

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Board Attendance:

**Pete Lee, Chairman..... PRESENT
Mike Franklin, Secretary.....PRESENT
Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT
Lori Janosko.....PRESENT**

Others in Attendance

**Jeff Beratoniere, Curtis Environmental (CES)
Bill Baute, CCCE Resident
Sally Harasty, CCCE Resident
Quin Boylan, CCCE Resident
David Talmage, CCCE Resident**

Item 1 Board Minutes

Mike Franklin brought the previous board minutes, from the February 7, 2019, to this meeting. Board Chairman Pete Lee called the meeting to order.

Item 2 Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues

Jeff Beratoniere of CES discussed maintenance issues. He discussed the repair at 111 Country Club Drive, involving the repair to the gravity main next to the resident's property and the replacement of sewer pipe on the resident's property. Jeff also said that the clean out at 123 Magnolia Drive had been repaired by Roto-Rooter. He also talked about a problem at 112 Oak Drive. Jeff discussed the 6-inch force main, that needed to be repaired at lift station number 3, on February 28th.

Mike Franklin discussed the the latest on repaving 170 Tchefonctue Dr. He stated paving contractor Jeremy Davis had repaved the spot, just a day or two ago, and that the repaved spot looked good.

Item 3 Review and Approval of Annual DEQ Audit

The board briefly discussed and voted to approve the annual DEQ audit prepared by Curtis Environmental. The board voted 4-0, to approve the resolution.

Item 4 Monthly Financial Statements

The district's financials from January 2019 were available, for review.

Item 5 Executive Session

Board Secretary Mike Franklin mentioned that the board met in executive session, at 5 p.m., prior to the public meeting at 6pm, to discuss legal issues related to the rehabilitation project. Everyone in attendance at the 6 p.m. public meeting was given a copy of a legal opinion from the district's legal counsel, regarding the district's right to place a lift station on a utility easement.

Item 6 System Rehabilitation Project

Board Chairman Pete Lee lead a discussion about the rehabilitation project and the need for it. He also stated the board has not determined a final site for the proposed lift station. He also mentioned the rehabilitation project estimated timeline. A brief history of the system was given. The impact and consequences of the Clean Water Act on the system were discussed. Also, the DEQ mandate was briefly discussed. In addition, the three other board members had comments as well. The board fielded questions and comments about the lift station proposal and possible alternatives, from residents in attendance. Board member Mike Franklin, showed a map of the sewer system to members of the public in attendance, to help better explain the issues and problems of the existing sewer system

Item 7 Public Comments

The meeting was open to the public, and posted as such, at the meeting location. There were multiple questions and comments, from members of the public in attendance.

Sally Harasty again expressed her disapproval of placing a lift station on her property. She and Bill Baute stated that the proposed lift station design on the easement behind her home was only 50 feet from her house. Sally also expressed a security concern about having a lift station so close to her property.

Sally ask why the sewage system is having problems, when everything seemed okay just 20 years ago.

Quin Boylan also expressed his concerned about a proposed lift station being placed across the street from his house.

Quin and Bill Baute asked why improvements and upgrades couldn't be made to the existing lift stations, to solve the problems with sewerage backups and overflows. They both also requested a copy of the 2014 Dayspring engineering report, which recommended construction of an additional lift station.

Bill Baute provided an engineering schematic of an alternate lift station design, not so close to Sally Harasty's property.

David Talmage expressed his interest in filling 5th seat, which is currently open on the district sewerage board.

Item 8 Next Board Meeting Date

Before the adjournment of the March meeting it was decided, the next board meeting for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 will be held Thursday April 11, 2019 at 625 N Causeway Blvd Suite C, Mandeville, LA, beginning at 6 PM.

Mike Franklin, Board Secretary
St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1
March 14, 2019