

**St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No.1**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 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**  
**Briton Richardson.....Future Board Member**  
**Katie Kirzner.....home owner**

**Item 1: Opening and Board member issues**

- The teleconference was called to order by Chairman Mike Franklin.
- David Talmage informed the Board he will be resigning in a few months
- Briton Richardson wishes to join the Board.

**Item 2: Monthly Report activity concerning Treatment Plant and system.**

- Manhole #86 & #42 need repair. Surface water is infiltrating into the system at the base of the manhole.
- New Motor for blower is in; waiting on electrical upgrade and gearbox repair before installing.
- Dixie Electrical bid of \$7,560.00 to upgrade the electrical was approved. Location of exterior fuse box location needs to be resolved
- Road repair at 108 Tchefuncte has not been completed, in progress.
- Sinkholes behind 111-115 Pine. Approximately 30' of main sewer line and connections need to be replaced, cost estimate was requested.

**Item 3: Sewer connection at 120 South.**

- Katie Kirzner (121 South) expressed concerns over the state of the ditch in her front yard. Board agreed to have the area graded and seeded.

**Item 4: Private lift station at 223 Tchefuncte Drive**

- Board has looked but not been able to locate legal document(s) concerning ownership and financial responsibilities for the private lift station. Search continuing.

**Item 5: Potential Rate Increase and Financial Review:**

- Based on financial review and upcoming projects the rate increase will need to be between \$5.00 - \$10.00 per month and customer. Likely implemented in early 2023.
- The rate increase will need to be coordinated with the water district. (rate increase and mass mailing).
- The board will need to send out a letter to all costumers informing them of the rate increase. This would need to be sent out 30-60 days prior to the rate increase. Board will look for a company to handle the mailing.
- The Board tentatively approved a \$5.00/month late fee.

**Item 5: Auditor**

- Sewer Board is coordinating with the Water District#3 and Sewer District #4 to find a new auditor, five companies are being considered.

**Item 6: Preventing Sexual harassment training**

- Four of the five Board members have completed the required training. Board has approved a policy; pending addition of statue numbers.

**Item 7: Board Minutes.**

- The Board approved the November Board minutes.

**Item\_10: Next Board Meeting Date**

- The next teleconference for St. Tammany Sewerage District No.1 is scheduled for Jan. 4, 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**

**December 17, 2022**