

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1  
Board Meeting Minutes May 7, 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**

**Item 1 Board Minutes**

Mike Franklin made available the previous board minutes, from the April 2, 2020, meeting, for this teleconference. The teleconference was called to order. Roger Kocken was appointed as the new Secretary.

**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 noted that a new line was tied in at 164 Bertel. There was a sewer back up 174 Bertel, Roto-Rooter fixed the issue, but it was noted that pines trees need to be removed to insure long term flow of the sewer line. The sewer also backed up at 102 South Drive; Roto-rooter removed tree roots from the line. 107 North Drive also saw a sewer back up. The sewer treatment plant had a water overload due to heavy rains and a gate problem on 4/29/2020. The overflow flowed onto the ground and Breaux Brothers were called and able to completely vacuum up the overflow. Jeff noted that the plant driveway needs gravel.

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.

A motion was made by Pete Lee and seconded by Mike Franklin to approve and submit the 2019 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Form (MWPP) (including the minor revisions); the motion was unanimously approved by the board. The form was completed by Mike Curtis on March 16, 2020 and he plans to submitted in May, 2020.

**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 February 2020 were available to all board members, and available for review by all in attendance at the meeting. The Financial Statements are collected and stored in the Sewer Board's Dropbox.

**Item 5 System Rehabilitation Project**

Due to delays related to covid-19 restrictions, a request was made to the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Management and Finance to extend the construction period for the loan to June 30, 2021. This extension was approved by Sierra Trabeau on April 3, 2020.

Mike Franklin had the project suspended in the middle of March, due to the covid-19 emergency. Mike Franklin also requested the contractors submit their plans for conforming with covid-19 restrictions.

Brian Buckel, GEC Project Manager has 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 June 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 location 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. Some delays were noted due to the covid-19 restrictions.

Mike also reminded members about online ethics training and personal financial statements, which are due May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Forms are available on-line at <http://www.ethics.la.gov/>

#### **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 may conference call it was decided, the next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6 p.m.

**Roger Kocken, Board Secretary**

**St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1**

**April 2, 2020**