

**WARD FIVE WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1  
OF EVANGELINE PARISH, LOUISIANA**  
St. Landry, Louisiana

Financial Report  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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## The Board of Commissioners Ward Five Waterworks District #1 of Evangeline Parish St. Landry, Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying proprietary fund financial statements of the Ward Five Waterworks District #1 of Evangeline Parish (District), a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

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.

The supplementary information on page 13-14 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. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

We are not independent with respect to the Ward Five Waterworks District #1 of Evangeline Parish.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
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May 8, 2024

**PROPRIETARY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

WARD FIVE WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1 OF  
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St. Landry, Louisiana

Proprietary Fund -Enterprise Fund  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and interest bearing deposits	\$ 45,760
Accounts receivable	16,141
Restricted assets -	
Revenue bond reserve account - interest-bearing deposits	23,010
Revenue bond contingency account - interest-bearing deposits	6,477
Customer deposits - interest bearing deposits	1,695
Capital assets, net	<u>466,354</u>
Total assets	<u>559,437</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	1,693
Customer deposits payable	1,638
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year -	
Payable from restricted assets - revenue bonds payable	11,770
Due after one year -	
Revenue bonds payable	<u>175,107</u>
Total liabilities	<u>190,208</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	291,247
Restricted for debt service	17,717
Unrestricted	<u>60,265</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 369,229</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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Proprietary Fund -Enterprise Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 127,698
Connection fees	3,218
Late charges	3,439
Other income	<u>12,906</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>147,261</u>
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and related expenses	40,219
Repairs and maintenance	32,286
Office supplies	5,986
Supplies	2,569
Utilities	7,609
Insurance	8,439
Depreciation expense	42,077
Rent	1,800
Licenses	3,066
Per diem	2,400
Professional fees	2,990
Miscellaneous	2,983
Taxes	249
Travel	<u>13,520</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>166,193</u>
Operating loss	<u>(18,932)</u>
Nonoperating income (expenses):	
Interest income	64
Interest expense	<u>(8,685)</u>
Total nonoperating income (expense)	<u>(8,621)</u>
Change in net position	(27,553)
Net position, beginning	<u>396,782</u>
Net position, ending	<u><u>\$ 369,229</u></u>

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Proprietary Fund -Enterprise Fund  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	\$ 121,603
Other receipts	19,563
Payments to suppliers	(84,297)
Payments to employees	<u>(40,219)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>16,650</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Net change in meter deposits	<u>625</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Principal paid on revenue bonds and notes	(11,254)
Interest paid on revenue bonds and notes	<u>(8,685)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(19,939)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>64</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,600)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>79,542</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u><u>\$ 76,942</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (18,932)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities -	
Depreciation	42,077
Changes in current assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(6,095)
Accounts payable	<u>(400)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 16,650</u></u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Ward Five Waterworks District #1 of Evangeline Parish (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Ward Five Waterworks District #1 of Evangeline Parish was created on March 9, 1992 by the Evangeline Parish Policy Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:1751-1802. The District is governed by a five-member board of commissioners and is authorized to construct, maintain, and improve the system of water supply within the district.

For financial reporting purposes, these component unit financial statements include all funds and activities that are controlled by the District as an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. Although legally separate from the Evangeline Parish Policy Jury, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury appoints the Board of Commissioners and has the ability to impose its will on the District and therefore is considered to be a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury (primary government), the financial reporting entity.

The District serves approximately 237 residential customers, 1 commercial customer, and has 2 employees.

B. Basis of Presentation

The District uses fund accounting to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The District uses an enterprise fund to account for its proprietary fund operations. An enterprise fund is used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - 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 Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The measurement focus determines the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund.

The proprietary fund utilizes an “economic resources” measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic assets used.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand deposits, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the District. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, “cash and cash equivalents” include all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. The District reports customers’ utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time written off.

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Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the revenue bond accounts and utility meter deposits.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 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

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is recorded as an expense. Depreciation has been provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset, are as follows:

Equipment	5 years
Buildings	20 years
Utility System and Improvements	25-40 years

Compensated Absences

The District has not established a formal policy relating to the vesting and accrual of vacation and sick leave. At December 31, 2023, the District has no accumulated leave benefits required to be reported in accordance with GASB statement No. 16 "Accounting for Compensated Absences".

Long-term debt

All long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. The long-term debt consists of revenue bonds payable.

Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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- b. Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. It is the District’s policy to use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when both restricted and unrestricted net position are available for an expense which has been incurred.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

E. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2023, the District has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 37,312
Time and savings	<u>39,630</u>
Total	<u>\$ 76,942</u>

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Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security 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 bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$81,804 were secured in total by federal deposit insurance. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

(3) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Water System	<u>1,420,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,420,701</u>
Total	1,421,701	-	-	1,421,701
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>913,270</u>	<u>42,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>955,347</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 508,431</u>	<u>\$ (42,077)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 466,354</u>

(4) Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of the long-term liability transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Direct Borrowing:					
Revenue bonds	<u>\$ 198,131</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,254</u>	<u>\$ 186,877</u>	<u>\$ 11,770</u>

The \$366,000 Revenue Bonds dated March 21, 1996 are due in monthly installments of \$1,661.64 through March 21, 2036 with interest at 4.5%.

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The long-term debt is due as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 11,770	\$ 8,169
2025	12,312	7,628
2026	12,877	7,062
2027	13,469	6,471
2028	14,088	5,852
2029-2033	80,762	18,937
2034-2036	<u>41,599</u>	<u>2,164</u>
	<u>\$ 186,877</u>	<u>\$ 56,283</u>

In the event of default on the direct borrowing bonds, the bondholder may take action as deemed necessary and appropriate as permitted by law to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the debt and compel performance.

(5) Risk Management

The District is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general liability, property hazards, and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

(6) Board of Commissioner Compensation

A detail of per diem paid to the Board of Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

Don Deville	\$ 450
Hope Rasmussen	550
Maxie Johnson	550
Charles Strother	600
Craig Whittington	<u>250</u>
	<u>\$ 2,400</u>

(7) Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head

For the year ended December 31, 2023, President Don Deville was paid per diem in the amount of \$450.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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Schedule of Number of Utility Customers, Water Rates, and Aged Receivables  
 December 31, 2023

The following number of customers were being served during the month of December, 2023:

Residential	237
Commercial	1

The following water rates were in effect during the month of December, 2023:

Gallons	Rate
0-2000	\$ 25

After 2000 gallons, rate is .0090 cents for every gallon.

The following is a schedule of the aged accounts receivable at December 31, 2023:

Current	\$10,863
30-60 days	4,499
Over 60 days	<u>779</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,141</u>

See accountant's report.

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Schedule of Insurance in Force  
December 31, 2023

Description of Coverage	Expiration Date	Coverage Amounts
Workmen's compensation - Employer's liability	7/1/2024	\$ 100,000
Surety bonds -		
Board President	12/15/2024	25,000
Secretary/Treasurer	12/15/2024	25,000
Board Member	12/15/2024	25,000
Business protection policy -		
Property - 1099 Edmund Road & water tower	10/25/2024	586,326
Crime	10/25/2024	5,000 - 20,000
Inland Marine - generator	10/25/2024	68,750
General liability	10/25/2024	1,000,000
Public officials	10/25/2024	3,000,000
Cyber Liability	10/25/2024	1,000,000

See accountant's report.