

**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
MANSURA, LOUISIANA**

Annual Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020



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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District  
Mansura, Louisiana

### Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District (the District), a component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the District, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in its financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 these 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 District'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 GAAS 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 District'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 District'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 the management's discussion and analysis information 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.

**Other Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 is 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 the *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2022 on our consideration of the District'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 District'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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

Baton Rouge, LA  
May 18, 2022

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT**  
**MANSURA, LOUISIANA**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2021 and 2020**

**Statement A**

	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 313,293	\$ 318,437
Investments	350,459	347,419
Accounts Receivable, Net	61,992	56,555
Prepaid Insurance	5,314	11,491
Inventories	21,376	22,532
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>752,434</b>	<b>756,434</b>
<b>Restricted Assets</b>		
Note Payment - Cash and Cash Equivalents	80,210	80,210
Depreciation and Contingency Fund		
Accounts - Cash and Cash Equivalents	39,403	29,743
Meter Deposits - Cash	90,645	90,209
Reserve - Cash and Cash Equivalents	121,717	91,873
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>331,975</b>	<b>292,035</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,751,959	2,902,572
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	11,645	11,645
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>2,763,604</b>	<b>2,914,217</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,848,013</b>	<b>3,962,686</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT**  
**MANSURA, LOUISIANA**  
**Statements of Net Position (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2021 and 2020**

**Statement A**

	2021	2020
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities (Payable from Current Assets)</b>		
Accounts Payable	41,950	30,833
Accrued Expenses	14,176	10,200
	<u>56,126</u>	<u>41,033</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities (Payable from Current Assets)</b>		
	<u>56,126</u>	<u>41,033</u>
<b>Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets)</b>		
Customer Deposits	88,170	90,209
Accrued Interest Payable	5,188	5,188
Current Portion of Water Revenue Bonds Payable	36,378	35,392
	<u>129,736</u>	<u>130,789</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets)</b>		
	<u>129,736</u>	<u>130,789</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Water Revenue Bonds Payable	2,157,456	2,193,836
	<u>2,157,456</u>	<u>2,193,836</u>
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
	<u>2,157,456</u>	<u>2,193,836</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		
	<u>2,343,318</u>	<u>2,365,658</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	569,770	684,989
Restricted	238,617	196,638
Unrestricted	696,308	715,401
	<u>696,308</u>	<u>715,401</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>		
	<u>\$ 1,504,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,028</u>

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**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT**  
**MANSURA, LOUISIANA**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

**Statement B**

	2021	2020
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Water Sales and Fees	\$ 738,187	\$ 715,774
Other Revenues	4,531	586
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>742,718</b>	<b>716,360</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Cost of Water Sold	355,250	347,392
Depreciation	142,314	144,917
Salaries and Wages	123,147	109,393
Other	24,260	17,714
Insurance	21,210	8,175
Supplies	19,766	19,973
Utilities	19,165	17,198
Payroll Taxes	12,530	8,369
Auditing Fees	9,000	11,000
Bad Debt	7,820	14,985
Contract Services	7,805	1,723
Telephone	5,324	6,023
Repairs and Maintenance	5,316	2,013
Dues	4,785	4,371
Fuels	4,564	1,636
Postage	4,044	3,738
Commissioner Fees	2,663	2,820
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>768,963</b>	<b>721,440</b>
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>(26,245)</b>	<b>(5,080)</b>
<b>Nonoperating (Expense) Revenue</b>		
Interest Income	3,480	4,992
Interest Expense	(60,858)	(61,817)
<b>Total Nonoperating Expense, Net</b>	<b>(57,378)</b>	<b>(56,825)</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(83,623)</b>	<b>(61,905)</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,597,028</b>	<b>1,658,933</b>
<b>Change in Accounting Principle</b>	<b>(8,710)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year, Restated</b>	<b>1,588,318</b>	<b>1,658,933</b>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,504,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,597,028</b>

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**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT**  
**MANSURA, LOUISIANA**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

**Statement C**

	2021	2020
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash from Operating Revenues	\$ 727,422	\$ 728,273
Cash Paid to Employees	(121,834)	(114,441)
Cash Paid for Operating Expenses	(474,569)	(469,191)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>131,019</b>	<b>144,641</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(411)	(3,788)
Principal Paid on Water Revenue Bonds	(35,394)	(34,435)
Interest Payments on Water Revenue Bonds	(60,858)	(56,684)
<b>Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	<b>(96,663)</b>	<b>(94,907)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest on Investments	3,480	4,992
Increase in Investments	(3,040)	(4,554)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>34,796</b>	<b>50,172</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>610,472</b>	<b>560,300</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 645,268</b>	<b>\$ 610,472</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Statements of Net Position</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Unrestricted	\$ 313,293	\$ 318,437
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted	331,975	292,035
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 645,268</b>	<b>\$ 610,472</b>

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**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
MANSURA, LOUISIANA**  
Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

**Statement C**

	2021	2020
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash</b>		
<b>Provided by Operating Activities</b>		
Net Operating Loss	\$ (26,245)	\$ (5,080)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Depreciation	142,314	144,917
Bad Debt Expense	7,820	14,985
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Accounts Receivable	(13,257)	(4,821)
Prepaid Insurance	6,177	(7,049)
Inventory	1,156	5,497
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts Payable	11,117	(8,878)
Accrued Expenses	3,976	3,321
Customer Deposits	(2,039)	1,749
	<u>131,019</u>	<u>144,641</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 131,019</b>	<b>\$ 144,641</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT MANSURA, LOUISIANA

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Introduction

Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District (the District) was incorporated on July 10, 1973 as a non-profit corporation as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:3811 to construct, maintain, and improve the system of water supply within the District not served by municipal systems. A five-member board (the Board) appointed by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury governs the District; therefore, the District is considered a component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury.

The accounting and reporting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to enterprise funds of a governmental entity.

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The District's financial statements are prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as described in the following paragraphs.

These financial statements are presented in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. These Statements established standards for financial reporting, with presentation requirements including a statement of net position (or balance sheet), a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows. The District has also adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, that require capital contributions to the District be presented as a change in net position.

GASB Statement No. 63, effective for financial statement periods ending after December 15, 2012, provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. GASB Concepts Statement No. 4, *Elements of Financial Statements*, introduced and defined deferred outflows of resources as a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, and deferred inflows of resources as an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

GASB Concepts Statement No. 4 identifies net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position. This Statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in GASB Statement No. 34 and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure, and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The definition and reporting of net position are further described in Note 1, Net Position. As required by the GASB, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 63 during the year ended December 31, 2012. The District did not have any deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources at December 31, 2021 or 2020.

The District has also previously adopted GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities, and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. The application of this standard to long-term debt offerings of the District is more fully described in Note 1, Long-Term Debt Obligations.

All activities of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing authority is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Enterprise Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all of the assets and liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statements of net position. The statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position include all costs of providing goods and services during the period.

The Enterprise Fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

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. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary fund are water revenue and recurring customer user charges for the services provided by the Enterprise Fund. Re-connect and installation fees are recorded in the month service is rendered and collected. Operating expenses for the Enterprise Fund include the cost of water purchased, administrative expenses, 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, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash includes unrestricted amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and investments in bank certificates with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the District's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

The following disclosures are required by GASB Statement No. 31:

- The District uses the quoted market prices to estimate the fair value of the investments.
- None of the investments are reported at amortized cost.
- There is no involuntary participation in an external investment pool.

The District's investments consisted of certificates of deposit at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Inventories**

Inventories are valued at lower of cost or market and are expensed using the first-in, first-out method.

**Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current calendar year are recorded as prepaid items.

**Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets consist of meter deposits held in a bank account and monies set aside in accordance with the District's water revenue bonds.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets of the District are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$2,500, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations.

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Useful Lives</b>
Buildings and Improvements	7 - 30 Years
Equipment	5 - 10 Years
Distribution System	30 Years

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. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

**Long-Term Debt Obligations**

Long-term liabilities are recognized within the Enterprise Fund. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Long-Term Debt Obligations (Continued)**

With the implementation of GASB Statement No. 65, the recognition of bond-related costs, including the costs related to issuance and refunding of debt, are revised. This standard was intended to complement GASB Statement No. 63. Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are now expensed in the period incurred under GASB Statement No. 65. The District did not have any bond-related costs in the years ended December 31, 2021 or 2020.

**Net Position**

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, net position is classified into three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* - This component of net position consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any 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, plus deferred outflows of resources, less deferred inflows of resources, related to those assets.

*Restricted* - This component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* - All other net position is reported in this category.

GASB Statement No. 63 revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming the measure as net position, rather than net assets.

**Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncement**

The GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. GASB 89 requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. The objectives of GASB 89 are to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The District adopted GASB 89 in the year ended December 31, 2021. The District recorded a change in accounting principle, which reduced net position by \$8,710.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**New Accounting Pronouncements - Not Yet Adopted**

The GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of GASB 87 is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, postponing the effective date of GASB 87 to reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

The GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users. The Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.

The GASB issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*. The Statement amends Questions 4.3 and 4.5 of Implementation Guide 201-2. The requirements of this Statement related to the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 plans are effective June 15, 2021.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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.

**Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments**

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the District had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

	2021	2020
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 313,293	\$ 318,437
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	331,975	292,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 645,268</b>	<b>\$ 610,472</b>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 350,459	\$ 347,419

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**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments (Continued)**

*Custodial Credit Risk* - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be recovered. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. Under state law, deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities, plus the federal deposit insurance, must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. The custodial bank must advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

At December 31, 2021, the District had \$996,576 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$575,522 in federal deposit insurance and \$421,054 of pledged securities held in the name of the fiscal agent bank by a custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2020, the District had \$904,244 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$654,924 in federal deposit insurance and \$249,320 of pledged securities held in the name of the fiscal agent bank by a custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

The following is a summary of restricted assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Note Payment Fund	\$ 80,210	\$ 80,210
Depreciation and Contingency Fund	39,403	29,743
Meter Deposits	90,645	90,209
Reserve Fund	121,717	91,873
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>\$ 331,975</b>	<b>\$ 292,035</b>

**Note 3. Receivables**

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Year Ended December 31, 2021	%	Year Ended December 31, 2020	%	Increase (Decrease) in Percent
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>					
<b>Billed</b>					
Current	\$ 61,989	63%	\$ 56,555	66%	-3%
31-60 Days Past Due	6,408	6%	793	1%	6%
61-90 Days Past Due	5,449	6%	4,542	5%	0%
Over 90 Days Past Due	24,943	25%	23,573	28%	-2%
Subtotal	98,789		85,463		
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(36,797)		(28,908)		
<b>Net Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$ 61,992</b>		<b>\$ 56,555</b>		

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**Note 3. Receivables (Continued)**

All customer receivables are reported at gross value and reduced by the portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Periodically, the Board reviews the aging of receivables and determines the actual amount uncollectible. Per board approval, uncollectible amounts are normally written off against accounts receivable, and the allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted to a reasonable estimate of uncollectibility. Bad debt expense of \$19,165 and \$14,985 was recorded for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and the allowance for uncollectible accounts was adjusted to \$36,797 and \$28,908, respectively, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

**Note 4. Capital Assets**

A summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

<b>December 31, 2021</b>	<b>Beginning Balance 12/31/20</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance 12/31/21</b>
<b>Non-Depreciable Assets</b>				
Land	\$ 11,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,645
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	11,645	-	-	11,645
<b>Depreciable Assets</b>				
Buildings	76,975	-	-	76,975
Equipment	157,097	411	-	157,508
Distribution System	3,469,417	-	(9,676)	3,459,741
Total Capital Assets	3,703,489	411	(9,676)	3,694,224
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(800,917)	(142,314)	966	(942,265)
Total Depreciable Assets, Net	2,902,572	(141,903)	(8,710)	2,751,959
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,914,217</b>	<b>\$ (141,903)</b>	<b>\$ (8,710)</b>	<b>\$ 2,763,604</b>

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**Note 4. Capital Assets (Continued)**

A summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

December 31, 2020	Beginning Balance 12/31/19	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance 12/31/20
Non-Depreciable Assets				
Land	\$ 11,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,645
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	11,645	-	-	11,645
Depreciable Assets				
Buildings	76,975	-	-	76,975
Equipment	157,097	-	-	157,097
Distribution System	3,465,629	3,788	-	3,469,417
Total Capital Assets	3,699,701	3,788	-	3,703,489
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(656,000)	(144,917)	-	(800,917)
Total Depreciable Assets, Net	3,043,701	(141,129)	-	2,902,572
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,055,346</b>	<b>\$ (141,129)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,914,217</b>

Depreciation expense totaling \$142,314 and \$144,917 was computed on a straight-line basis for financial statement purposes for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**Note 5. Long-Term Debt**

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions for the years ended December 31, 2021:

December 31, 2021	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>					
Water Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 2,229,228	\$ -	\$ (35,394)	\$ 2,193,834	\$ 36,378
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$ 2,229,228</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (35,394)</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,834</b>	<b>\$ 36,378</b>

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**Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions for the years ended December 31, 2020:

December 31, 2020	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>					
Water Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 2,263,663	\$ -	\$ (34,435)	\$ 2,229,228	\$ 35,392
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$ 2,263,663</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (34,435)</b>	<b>\$ 2,229,228</b>	<b>\$ 35,392</b>

Bonds payable at December 31, 2021 and 2020 were composed of the following:

	2021	2020
\$2,998,000 Water Revenue Bonds dated June 9, 2009, bearing interest at 2.75% per annum, due in monthly payments of \$8,021, principal payments commencing December 2019, final payment due December 2056.	<b>\$ 2,193,834</b>	\$ 2,229,228
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,834</b>	\$ 2,229,228

As part of the District's bond indenture, the District is to make monthly payments to a Reserve Fund of \$802, and to a Contingency Fund of \$2,478, commencing upon the date of completion and acceptance of the extension project.

The annual requirements to amortize all the Water Revenue Bonds, including interest payments, at December 31, 2021 were as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 36,378	\$ 59,874	\$ 96,252
2023	37,391	58,861	96,252
2024	38,432	57,820	96,252
2025	39,502	56,750	96,252
2026 - 2030	214,639	266,621	481,260
2031 - 2035	246,238	235,022	481,260
2036 - 2040	282,490	198,770	481,260
2041 - 2045	324,079	157,181	481,260
2046 - 2050	371,790	109,470	481,260
2051 - 2055	428,900	52,360	481,260
2056 - 2057	173,995	3,469,417	3,643,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,834</b>	<b>\$ 4,722,146</b>	<b>\$ 6,915,980</b>

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MANSURA, LOUISIANA**

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**Note 6. Restricted Net Position**

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the District had \$238,617 and \$196,638, respectively, in restricted net position. Restricted net position (restricted for capital activity and debt service) represents the District's funds restricted by revenue bond debt covenants, contracts with customers for meter deposits, and the unspent portion of capital debt related to amounts restricted for capital projects, less liabilities related to these restricted funds. A liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from incurring the liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets.

**Note 7. Water Rates**

The District charged the following water rates to its customers based on volume for each of the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
First 1,000 gallons	<b>\$ 18.50</b>	\$ 18.50
Over 1,000 gallons	<b>\$ 6.00</b>	\$ 6.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
First 2,000 gallons	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	\$ 50.00
Over 2,000 gallons	<b>\$ 6.00</b>	\$ 6.00 per 1,000 gallons

At December 31, 2021, the number of customers served by the District was 898.

**Note 8. Board Members' Per Diem Payments**

The following is a schedule of fees paid to Board Members during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Albin Lemoine	<b>\$ 236</b>	\$ 720
Arlene Schexnyder	<b>784</b>	660
Chris Burke	<b>720</b>	720
Donald Sampson	<b>720</b>	720
Gaston Rabalais	<b>60</b>	-
Joan Decuir, Director	<b>143</b>	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,663</b>	<b>\$ 2,880</b>

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**Note 9. Insurance**

The following is a schedule of insurance coverages at December 31, 2021:

<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Period</b>
Commercial General Liability		11/6/2021 to 11/6/2022
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000	
Damage of Rental Premises	1,000,000	
Medical Expense	10,000	
Personal Injury	1,000,000	
General Accident	3,000,000	
Products Comp. and Aggregate	3,000,000	
Auto Insurance		11/6/2021 to 11/6/2022
Combined Single Limit (CSL)	\$ 1,000,000	
Workers' Compensation		7/6/2021 to 7/6/2022
At Statutory Limitations		
Each Accident	\$ 1,000,000	
Disease Expense - Employee	1,000,000	
Disease - Policy Limit	1,000,000	

## **OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
MANSURA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments  
to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

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**Agency Head**  
Joan Decuir, Director

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$3,600
Benefits - Insurance	\$0
Benefits - Retirement	\$0
Benefits - Other	\$0
Car Allowance	\$0
Vehicle Provided by Government	\$0
Per Diem	\$0
Reimbursements - Telephone	\$0
Reimbursements - Supplies	\$143
Registration Fees	\$0
Conference Travel	\$0
Continuing Professional Education Fees	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered Expenses	\$0
Special Meals	\$0

See independent auditor's report.

**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District  
Mansura, Louisiana

We have audited, 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, the accompanying financial statements of Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District (the District), a component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2022.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 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 over financial reporting 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. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-001.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 financial statements. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Response to Finding**

Ward 3, Avoyelles Parish Waterworks District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

**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 District'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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

Baton Rouge, LA  
May 18, 2022

**WARD 3, AVOYELLES PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
MANSURA, LOUISIANA  
Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

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**Part I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statements

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| 1. Type of auditor's report issued:  | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters: |            |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?   | Yes        |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified?  | No         |
| c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?                         | No         |
| d. Other matters identified?   | No         |
| 3. Management letter comment provided?   | None       |

**Part II - Findings Related to the Financial Statements**

**2021-001 Significant Adjusting Journal Entry**

- Criteria:* Proper internal control requires that each account be reviewed to determine if the balance is accurate.
- Condition:* During our audit we identified \$41,950 in accounts payable at December 31, 2021 which were not accrued.
- Cause:* Unknown.
- Effect:* Material weakness in internal control.
- Recommendation:* We recommend that the District review invoices paid after year-end to determine if the invoices should be accrued as accounts payable at year-end.
- Management's Response:* Management will review invoices paid after year-end to determine if they should be accrued as accounts payable at year-end.

**Part III - Compliance and Other Matters**

Compliance

None.

Other Matters

None.