

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes May 27, 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 Repairs at Lift Station No. 2

The board met in emergency session, to discuss the repairs at lift station number 2 at 153 Tchefuncte Drive.

For the past 2 days, Roto-Rooter has excavated a 10-foot hole next to the lift station, in order to repair the force main. Only a trickle of sewage has been flowing through the Force main, due to a breakage and/or obstruction.

Board Secretary Roger Kocken has visited the site for the past 2 days. There is a lining in the pipe closest to the lift station, that is believed to be coming apart and blocking sewage flow into the lift station. Roto-Rooter has made numerous attempts to remove this blockage by jetting the pipe and using a sledgehammer to remove the obstruction, without success. This blockage/obstruction is about 4' from the wall of the lift station.

Roto-Rooter originally submitted an estimate of \$6,400 to repair the force main, at the lift station. Flow more has been called out, to deal with excess sewerage, while the force main is being repaired.

Roto-Rooter has notified the board that more extensive repairs will be needed at the lift station, a new pipe may have to be bored in order to replace the existing pipe going into the lift station. A "garbage" pump will need to be called out to deal with the sewage and liquid, while repairs are being made.

Estimate to repair the force main could range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$12,000 or more, in addition to the Flowmore expense.

Because of the unresolved repairs, an unanticipated additional repair expense in excess of \$10,000, the board met on Zoom to discuss the situation.

The board voted unanimously to authorize the additional repairs to be done by Roto-Rooter. Since this was an emergency situation, a second bid was not needed, even though the projected costs are in excess of \$10,000.

Since this was an emergency operation meeting, no members of the public attended this meeting. The meeting lasted over 35 minutes. Board members will be paid a meeting stipend for attending this meeting.

Mike Franklin, Board Chairman
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