

St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1

Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020

Board Attendance:

Pete Lee, Chairman..... PRESENT

Mike Franklin, Secretary.....PRESENT

Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT

David Talmage..... PRESENT

Others in Attendance

Jeff Beratoniere, Curtis Environmental (

Cary Bourgeois, GEC Vice President

Roger Kocken, CCCE Resident

Item 1 Board Minutes

Mike Franklin brought the previous board minutes, from the December 12, 2019, meeting to this meeting. The meeting was called to order.

Item 2 Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues

Jeff Beratoniere of CES discussed maintenance issues. Jeff discussed residential issues at 117-119 Tchefuncte, where Roto Rooter cleared blockage on a main line. He discussed issues at 163 Bertel and 189 Tchefuncte. He also discussed issues with the manhole at 107 – 109 North, and an overflow at lift station No.2.

The board voted unanimously to spend \$1,672.91 for repairs at the treatment plant.

Item 3 DEQ Enforcement Letter /Follow up

Chairman Pete Lee brought a copy of the proposed letter, to be mailed to LDEQ, in response do the September 2019 meeting, with LDEQ in Baton Rouge. This letter was briefly discussed, with positive feedback from board members present at the meeting.

Item 4 Monthly Financial Statements

The district's financials from November 2019 were emailed to board members, and made available for review during the meeting.

Item 5 System Rehabilitation Project

GEC Vice President Cary Bourgeois attended the meeting. He brought six copies of the rehabilitation project contract with Magnolia Construction, to the meeting. Chairman Pete Lee, and Secretary Mike Franklin signed each of the copies. Two copies will be kept by the district, one of which will be filed with the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office.

After discussions with GEC's electrical engineer and Cleco, Cary presented the board with three options to provide electricity to the new lift station. Cleco would not charge the district for overhead power wines into the new station. Although no firm decision was made at this meeting, the solution receiving the most positive feedback was overhead lines extending to the lift station, then going underground into the lift station property.

Cary also mentioned, with the new overhead power line that Cleco would have to redo the service connections at 162 & 164 Tchefuncte.

Cary also mentioned there would be a pre-construction conference soon during the month of January, although no date was confirmed.

Cary stated that Brian Buckel of GEC would be the supervising construction engineer, for the rehabilitation project construction. Cary also stated that construction is scheduled to begin, two weeks after the letter to commence construction is issued.

Mike Franklin stated social media sites such as Nextdoor and Facebook would be used to notify residents of construction activity.

Secretary Mike Franklin and Treasurer Jay Kahn would meet soon with the resident at 164 Tchefuncte, to discuss the lift station construction, planned on the golf course, in back of the resident's property.

Item 6 Open Board Seat

Board member Lori Janosko resigned from the board, effective December 31st 2019, the end of her term. Covington Country Club resident Roger Kocken said he would be interested in joining the board. Mike Franklin stated he would forward Roger's information to Councilman Mike Lorino for consideration.

Item 7 Public Comments

The meeting was open to the public, and posted as such, at the meeting location. Roger Kocken, a resident of Covington Country Club was present, listened to the meeting, and asked a few questions.

Item 8 Next Board Meeting Date

Before the adjournment of the January meeting it was decided, the next board meeting for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is TBD, pending the location of the next meeting.

**Mike Franklin, Board Secretary
St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1
January 9, 2020**