

WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 6  
OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD  
BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Waterworks District No. 6  
of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the major fund of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Management has omitted management’s discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information

directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 19, 2023, on our consideration of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



DeRidder, Louisiana  
June 19, 2023

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,155
Receivables:	
Accounts	7,500
Ad valorem taxes	98,025
Restricted assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	206,808
Intergovernmental	
Federal grants receivable	24,645
State grants receivable	116,126
Capital assets not being depreciated	13,501
Capital assets being depreciated - net	4,494,668
 Total assets	 \$ 5,001,428
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,068
Payroll taxes payable	3,193
Pension payable - ad valorem tax - maintenance	3,517
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Accrued interest payable	19,632
Contracts payable	212,708
Long term liabilities:	
Due within one year	13,000
Due in more than one year	1,371,000
Customer deposits	33,640
 Total liabilities	 \$ 1,657,758
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,911,461
Restricted for:	
Debt service	8,932
Capital additions and contingencies	93,307
Unrestricted	329,970
 Total net position	 \$ 3,343,670
 Total liabilities and net position	 \$ 5,001,428

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement B

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

Program Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	Business-type Activities
Business-type activities:				
Water system	\$ 141,618	\$ 13,975	\$ 1,648,153	\$ 1,520,510
General revenues:				
Investment earnings				\$ 948
Ad valorem tax receipts				101,298
Total general revenues				\$ 102,246
Change in net position				\$ 1,622,756
Net position at beginning of year				1,720,914
Net position at end of year				\$ 3,343,670

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement.

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Statement C

Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund
	Water and Sewer
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,155
Receivables:	
Accounts	7,500
Ad valorem taxes	98,025
Total current assets	\$ 145,680
Restricted assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 206,808
Intergovernmental	
Federal grants receivable	24,645
State grants receivable	116,126
Total restricted assets	\$ 347,579
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 13,501
Capital assets being depreciated - net	4,494,668
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 4,508,169
Total assets	\$ 5,001,428
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,068
Payroll taxes payable	3,193
Pension payable - ad valorem tax - maintenance	3,517
Total current liabilities	\$ 7,778
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Accrued interest payable	\$ 19,632
Contracts payable	212,708
Current portion G.O. bonds	13,000
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 245,340
Noncurrent liabilities	
Customer deposits	\$ 33,640
Revenue bonds - due in more than one year	1,043,000
G.O. bonds - due in more than one year	328,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$ 1,404,640
Total liabilities	\$ 1,657,758
	(Continued)

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Statement C

Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,911,461
Restricted for:	
Debt service	8,932
Capital assets and contingencies	93,307
Unrestricted	<u>329,970</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,343,670</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 5,001,428</u> (Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement D

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water and Sewer</u>
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 13,975
Operating expenses	
Personal services and related benefits	\$ 54,999
Supplies	12,059
Contractual services	25,372
Depreciation	18,440
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 110,870</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>\$ (96,895)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Investment income	\$ 948
Interest expense	(27,231)
Ad valorem taxes	101,298
Ad valorem taxes - pension expense	(3,517)
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	<u>\$ 71,498</u>
Income (loss) before contributions	\$ (25,397)
Capital contributions	<u>1,648,153</u>
Change in net position	\$ 1,622,756
Net position at beginning of year	<u>\$ 1,720,914</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,343,670</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds
	Water and Sewer
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 6,105
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(36,363)
Cash payments to employees for services	(52,381)
Net cash used by operating activities	\$ (82,639)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition of fixed assets	\$ (1,764,952)
Contributed capital received	1,836,356
Principal paid on bonds	(6,000)
Interest paid on long term debt	(8,909)
Net cash provided for capital and related financing activities	\$ 56,495
Cash flows from non-capital and related financing activities:	
Ad valorem tax collections	\$ 45,403
Pension paid on ad valorem taxes	(1,493)
Net cash provided by non-capital and related financing activities	\$ 43,910
Cash flow from investing activities:	
Investment income	\$ 948
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash investments	\$ 18,714
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	228,249
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 246,963

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Water and Sewer</u>
Reconciliation of loss from operations to net cash used by operating activities:	
Loss from operations	<u>\$ (96,895)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile loss from operations to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	\$ 18,440
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts payable	1,068
Decrease in customer deposits payable	(370)
Increase in accounts receivable	(7,500)
Increase in payroll taxes payable	2,618
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (82,639)</u>
	(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements  
As of and for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

## INTRODUCTION

Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana was created by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3811. The purpose of the water district is to provide water service to rural residents of the district. The governing body is composed of five board members appointed by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury which are not compensated for their services.

The district is located in southwestern Beauregard Parish in the southwestern region of the State of Louisiana. The District is in the process of drilling a water well and laying waterlines in order to provide water service to rural residents.

The accounting and reporting policies of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana conforms to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana is considered a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana. Business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support are the only activities reported in the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana reports the following proprietary fund:

The Proprietary Fund accounts for operations (a) where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Charges for services of providing water services to residents comprise the operating revenue of the District's enterprise fund. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

**D. Receivables and Payables**

A customer deposit fee is collected at the time a customer's account is established. Due to the policy of the District concerning delinquent accounts, this fee covers the majority of the delinquent accounts, and any allowance account would be immaterial, therefore one has not been established.

**E. Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds of the Enterprise Fund bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

**F. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land and work in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Distribution system	40-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Equipment	3-15 years

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

**G. Compensated Absences**

The District has the following policy relating to annual leave:

The District has no formal leave policy and does not provide for the accumulation and vesting of unused leave.

**H. Long Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

**I. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the district, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. As of December 31, 2022 the District had no extraordinary or special items.

**J. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**K. Net Position**

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – all other net resources that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

**L. Receivables and Payables**

The District levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of the District. Property taxes are levied by the district on property values assessed by the Beauregard Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission. The Beauregard Parish Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector bills and collects property taxes for the District. Collections are remitted to the district monthly. The District recognizes property tax revenues when levied.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Property Tax Calendar	
Assessment date	January 1, 2022
Levy date	June 30, 2022
Tax bills mailed	October 15, 2022
Total taxes are due	December 31, 2022
Penalties & interest due	January 31, 2023
Lien date	January 31, 2023
Tax sale	May 15, 2023

Property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles. Property taxes are collected and remitted by the local sheriff, if taxes are not paid, a sheriff's sale is held and the property is sold to satisfy the taxes due on that property. Due to this, the majority, if not all property taxes are collected, therefore no allowance account for uncollectibles has been established.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, taxes of 26.00 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$3,875,651 and were dedicated as follows:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Expiration Date
Taxes due for:			
General maintenance	15.00	15.00	12/31/2029
Debt service	11.00	11.00	12/31/2029

The following are principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the district:

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for District
Texas Petroleum Investment Co.	Oil & Gas	\$ 591,189	15.25%	\$ 15,371
Arcosa Materials	Land	688,439	17.76%	17,899
H&E Equipment Services, Inc.	Services	205,196	5.29%	5,335
Beauregard Electric Co-op Inc.	Utilities	219,122	5.65%	5,697
Totals		\$ 1,703,946	43.95%	\$ 44,302

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2022, the District has cash (book balances) totaling \$246,963 as follows:

NOW accounts	\$ 246,963
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At December 31, 2022, the District has \$248,028 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$248,028 of federal deposit insurance.

**3. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$246,296 at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Class of receivable	Proprietary Fund
Accounts	\$ 7,500
Ad valorem taxes - maintenance	98,025
Federal grants	24,645
State grants	116,126
Total receivables	\$ 246,296

**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, for the primary government is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 13,501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,501
Work in progress	2,807,860	1,636,114	4,443,974	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 2,821,361	\$ 1,636,114	\$ 4,443,974	\$ 13,501
Capital assets being depreciated				
Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 7,332	\$ -	\$ 7,332
Machinery and equipment	1,189	5,240	-	6,429
Improvements	68,957	4,443,974	-	4,512,931
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$ 70,146	\$ 4,456,546	\$ -	\$ 4,526,692
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Machinery and equipment	654	803	-	1,457
Improvements	12,930	16,537	-	29,467
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 13,584	\$ 18,440	\$ -	\$ 32,024
Total business-type assets being depreciated, net	\$ 56,562	\$ 4,438,106	\$ -	\$ 4,494,668

**5. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The payables of \$273,758 at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

	Proprietary Fund
Accounts payable	\$ 1,068
Contracts payable	212,708
Pension - ad valorem tax	3,517
Payroll taxes	3,193
Accrued interest payable	19,632
Customer deposits	33,640
Total	\$ 273,758

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

**6. LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of the long-term debt obligations transactions for the year ended December 31, 2022:

	G.O. Bonds	Water Revenue Bonds	Total
Long-term obligations at beginning of year	\$ 347,000	\$ 1,043,000	\$ 1,390,000
Bond proceeds	-	-	-
Principal payments	(6,000)	-	(6,000)
Long-term obligations at end of year	\$ 341,000	\$ 1,043,000	\$ 1,384,000

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of December 31, 2022:

	G.O. Bonds	Water Revenue Bonds	Total
Current portion	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ 13,000
Long-term portion	328,000	1,043,000	1,371,000
Total	\$ 341,000	\$ 1,043,000	\$ 1,384,000

Bonded debt is comprised of the following issue at December 31, 2022:

G.O. Bonds:

\$347,000 Series 2021 General Obligation Bonds Due in annual installments of \$6,000 to \$25,000, March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2041; Interest at the variable rate of .3% to 4.00%	\$341,000
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Water Revenue Bonds:

\$1,043,000 Series 2022 Water Revenue Bonds Due in annual installments of \$1,619 to \$3,133, January 17, 2024 through November 17, 2061; Interest at the rate of 1.75%	\$1,043,000
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The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding at December 31, 2022, for the District is as follows:

Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Concluded)

Year Ending December 31,	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2023	\$ 13,000	\$ 27,122	\$ 40,122
2024	32,584	26,901	59,485
2025	32,930	26,479	59,409
2026	34,281	26,026	60,307
2027	35,639	25,530	61,169
2028 - 2032	189,786	119,041	308,827
2033 - 2037	216,726	97,731	314,457
2038 - 2042	223,575	66,545	290,120
2043 - 2047	141,414	46,986	188,400
2048 - 2052	154,336	34,064	188,400
2053 - 2057	168,438	19,962	188,400
2058 - 2061	141,291	4,956	146,247
Total	<u>\$ 1,384,000</u>	<u>\$ 521,343</u>	<u>\$ 1,905,343</u>

**7. RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

	Proprietary Fund
Restricted assets:	
Cash	\$ 206,808
Federal grants receivable	24,645
State grants receivable	116,126
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 347,579</u>
Less:	
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:	
Accrued interest payable	\$ 19,632
Contracts payable	212,708
Current portion of G.O. bond	13,000
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>\$ 245,340</u>
Restricted net position	<u>\$ 102,239</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and  
Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Agency Head Name - Adley Perkins

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 18,120
Benefits - insurance	-
Benefits - retirement	-
Deferred compensation	-
Benefits - other	-
Vehicle provided by government	Yes
Cell phone	-
Dues	-
Vehicle rental	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	540
Conference travel	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Speical meals	-
Other	-

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><i>Other Programs</i></b>		
United States Department of Agriculture		
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities		
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	10.760	<u>922,139</u>
Total Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities		<u>922,139</u>
<i>Total United States Department of Agriculture</i>		<u>922,139</u>
<b><i>Total Other Programs</i></b>		<u>922,139</u>
<b><i>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</i></b>		<u><u>\$ 922,139</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

Note A. Scope of Audit

The audit was performed pursuant to the *Single Audit Act of 1996* and the *Uniform Guidance*.

Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared on the full accrual basis of accounting used by the District in preparation of the government wide financial statements that report these awards. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain assumptions that affect the reported amounts of expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note B. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal award programs of the District that were received directly from federal agencies or passed through other entities and governmental agencies.

The District has prepared this Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to comply with the provisions of the Uniform Guidance. The Uniform Guidance stipulates that a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards be prepared showing total expenditures of each federal award program as identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and for other federal financial awards that have not been assigned a catalog number.

Note C. Major Federal Awards Program

The District's major federal awards program for the year ended December 31, 2022 was determined based on program activity. The District's major programs for the year ended December 31, 2022 consisted of federally assisted high risk "Type A" programs.

Note D. Subsequent Events

The District is required to evaluate events or transactions that may occur after the schedule of expenditures of federal awards date for potential recognition or disclosure in the notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. The District performed such an evaluation through the date of the opinion, which is the date which the schedule of expenditures of federal awards was available to be issued, and noted no events or transactions that occurred after the schedule of expenditures of federal awards date requiring recognition or disclosure.

Note E. Indirect Cost Rate

The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note F. There were no awards passed through to subrecipients.

## OTHER REPORTS

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

There were no prior year audit findings reported as of December 31, 2021.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

Finding – Financial Statement Audit

Audit Finding No. 2022-1

Water Revenue Bond Debt Service Interest Payment Made Late

- Condition: According to the bond resolution debt service schedule, the first debt service interest payment of \$18,252 was due on December 17, 2022. This payment was not made until February 7, 2023.
- Criteria: The bond resolution has an amortization schedule that shows all principal and interest due dates. When signing this bond resolution the District agrees to timely make these payments as spelled out in the bond resolution.
- Cause and Condition: The District's first bond millage payment from the tax assessor which should have been paid from the 2021 tax roll was not paid to the District due to some errors made concerning the millage. Therefore, the District did not have the funds for the required December 17, 2022 interest payment and had to wait until they got their 2022 bond millage payment from the assessor to make payment.
- Effect of Condition: This is a violation of the bond resolution that was signed by both the District and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Recommendation: We recommend that upcoming principal and interest payments due to the United States Department of Agriculture be timely made according to the bond resolution amortization schedule and that the office manager monitor these payments.

Finding – Financial Statement Audit

Audit Finding No. 2022-2

Ethics Requirement Not Met

- Condition: None of the board members or employees of the District met the one hour requirement training on the Code of Governmental Ethics.
- Criteria: As of January 1, 2012 all public employees are required by R.S. 42:1170 to complete one hour per year training on the Code of Governmental Ethics.
- Cause and Condition: This was an oversight by the District that they did not get the one hour ethics course completed during the year, and a lack of monitoring contributed to the oversight.
- Effect of Condition: Violation of R.S. 42:1170.
- Recommendation: We recommend that all board members and employees of the District take the required one hour ethics training each year and that the office manager monitor all compliance.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

Finding – Financial Statement Audit

Audit Finding No. 2022-3

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law Requirement Not Met

Condition:	Neither the board members nor the employees of the District met the one hour requirement training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law.
Criteria:	As of January 1, 2019 all public servants are required by R.S. 42:343 to complete one hour per year training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law.
Cause and Condition:	This was an oversight by the District that they did not get the one hour of sexual harassment training during the year, and a lack of monitoring contributed to the oversight.
Effect of Condition:	Violation of R.S. 42:343.
Recommendation:	We recommend that all board members and employees of the District take the required one hour sexual harassment training each year and that the office manager monitor the board members' and employees' compliance.

Finding – Financial Statement Audit

Audit Finding No. 2022-4

Bank Accounts Not Timely Reconciled

Condition:	Bank accounts of the District were not reconciled within two months of the statement date and no written evidence exist on the reconciled statement that they were reviewed by an independent member of management.
Criteria:	According to agreed upon procedures, bank accounts should be reconciled within two months of the statement date and written evidence should exist on the reconciliation that it was reviewed by independent management.
Cause and Condition:	Management relied on a third party to reconcile the bank accounts and did not check to see that they were being reconciled. Also, these statements were not reviewed by management after they were reconciled.
Effect of Condition:	Bank accounts not being timely reconciled could lead to errors in reporting and misappropriation of cash in the bank account.
Recommendation:	We recommend that bank accounts be timely reconciled within two months of the statement date and written evidence appears on the reconciliation by an independent management personnel of review of the reconciliation. Also, management's oversight of this should be checked monthly to see that reconciliations are timely completed.

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Dear Mr. Waguespack,

This letter is in response to the 2022 Audit Findings by Windham & Reed, CPA for Beauregard Parish Waterworks District No. 6:

- Audit Finding No. 2022-1 Water Revenue Bond Debt Interest Payment Made Late  
The issue of the late payment for the debt service interest has been addressed by the board. All the correct paperwork has been completed and submitted to the assessor's office along with the required resolutions for the millage assessments. The office manager will monitor the bank account and the millage paperwork from the Assessor's Office and will see that all monies due are paid in a timely manner.
- Audit Finding No. 2022-2 Ethics Requirement Not Met  
This issue will be closely monitored in the future to assure that all board members and employees complete the required training.
- Audit Finding No. 2022-3 Prevention of Sexual Harassment Requirement Not Met  
This issue will be closely monitored in the future to assure that all board members and employees complete the required training.
- Audit Finding No. 2022-4 Bank Accounts Not Timely Reconciled  
The issue of the bank accounts not being reconciled in a timely manner has been addressed by management. The office manager will closely monitor all bank accounts and their reconciliation in the future to assure all financial statements are reconciled in a timely manner and are submitted within two months of year's end.

Sincerely,



Nelda Williamson  
Office Manager  
Beauregard Parish Waterworks District No. 6

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT  
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Commissioners  
Waterworks District No.6  
of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2023.

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response as item Audit Finding No. 2022-4 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management’s response as items Audit Finding No. 2022-1, Audit Finding No. 2022-2 and Audit Finding No. 2022-3.

**Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s Current Year Auditing Findings and Management’s Response**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management’s response. The Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

**Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



DeRidder, Louisiana  
June 19, 2023

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Commissioners  
Waterworks District No.6  
of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022. Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Board of Commissioners  
Waterworks District No. 6  
of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana  
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The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Windham, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

DeRidder, Louisiana  
June 19, 2023

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

The following summarize the audit results:

1. An unmodified opinion was issued on the primary government financial statements of the Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.
2. The audit disclosed no material weaknesses in internal control.
3. The audit disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described in the schedule of current year audit findings and management's response as items Audit Findings No. 2022-1, 2022-2 and 2022-3.
4. The audit did not disclose any material weaknesses in internal control over major programs.
5. An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for major programs.
6. The audit did not disclose findings related to federal awards that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
7. The following program was major for the year ended December 31, 2022:  
  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural  
Communities – CFDA #10.760
8. \$750,000 was the threshold used to distinguish Type A and Type B programs.
9. The Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Commissioners  
Waterworks District No.6  
of the Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

To the Governing Board of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### ***Written Policies and Procedures***

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1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.  
*No written policy for budgeting.*
  - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.  
*No written policy for purchasing.*
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.  
*No written policy for disbursements.*
  - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).  
*No written policy for receipts/collections.*

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

*No written policy for payroll/personnel.*

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

*No written policy for contracting.*

- g) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

*No written policy for travel and expense reimbursement.*

- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

*No written policy for credit cards.*

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

*Written policy for ethics was observed.*

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

*Debt service policy included in bond resolution.*

- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

*No written policy for information technology.*

- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*Written policy for sexual harassment observed.*

### **Board or Finance Committee**

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2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

*Minutes do not reference budget to actual comparisons.*

- c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

*Not applicable.*

- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

*Not applicable.*

### ***Bank Reconciliations***

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- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

*Bank accounts were not prepared within two months of the statement.*

- b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

*Bank reconciliations had no written evidence of review by independent party.*

- c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)***

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- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*One deposit site.*

- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

*Cash is not collected by the district.*

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

*Employees are bonded.*

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*Receipts are not pre-numbered.*

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

*No exceptions noted.*

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

*No exceptions noted.*

- d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

*No exceptions noted.*

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions noted.*

***Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)***

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under procedure #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
- e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

*[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]*

*No exceptions noted.*

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
- Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
  - Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:
- Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
  - Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*No exceptions noted.*

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### ***Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)***

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15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));
- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1h; and
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Contracts***

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16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
  - a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
  - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

*No exceptions noted.*
18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions noted.*

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee's or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

*Not applicable.*

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Ethics***

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21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17 obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

*Neither employees nor board members completed the ethics training.*

- b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official was notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

*No changes to ethics policy.*

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

*Agency has not appointed an ethics designee.*

### ***Debt Service***

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23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

*None issued during the year.*

24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

*Interest payment required by bond resolution paid late.*

### ***Fraud Notice***

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25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

*Not applicable.*

26. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*No exceptions noted.*

***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- c) Obtain a listing of the entity’s computers currently in use and their related locations, and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*No exceptions noted.*

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*Not applicable.*

***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

*Sexual harassment training not completed by employees or board members.*

30. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity’s premises if the entity does not have a website).

*No exceptions noted.*

31. Obtain the entity’s annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

*No report filed for December 31, 2022.*

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

*No employee or board member completed the training.*

- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*Not applicable.*

- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*Not applicable.*

- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and  
*Not applicable.*
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.  
*Not applicable.*

We were engaged by Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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