

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1  
Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 9, 2019**

**Board Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance**

**Jeff Beratoniere, Curtis Environmental (CES)  
Mike Hattaway , GEC Project Engineer  
David Talmage, CCCE Resident**

**Item 1 Board Minutes**

Mike Franklin brought the previous board minutes, from the March 14, 2019, meeting, to this meeting. The meeting was called the meeting to order.

**Item 2 Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues**

Jeff Beratoniere of CES discussed maintenance issues. He stated that Breaux Bros. removed 2 loads (10,000 gallons) from the digester at the treatment plant. He also stated that the light in the shed at the treatment plant needs to be fixed and that an extension cord has to be used, for lighting in the shed. He also said the grass needs to be cut at the treatment plant. Also, that someone or some people shuffled through documents at the plant and did not put them back in proper order. Board member Mike Franklin said he was going to contact an electrician about fixing the light, and contact a lawn mowing service, to cut the grass at the treatment plant.

Jeff also stated that the flow meter at the treatment plant was not recording properly, and that the printer has gone bad. Jeff estimated the printer would cost between \$200 to \$300 to be fixed. Jeff said that board chairman Pete Lee gave approval for the printer to be fixed. According to Jeff the printer has been fixed.

It was reported on May 5<sup>th</sup> that lift station number two was not functioning correctly. After investigation, it was determined that both pumps at the lift station had tripped out due to a thunderstorm the night before. Both pumps and motors at lift station number 2 were reset, back online, and functioning properly. An overflow report was filed.

Jeff also discussed the situation at 132 Fairway Drive, involving the repair of the service connection, and replacement of 5 feet of sewer main. Mike Franklin also stated that once the resident is current on their bill, repair charges incurred by the resident would be compensated – what the resident owes the district, for a service-related call the district was charged for, but was actually the homeowners responsibly.

Also, Jeff discussed the issue with the main sewer line on Azelea Dr. and the service road. He discussed Roto Rooter's recommendation, that the line be jetted quarterly, and the camera works and jetting that Roto-Rooter performed the recently. It was Roto Rooter's recommendation that the line not be replaced, because of the expense involved in not only replacing a line, but also digging up the street would be required.

### **Item 3 Delinquent Accounts**

Mike Franklin brought a list of delinquent accounts, provided by the payment office. The board discussed whether a property tax lien can be levied against delinquent homeowners. Mike Franklin stated he would check with the board's legal counsel Karlin Riles, about this issue.

### **Item 4 Commercial Rates**

As was mentioned in a previous section, there was an issue with the main line on Azelea Drive which has been a repeated problem for the district, due to a tenet of a commercial customer. The tenant, a pediatric medical clinic was visited recently by board members Mike Franklin and Lori Janosko, at the request of the building's owner Steve Satterlee. The district's residential sewer system was designed with an average four person occupancy per residence, with an average water consumption of 25 gallons per person per day. Upon visitation, it was discovered that the medical clinic had at least 17 employees and treats between 80 to 150 patients per day. The board's legal counsel Karlin Riles stated that the district will have to raise commercial rates, because of the repeated maintenance issues, and the repeated cost associated with them. The board is considering a special executive session to discuss the legal ramifications of this issue.

### **Item 5 Monthly Financial Statements**

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

### **Item 6 System Rehabilitation Project**

GEC Project Engineer Mike Hattaway updated the board as to the status of the rehabilitation project. He talked about the boring process, for constructing a new force main, along the easement on the southside of Bertel, between Golfers and Tchefuncte Drives. A discussion of where the initial borehole will be drilled was discussed. It is possible that the initial borehole could be drilled on the easement close to Tchefuncte Drive. Hattaway stated that the location for the borehole has yet to be determined. Hattaway also talked about the survey work done on the golf course property along Golfers Drive, south of Fairway Drive. A survey plat is being created of this area. Board members Mike Franklin and Jay Kahn met with the golf course about acquiring an easement, just north of Tchefuncte Drive, and south of Fairway Drive, along Golfers Drive. Jay Kahn was going to work with an appraiser to determine the value of the golf course easement. Mike Hattaway also discussed the timelines for getting approval from DEQ and state's health and hospitals department, in addition to discussing the bid process. Hattaway also discussed which mains will be realigned to connect to the new lift station. He also stated that the project inspector, employed by GEC will oversee the on-site details of the project and communicate with residents, about project work.

### **Item 7 Public Comments**

The meeting was open to the public, and posted as such, at the meeting location. David Talmage a CCCE resident and new board member was present, but not yet in an official capacity.

### **Item 8 Next Board Meeting Date**

Before the adjournment of the May meeting it was decided, the next board meeting for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 will be held Thursday June 6, 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**  
**May 9, 2019**