

St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020 (preliminary)
Teleconference (Covid-19 Emergency)

Board Attendance, on line:

Mike Franklin, Chairman..... PRESENT
David Talmage.....PRESENT
Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT
Pete Lee PRESENT
Roger Kocken, SecretaryPRESENT

Others in Attendance, on line

Brian Buckel, G.E.C., Inc.
Jeff Beratoniere, Curtis Environmental
Sally Harasty, home owner

Item 1: Board Minutes

The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.

The previous board minutes, from the October 2020, meeting were distributed last week and the minutes were approved by the board.

Item 2: Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues

Jeff Beratoniere and board reviewed operational and maintenance Issues.

- 177 Country Club Drive, homeowner reported problem, main line appears to need repair to remove roots in the line.
- 122 Dogwood, homeowner reported sewer back-up; homeowner investigating.
- Hurricane Zeta knocked out power on 10/29 & 10/30, overflows noted at number 2 man hole and number 2 lift station.
- The bamboo at the plant needs to be cut back; it is starting to restrict access.
- Jay noted that he will contact Dirty Works and have them reduce the number of mowings during the winter months when the grass grows slower.

Item 3: Brian Buckel with G. E. C., update on Rehabilitation Project.

- **Pump station:** CLECO will install the meter in few days; startup scheduled for Thursday Nov 19th at 9:30 am. After startup, will complete the sitework and fence by the end of November.
- **Force main:** The force main is installed and has been pressure tested from the plant to the pump station. Air release valve is installed. The contractor will need to cut into the plant driveway, reroute the water line and hook up the force main to the plant.
- **Dress-up:** most of the excavated areas have already been dressed up; we will make another pass and take care of any areas that need attention. Plan to repair the sidewalk and asphalt in the Paillet Dr area within the next week.
- **Punch list items:** we have a list of a few items that need to be addressed and will be working on them around testing and dress up. We need to schedule an overall inspection to determine a definitive punch list. Magnolia should no longer need the storage area on North,
- **Suncoast:** Suncoast has lining work to complete on Magnolia and Azalea. Anticipate work to be completed by end of November.
- **142 Tchefuncte** – it is unclear if there is a problem and if it should be repaired.

Item 4:

- The board is still looking for a location to store paper files, contracts and material from earlier sewer board activities. Will search for climate-controlled storage in the area.

Item 5: Monthly Financial Statements

- Board members have reviewed the recent 2020 Financial Statements stored on the Board's Dropbox site and do not see any areas in error. Fewer repair costs have improved the sewer board finances.

Item 6: Depth Service Coverage Ratio.

- The Sewer Board accountant, Kathleen Lacoste has calculated the ratio to be 10.80. The ratio will need to be reevaluated after the Rehabilitation Project.

Item 7: Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance.

- The board agreed to submit the application.

Item 8: Signal boxes for lift station and treatment plant (SCADA system)

- Estimated installation cost is \$1,600/location with an additional yearly fee for operations.
- Board is review options and viability of the signal boxes.

Item 9: DEQ violation

- Concerns overflows (mainly due to heavy rains)
- Nitrogen – ammonia: high readings appear to be due to plant losing power during hurricanes.
- The Rehabilitation Project should improve both of these concerns.

Item 10 Public Comments

- Sally Harasty expressed concern over mud lumps by her mailbox. Brian Buckel will investigate.

Item 11: Next Board Meeting Date

- The next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Thursday December 3, 2020, at 6 p.m. Zoom login details will be the same as for this month

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Roger Kocken, Board Secretary

St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1

November 15, 2020