated FEMA point of contact to ensure smoother communication and faster progress.**
- 5. Action Items:**
  - If you haven't received funds from FEMA, contact them immediately and ask for an update and help with the Bridge and Roads.
  - If you have an account on [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), upload your Declarative Statement under "Home Repairs" and "Home Owners Association Statement/Letter." Even if you are not one of the 11 that I have spoken with or reached out to as this may trigger additional funds or ease the distribution if the \$75,000 road repair proposal is accepted.
  - If you've received FEMA money, please contact a board member or me. Funds can be sent to our PO Box or handed to Robin, CW, James, Tim, or me directly.

- Watch for new amounts being deposited or received \$2,274.45 and \$11,676.42 were the first two common amounts but now we have seen \$6,948.67 and \$7,585.46 as well.

**6. POA Meeting:** Our next POA meeting is this Saturday at 9:30 AM at Riverside United Methodist Church. Please join us to discuss these updates and more.

Thank you for your cooperation. We're halfway to a new bridge! If you have questions, please reach out to a board member (CW, Tim, James, or Robin), bring them to the meeting, or give me a call.

Sincerely,

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