

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021
Teleconference (Zoom)**

Emergency Operational Meeting

Board Attendance:

Mike Franklin, Chairman..... PRESENT

Roger Kocken, Secretary.....PRESENT

Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT

Pete Lee PRESENT

David Talmage.....PRESENT

Item 1 Backup at 162 Bertel

162 Bertel is still experiencing sewage backups during heavy rain events. The district is still attempting to find out from Curtis Environmental Services and Roto-Rooter the status of the investigation into the sewerage backups at this residence. Jay Kahn called Alec with Roto-Rooter, and told Jay that Roto-Rooter removed the resident's toilet and attempted to stick a camera down, but encountered water and could not determine the problem. There's some debate in addition to the infiltration, there may be a problem resident's service connection. The district is supposed to pick up the cost of the Roto-Rooter video, after board debate. Roto-Rooter is supposed to install clean out on the district side of the resident's service connection. A second clean out into the service connection on the residence private property will be installed, at the homeowner's expense

Item 2 Loss of Electricity

Yesterday, power went out at the lift station Number 3 and at the sewerage treatment plant. Cleco restored power to the sewerage treatment plant. At lift station number 3 there was a blown fuse, which was replaced by Jeff with the Curtis Environmental .

Item 3 Repairs at Lift Station No.2

We're still waiting to get the force main repaired at lift station number 2. I left a message yesterday with Scooter of Ziegler Tree to try and figure out when the trees are going to be removed. Until the trees are removed, the force main cannot be repaired.

Item 4 Additional Audit Bid for Rehabilitation Project Audit

The board discussed the district rules regarding expenditures in excess of \$10,000. LaPorte in their attestation documentation stated that the cost of the rehabilitation project audit would be between \$12,000 and \$16,000. Because of this, the district rules required the board to obtain additional bid, for the audit of the rehabilitation project. Deloitte submitted a written bid, with an estimate between \$80,000 to \$90,000 . The board unanimously voted to go with the LaPorte bid for the rehabilitation project audit, and to continue with the annual audit.

Item 5 Banking Change Required for the Sewerage District

Apparently, Citizens Bank has been acquired by another bank, and consequently cannot adequately conduct district's banking activities, in a timely and functional manner. Therefore, the sewerage board voted unanimously to switch its banking to Resource Bank, based on the water district's recommendation. Sewerage District Treasurer Jay Kahn will handle the switch and transition to Resource Bank. Board members Pete Lee and David Talmage agreed also to be listed on the new Resource Bank accounts, as eligible signers.

Since this was an emergency operation meeting, no members of the public attended this meeting. The meeting lasted about 15 to 20 minutes. Board members will be paid a meeting stipend for attending this meeting.

Mike Franklin, Board Chairman
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