

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2020
Teleconference (Covid-19 Emergency)**

Board Attendance:

Mike Franklin, Chairman..... PRESENT

David Talmage, Secretary.....PRESENT

Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT

Pete Lee PRESENT

Roger Kocken.....PRESENT

Others in Attendance

Jeff Beratoniere, Curtis Environmental

Brian Buckel, GEC Construction Engineer

Michael Hattaway, GEC Project Engineer

Item 1 Board Minutes

Mike Franklin made available the previous board minutes, from the March 5, 2020, meeting, for this teleconference. The teleconference was called to order.

Item 2 Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues

Jeff Beratoniere of CES discussed maintenance issues. He gave an update to repair items being done at the treatment plant, by PSI. Jeff also said PSI was still waiting for a part from Japan to repair an issue at the treatment plant. He also addressed a connection issue at 164 Bertel, and Jay discussed whether the district absorb the full cost of connecting the resident to the system.

Mike Franklin also discussed the commercial customer, whose baby wipes blocked a main line, on Saturday night March 14th. Flowmore was called out to unblock the line, since Roto-Rooter didn't have the necessary equipment available.

Mike Franklin also stated that he issued multiple advisories to residents in the neighborhood, on both next door and the neighborhood private Facebook page requesting they not flush baby wipes down the toilet. Mike indicated that these advisories were beneficial, since the district did not have another issue with baby wipes, since the advisory was issued, unlike other sewer systems in the region.

Item 3 DEQ Enforcement Letter /Follow up

There was no new information to report on this issue.

Item 4 Monthly Financial Statements

The district's Financials from January 2019 were available to all board members, and available for review by all in attendance at the meeting.

Item 5 System Rehabilitation Project

Mike Franklin had the project suspended in the middle of March, due to the covid-19 emergency.

Brian Buckel, GEC Project Manager stated the subcontractor Suncoast could not continue work anyway, because hotels in this area had shut down. Brian was not sure about the delay penalties, if any that would result as a result of the district suspending the project.

Possible resumption of the project will be discussed during the May board meeting.

Suncoast, before work was suspended identified point the point repairs, from work done on the northern streets in the subdivision. An agreement had been reached with Flowmore to haul away debris removed from the pipes, to a place in Folsom.

Mike Franklin also discussed the on site inspector / inspection process. Also, the contractor conducting the line cleaning was supposedly to have Flowmore to dispose of the debris/material removed from the main sewer lines.

Item 6 Reappointments and Oaths

Mike Franklin reminded board members to sign and return their new oaths to the parish and state.

Mike also reminded members about online ethics training and personal financial statements, which are due May 15th, 2020.

Item 7 Public Comments

No members of the public were on this conference call. Therefore, there was no public comment.

Item 8 Next Board Meeting Date

Before the adjournment of the April conference call it was decided, the next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Thursday May 7th, 2020, 6 p.m.

Mike Franklin, Board Chairman

St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1

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