

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1**  
**Board Meeting Minutes December 3, 2020, 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, Secretary ... ..PRESENT**

**Others in Attendance, on line**

**Brian Buckel, G.E.C., Inc.**  
**Jeff Bertoniere, Curtis Environmental**

**Item 1: Board Minutes**

The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.

The previous board minutes, from the November 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.

- On 11/24/2020, pump #2 at lift station #3 lost prime, PSI called to repair.
- Breaux Service called to plant and removed ~15,000 gallons of sludge.
- Sewer back up at 114 North Drive (11/30/2020), Roto-Rooter called out to and jetted line to return service.
- Service line at 114 North Drive back-up on )12/1/2020), Roto-Rooter restore service
- Heavy rains from 11/25-11/30 required plant to be shut down. Heavy flow from lift stations #3 & #5.
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**Item 3: Brian Buckel with G. E. C., update on Rehabilitation Project.**

- The new lift station is activated. The flows were set per the plans and Curtis can and may have adjusted. The operation Manual will be given to Jeff with Curtis Environmental within the next week or so.
- Leak and sink hole at 144 Fairway Drive has been addressed and repaired.
- Tchefuncte lining is scheduled for next week. Azalea and Manhole 2 to 3 the week of the 14th.
- Final CCTV next week.
- Manhole report should be finished tomorrow
- There is one more point repair to complete on Azalea.
- Pump station fencing will begin soon depending on weather (within a week).
- GEC is reviewing email from Curtis Environmental concerning plant issues following the new lift station coming on line, to see what options we may have. One option being reviewed is closing the value slightly to limit the flow amount.
- Checking on when to repave Paillet Drive and golf cart path.
- Final walk through with Magnolia should occur in December
- There may need to be some additional dirt hauled in to fill areas along North Drive where the ground level is uneven.

**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:**

- Discussion on impact of bond repayment to homeowner rates. Provided less money is spent on repairs the board does not feel a rate increase is needed at this time. However, this issue will be further reviewed after all the cost are in. The sewer district has saved some money in anticipation of repaying the construction bond.

**Item 6: Depth Service Coverage Ratio.**

- The Sewer Board accountant, Kathleen Lacoste will recalculate this value with the state provided guidelines. We were informed the original calculation needed to be updated. This calculation is used to determine if a rate increase is necessary.

**Item 7: Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance.**

- The application has been sent.

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

- Currently looking into which boxes will work with the current new lift station, may need to use Delta's system.
- Board is review options and viability of the signal boxes.

**Item 9: New Lift Station/rain water infiltration into sewer system:**

- The new lift station is on line and running, the following issues were discussed:
  - During high rain events the new lift station appears to pump water to the treatment plant at a rate that may require the plant to be shut down. The engineers are reviewing the lift station settings and investigating ways to remedy this issue.
  - When high water levels occur at the lift station the red warning light is turned on. The light stays on until the water levels fall to normal and requires a manual reset to turn the warning light off. The engineers are looking into the warning settings and warning system to see if there is a way to reduce the amount of time the light is on and to avoid the manual reset. A recommendation is anticipated in December.
  - After heavy rains a large amount of water is entering the sewer system and may cause the plant to be shut down. The engineers and board and looking into ways to reduce the rain water influx and slow the flow to the treatment plant.

**Item\_10: Next Board Meeting Date**

- The next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Thursday January 7, 2020, at 6 p.m. Zoom login details will be the same as for this month

The Sewer Board Website is <https://sewerdistrict1.com/> Meeting minutes and agendas are being posted on the web site.

**Roger Kocken, Board Secretary**

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