

St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1
Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 16, 2021
Original meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Ida
Teleconference

Board Attendance, online:

Mike Franklin, Chairman..... PRESENT

David Talmage..... PRESENT

Jay Kahn, Treasurer.....PRESENT

Pete Lee PRESENT

Roger Kocken, Secretary PRESENT

Jesmin K. Basanti Finley, future board member also attended

Item 1: Board Minutes

- The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.
- Jesmin K. Basanti Finley, will hopefully joining the board after Jay Kahn resigns latter this month. Jay is moving to Riverwood subdivision. Jesmin has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Item 2: Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental.

- Board reviewed operational and maintenance Issues based on Jeff Beratoniere's operational notes for details.
- Hurricane Ida: Power outages, starting on August 29'th, shut down lift Stations all 5 lift and treatment plant.
- Lift stations 2, 3, 4 & 5 along with treatment plant back on line ~ one week later. During this time the water well was operated successfully by the water district using a backup diesel generator.
- Lift station #1 remained off line for 2 ½ weeks due to lack of power. Breaux Brothers were employed to pump out the manholes in the area (North and South Drive) until the power was restored.
 - The Board will evaluate installing electrical connections to lift stations and treatment plant; this would allow the Sewer District to rent a portable generator to power individual lift stations and keep the system running when electrical power is lost. The Riverwood Sewer District is also evaluation this option. Electrical Rescue is a potential electrical contractor which may be able to do the work.
- There was a discussion about the electrical system at the treatment plant and general condition of the treatment plant. Board will need input from Jeff Beratoniere in order to determine what needs to be fixed or upgraded.
- August 10'th, Mike Franklin reviewed the gate access and pool piping installed near lift station #4 (by old Golf Course Club house). Owner of property was requested to make changes allowing access to the lift station and move pool piping away from lift station.
- August 20'th, sewer back up at 120 Azalea, Roto-Rooter called out.
- August 27'th (?), Sewer back up at 110 Dogwood, Toto-Rooter called out twice in two weeks.
- Treatment plant, #1 blower motor down, PSI has ordered, waiting on shipping.
- Bamboo cane hanging over fence at treatment plant, Jay Kahn had Dirty Works cut the cane back.
- Treatment plant, Sept 15'th: Return lines stopped up, Breau Brothers can and pumped out the clarifier.
- September 2'nd. 100 Pine, leak on sewer line, with tree falling on line. Pending action.

Item 3: Financial:

- Most recent financial statement were not available due to Hurricane Ida and corresponding power and internet outages.
- Jay will be leaving the board this month (?); Board approved adding Roger Kocken, Pete Lee and David Talmage to signature authority to the Board Bank account. Board is waiting on Water District to start moving funds, since they collect the fees for water and sewer.

- Outstanding Roto-Rooter invoices have been approved. One invoice was for a different sewer district and that one was rejected.
- Invoices directly related to Hurricane Ida are to be saved and forwarded to the Parish Government for reimbursement from FEMA. (Currently identified are Breau Brothers for pumping and Dirty Works for bamboo removal. Damage to sewer line from fallen tree at ~100 Pine may be added)
- Action of Ben Motions proposal was postponed to the October meeting. Ben was not available for this meeting.

Item 5: Document Storage

- It appears the water board will not be building a new storage building or if they do it will not be climate controlled. The Sewer Board will look into alternate locations to store paper documents. Cost at this time ~ \$85-\$200/month. Will review the potential to scan most of the documents and look again for a storage location for <\$100/month. Due to Hurricane Ida this activity will be done later in the year.

Item 6: Board Minutes.

- The Board approved last month's Board minutes.

Item 7: Next Board Meeting Date:

- **October 7'th at 6:00 PM, A zoom meeting.**

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Roger Kocken, Board Secretary

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