

**NORTHWEST ALLEN PARISH
WATERWORKS DISTRICT**

Grant, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District
Grant, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District (the District), a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

The District 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana
June 14, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 27,091
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	36,213
Due from other governmental units	<u>26,772</u>
Total current assets	<u>90,076</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits -	
Revenue bond debt service account	134
Revenue bond contingency account	100,758
Revenue bond reserve account	82,503
Customer deposits	<u>26,013</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>209,408</u>
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	19,486
Depreciable, net	<u>4,291,402</u>
Total capital assets	<u>4,310,888</u>
Total assets	<u>4,610,372</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities (payable from current assets):	
Accounts payable	30,335
Accrued liabilities	<u>2,240</u>
Total current liabilities (payable from current assets)	<u>32,575</u>
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):	
Customer's deposits	26,732
Accrued interest	2,300
Revenue bonds payable	<u>30,539</u>
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	<u>59,571</u>
Total current liabilities	92,146
Noncurrent liabilities -	
Revenue bonds payable	<u>1,368,727</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,460,873</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	2,942,161
Restricted for debt service	150,557
Unrestricted	<u>56,781</u>
Total net position	<u>\$3,149,499</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services -	
Water sales	\$ 320,089
Penalties	12,163
Miscellaneous	<u>19,142</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>351,394</u>
Operating expenses:	
Salaries	83,397
Payroll taxes	12,195
Insurance	21,377
Advertisements	1,640
Office expenses	8,264
Telephone and utilities	26,646
Supplies and parts	31,313
Auto expense	21,044
Depreciation	230,261
Training	1,620
Professional fees	8,165
Postage	2,218
Maintenance and repairs	16,308
Dues and subscriptions	806
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>3,418</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>468,672</u>
Operating loss	<u>(117,278)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Interest and fiscal charges	(53,023)
Interest income	20
State grant revenue	<u>10,649</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(42,354)</u>
Loss before capital contributions	(159,632)
Capital contributions	<u>51,109</u>
Total capital contributions	<u>51,109</u>
Change in net position	(108,523)
Net position, beginning	<u>3,258,022</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 3,149,499</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	\$ 340,850
Payments to suppliers	(114,633)
Payments to employees	<u>(95,918)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>130,299</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Net proceeds from meter deposits	960
Proceeds from grants	<u>10,649</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>11,609</u>
Cash flows used by capital and related financing activities:	
Proceeds from grants	24,337
Principal paid on revenue bonds	(29,419)
Interest paid on revenue bonds	(53,072)
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>(50,388)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(108,542)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received on interest-bearing deposits	<u>20</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	33,386
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>203,113</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 236,499</u>
Supplemental information:	
Interest paid	<u>\$ 53,072</u>
Purchase of fixed assets included in accounts payable	<u>\$ 27,000</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash
provided by operating activities:

Operating loss	\$ (117,278)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	230,261
Change in assets and liabilities -	
Accounts receivables, net	(10,544)
Accounts and other payables	28,186
Accrued expenses	<u>(326)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 130,299</u>

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per
statement of cash flows to the statement of net position:

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 11,495
Cash and interest-bearing deposits, restricted	<u>191,618</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>203,113</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	27,091
Cash and interest-bearing deposits, restricted	<u>209,408</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>236,499</u>
Net increase	<u>\$ 33,386</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District (the “District”) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity for Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District consists of the Allen Parish Police Jury, which, as governing authority of the parish, has oversight responsibility over other governmental units (component units) within the parish. Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Oversight responsibility by the Police Jury is determined on the basis of the following criteria: appointment of governing board, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, accountability for fiscal matters, scope of public service. Because the Police Jury created the District and appoints its board of commissioners, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

The Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District, which is a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury (Police Jury), was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:3811, for the purpose of providing water to the rural areas of Northwest Allen Parish. The District is governed by a board of commissioners composed of five members appointed by the Police Jury.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental entities and as a governmental entity provides certain disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District maintains only one fund and it is described below:

Proprietary Fund –

Enterprise Fund

The 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.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

The enterprise 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 and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

The proprietary fund statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33 “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.”

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Equity

Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and cash equivalents include all demand, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the District. For the 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.

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 customer meter deposits.

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Enterprise fund activities report customer's utility service receivables as their major receivables. This receivable is reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, if any.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, furniture and equipment, and infrastructure assets. They are reported at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at acquisition value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$500 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. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against its operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Utility System and Improvements	25-50 years
Equipment	5 years

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Compensated Absences

Vacation leave is granted on January 1 of each year and must be used in the calendar year granted. Vacation leave is awarded based on years of service with a maximum of 4 weeks per year. Sick leave may be carried over with a maximum of 120 days of accumulation at any one time. Sick leave is not payable at termination of employment and is recorded as an expense of the period in which paid. There is no accrual for compensated absences at December 31, 2023.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate section represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has no deferred inflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate section represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District has no deferred inflows of resources.

Equity Classifications

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 borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- 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. 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. At December 31, 2023, the District reported \$150,557 of restricted net position, none of which was restricted by enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

F. Revenues and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds generally are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services in connection with a proprietary fund's principle ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The District also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of new installation and tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets.

Nonoperating revenues are funds primarily provided by investing activities, such as financial institution interest income, gains on disposal of assets and insurance recoveries on property loss. Nonoperating expenses are those expenses not directly related to the production of revenue and include items such as interest expense and losses on disposal of assets.

G. Bad Debts

Through the establishment of an allowance account, uncollectible amounts due from customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available, which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The allowance for uncollectible customer utility receivables at December 31, 2023 was \$12,500.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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. These estimates include assessing the collectability of accounts receivable and the useful lives and impairment of tangible and intangible assets, among others. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically, and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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 had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 27,091
Interest-bearing accounts	<u>209,408</u>
	<u>\$ 236,499</u>

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 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 District or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2023 of \$241,802 were secured in total by federal deposit insurance and therefore are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

(3) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type

Restricted assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2023:

Revenue bond debt service account	\$ 134
Revenue bond contingency account	100,758
Revenue bond reserve account	82,503
Customer deposits	<u>26,013</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 209,408</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) Capital Assets

A summary of the District's capital assets at December 31, 2023 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 19,486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,486
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	1,700	-	-	1,700
Furniture and fixtures	88,581	-	-	88,581
Equipment	128,322	50,388	-	178,710
Water system	<u>6,562,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,562,720</u>
Total other capital assets	<u>6,781,323</u>	<u>50,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,831,711</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and furniture & fixtures	90,281	-	-	90,281
Equipment	66,114	10,615	-	76,729
Water system	<u>2,153,653</u>	<u>219,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,373,299</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,310,048</u>	<u>230,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,540,309</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>4,471,275</u>	<u>(230,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,241,014</u>
Business-type activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,490,761</u>	<u>\$ (179,873)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,310,888</u>

Depreciation expense included in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$230,261.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Water Revenue Bonds		Total
	Bonds	Bonds	
	Series 2010 Number R-1	Series 2010 Number R-2	
Direct borrowing:			
Long-term debt payable			
payable at December 31, 2022	\$ 735,066	\$ 693,619	\$ 1,428,685
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-
Long-term debt retired	<u>(15,136)</u>	<u>(14,283)</u>	<u>(29,419)</u>
Long-term debt payable at			
December 31, 2023	\$ 719,930	\$ 679,336	\$ 1,399,266
Less: Portion of Long-term debt			
due within one year	<u>(15,575)</u>	<u>(14,964)</u>	<u>(30,539)</u>
Portion of Long-term debt due in			
more than one year	<u>\$ 704,355</u>	<u>\$ 664,372</u>	<u>\$ 1,368,727</u>

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2023 is composed of the following issuances:

Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, numbers R-1 and R-2:

\$869,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, Number R-1, payable over 40 years, interest at 3.75 percent.	\$ 719,930
\$820,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, Number R-2, payable over 40 years, interest at 3.75 percent.	<u>679,336</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,399,266</u>

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The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Revenue Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2024	30,539	51,952	82,491
2025	31,704	50,787	82,491
2026	32,913	49,578	82,491
2027	34,169	48,322	82,491
2028	35,472	47,019	82,491
2029 - 2033	198,724	213,731	412,455
2034 - 2038	239,637	172,818	412,455
2039 - 2043	288,974	123,481	412,455
2044 - 2048	348,467	63,994	412,461
2049 - 2051	158,667	6,273	164,940
	<u>\$ 1,399,266</u>	<u>\$ 827,955</u>	<u>\$ 2,227,221</u>

(6) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use - Utility Revenues

Under the terms of the bond indenture on the \$869,000 and \$820,000 water revenue bonds, Series 2010, Numbers R-1 and R-2, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operations of the Water Utility System are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds and are to be set aside into the following special funds.

Each month there will be set aside into a "Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" (the "sinking fund") an amount sufficient to accumulate the amount needed to assure the prompt payment of the principal and interest installments as they become due, by transferring from the operating account on or before the 20th day of each month of each year a sum equal to the total amount of principal and interest falling due on the bonds on the next principal payment, together with such additional proportionate monthly sum as may be required to pay said principal, interest and administrative fee as the same become due. Payments to the paying agent must be made not less than three days prior to each interest payment date to pay promptly the principal, interest and administrative fee of the bonds.

Funds will also be set aside into a "Water Revenue Bond Reserve Fund" (the "reserve fund") to be retained solely for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds payable from the "Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" as to which there would otherwise be default. Payments into this fund will commence with the month following completion of and acceptance of the water system financed with the proceeds of the bonds, a sum at least equal to 5% of the amount to be paid into the "Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund", the payments into the reserve fund to continue until such time as there has been accumulated in the reserve fund a sum equal to the highest combined principal and interest falling due in any year on the bonds payable from the sinking fund as a debt service reserve.

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Funds will also be set aside into a “Water Depreciation and Contingency Fund” (the “contingency fund”) to care for depreciation, extensions, additions, improvements, and replacements necessary to properly operate the system, by transferring from the operating account on or before the 20th day of each month of each year commencing with the month following completion of and acceptance of the water system financed with the proceeds of the bonds, a sum equal to five percent of the amount to be paid monthly into the Sinking Fund. Upon the reserve fund being funded to the reserve fund requirement, the monthly deposit into the contingency fund will increase to 10% of the amount to be paid into the sinking fund. Money in the contingency fund shall also be used to pay the principal of and the interest on any bond for the payment of which there is not sufficient money in the sinking fund or the reserve fund, but if so used, such money shall be replaced by the issuer as soon as possible thereafter out of the earnings of the system after making the required payments into the respective funds and accounts hereinabove set out.

Funds will also be set aside into a “Waterworks System Short-Lived Assets Depreciation Fund” (the “asset fund”) to provide for the maintenance and replacement of short-lived assets of the system, by transferring from the operating account on or before the 20th day of each month of each year commencing with the month following completion of and acceptance of the water system financed with the proceeds of the bonds, a sum of \$2,356.

All of the revenues received in any fiscal year and that are not required to be paid into any of the above noted funds in such fiscal year shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful purpose.

The Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District was in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions in the bond indenture at December 31, 2023 and all required transfers and payments were made as described above.

(7) Pending Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District at December 31, 2023.

(8) Risk Management

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

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(9) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Supervisor

Board President Joy Williams also serves as agency head of the District. During the year ended December 31, 2023, she received compensation, benefits or other reimbursements totaling \$840.

(10) Compensation of Board Members

A detail of compensation paid to the Board members for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

Joy Beth Williams	\$ 840
Shirley Stanton	300
Charles Morrow	900
Joshua Thompson	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$2,640</u>

NORTHWEST ALLEN PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT
Grant, Louisiana

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part I: Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Compliance

No findings reported under this section.

B. Management Letter

A management letter was issued related to operating deficits.

Part II: Prior Year Findings:

A. Compliance

No findings reported under this section.

**ATTESTATION REPORT AND
QUESTIONNAIRE**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Board of Commissioners and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor
Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District
Grant, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District's (the District) compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The District 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 District's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures made during the year, which exceeded \$60,000 for material and supplies, or \$250,000 for public works.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon Procedure 2.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

The District is not legally required to adopt a budget.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

The District is not legally required to adopt a budget.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

The District is not legally required to adopt a budget.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and: (a) report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation, (b) report whether the six disbursements are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account, and (c) report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation, were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account and were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

Management represented that the District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, no evidence was provided to support management's assertion other than an unmarked copy of the notices and agendas.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain a list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's report, due on June 30, 2023, was submitted June 14, 2024.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Management represented that the District was not on the noncompliance list at any time during the fiscal year. Management further represented that the District did not enter into any contracts during the fiscal year that were subject to the public bid law.

Prior -Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

There were no prior year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations.

We were engaged by the District 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 the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. 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 the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 the District and to meet our other ethical responsibility, 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 the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana
June 14, 2024

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

June 14, 2023

Kolder, Slave, & Company, LLC

434 E. Main St.

Ville Platte, LA 70586

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes No N/A

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes No N/A

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes No N/A

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes No N/A

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No N/A

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes No N/A

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes No N/A

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes No N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes No N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes No N/A

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes No N/A

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No N/A

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No N/A

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes No N/A

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes No N/A

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes No N/A

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes No N/A

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes No N/A

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes No N/A

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes No N/A

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws

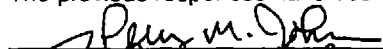
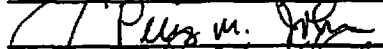

and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

	Secretary	6-14-24	Date
	Treasurer	6-14-24	Date
	President	6-14-2024	Date

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Board of Commissioners
Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District
Grant, Louisiana

We have completed our review of the basic financial statements of the Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District for the year ended December 31, 2023, and submit the following recommendation for your consideration.

The Northwest Allen Parish Waterworks District should increase revenues and/or decrease expenses in order to generate enough operating income to operate the system effectively and be able to service its debt properly.

In conclusion, we express our appreciation to you and your staff, particularly to your office staff, for the courtesies and assistance rendered to us during the performance of our audit. Should you have any questions or need assistance in implementing our recommendations, please feel free to contact us.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana
June 14, 2024