

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1  
Board Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2022**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**Board Attendance**

**Mike Franklin, Chairman..... PRESENT**

**David Talmage.....PRESENT**

**Jesmin Basanti Finley, Treasurer...PRESENT**

**Roger Kocken, Secretary .....PRESENT**

**Jeff Peters.....PRESENT**

**Others in Attendance, on line**

**David Curtis.....Curtis Environmental**

**Item 1: Board Minutes**

- The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.

**Item 2: Monthly Report from Curtis Environmental About Routine Issues**

- The board reviewed operational and maintenance Issues.
  - 120 South sewer hook-up.
  - Repaired service line a 154 Tchefuncte; repair within 15' of main sewer line.
  - Lift station 1 and 2 need new check valves.
  - North clarifier needs gearbox work.
  - Manhole #87 will need repair. Surface water is infiltrating into the system at the base of the manhole.
- No change. New Motor for blower at plant has not arrived
- Dixie Electrical is in process of providing a new cost estimate for electrical upgrade at the plant.
- Cost of future SO<sub>2</sub> is estimated at \$30,000.
- Cost to raise the effluent wall is \$80,000, this may require multiple bids. Cost could be higher because of several unknowns.
- Road repair at 108 Tchefuncte has not been completed, hole filled with dirt and not crushed rock.

**Item 3: Private lift station at 223 Tchefuncte Drive**

- The Sewer Board has spent \$2,814 to replace the pump motor. Cost to be capitalized. Board has not been able to locate legal document(s) concerning ownership and financial responsibilities for the private lift station. Search continuing.

**Item 4: Potential Rate Increase and Financial Review:**

- Initial calculations indicate the rate increase will likely be around \$5.00/month/customer and implement the rate in early 2023. The board agreed it would prefer to raise the rate and leave the rate constant for a few years.
- The rate increase is required to meet state regulations.
- Board will review, how to publicize the rate increase and if a public comment period is necessary.

**Item 5: Auditor**

- Sewer Board is coordinating with the Water District#3 and Sewer District #4 to find a new auditor. Board hopes to have this resolved by first quarter of 2023.

**Item 6: Preventing Sexual harassment training**

- Three of the five Board members have completed the required training. Board is reviewing a proposed policy.

**Item 7: Board Minutes.**

- The Board approved the October Board minutes.

**Item 10: Next Board Meeting Date**

- The next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for December 15, 2022, at 6 p.m.

**The Sewer Board Website**

- Meeting minutes and agendas are being posted on the web site.

**Roger Kocken, Board Secretary****St. Tammany Parish, Sewerage District No.1****November 22, 2022**