

St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021 (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 Bertoniere, Curtis Environmental
Jean Sanders, Homeowner

Item 1: Board Minutes

The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.

The previous board minutes, from the December 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.

- Sewer back up at 114 North Drive, Roto-Rooter attempted to clean out 3 times, Board approve repair, (Repair work completed on 1/8/2021, repair completed in ditch. Road was not impacted.)
- 12/22/2020, Sewer backup at #10 Blossman Drive, Roto-Rooter unsuccessful in restored service. Flowmore called and successfully restored service.
- 12/31/2020, Sewer backup at 122 North, Roto-Rooter called out.
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Item 3: Brian Buckel with G. E. C., update on Rehabilitation Project.

- Final walk through held Jan. 6, 2020. Brian Buckel's notes are recorded as a separate document.
- Final reports and updated drawings are being generated. Proposed to use jump drive for data storage in place of paper copies, where appropriate.
- Homeowner concerns. 116 Country Club (Jean Sanders): exposed concrete at her mailbox, ditch not being straight and fill not level. This area was repaired twice, last time by Magnolia to fix the earlier repair.
- Homeowner concerns. 136 Country Club (Pete Lee): Second sewer clean-out is buried by fill and needs to be found and have a box installed, area near water shut-off valve is low and needs fill, the shoulder of the road (from edge of road to ditch) is not flat and doesn't extend far enough away from the road; this is a concern for cars using the shoulder.

Item 4:

- The board is still looking for a location to store paper files, contracts and material from earlier sewer board activities. Offsite storage (\$60 - \$90/month is too high). Scanning the documents is ~ \$0.25/ page, board is not sure if scanning will work for some legal documents. The board will investigate the possibility of storing key documents at a St. Tammany Parish location.

Item 5: Monthly Financial Statements:

- The board reviewed the final information and did not see any issues.
- Board will request a delinquent payment report.

Item 6: Depth Service Coverage Ratio.

- Board has contacted the state about calculation the dept ratio, however the issue remains unresolved. The board prefers to wait until the final cost for the project and end of year financials are completed before recalculation the ratio and determining if a rate increase is needed. A rate increase, if needed, would be controlled by state rules and regulations.

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 pumps at the new lift station are not design to run at lower rates nor “choked” back. The lift stations need to run to avoid sewer water backups in the system. Board will monitor the system, to better understand the impact and improvements seen by the rehabilitation project.

Item_10: Next Board Meeting Date

- The next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Thursday February 4, 2021, at 6 p.m. Zoom login details will be the same as for this month

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Roger Kocken, Board Secretary

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