

**EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**Ville Platte, Louisiana**

**Financial Report**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

### Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury (Police Jury), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Police Jury's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### *Summary of Opinions:*

| <u>Opinion Unit</u>                            | <u>Type of Opinion</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| Governmental Activities                        | Unmodified             |
| Business-Type Activities                       | Unmodified             |
| Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units | Adverse                |
| Major Funds                                    | Unmodified             |
| Aggregate Remaining Fund Information           | Unmodified             |

#### *Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the Police Jury as of December 31, 2023, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Unmodified Opinions on the Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities, Each Major Fund, and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Police Jury, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Police Jury and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

### ***Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units***

Management has not included financial data for the Police Jury's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Police Jury's primary government unless the Police Jury also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Police Jury has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the Police Jury's legally separate component units on the aggregate discretely presented component units has not been determined.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Police Jury's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Police Jury'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 Police Jury'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**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer contributions, on pages 52 -60, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Police Jury's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the other financial information section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2024, on our consideration of the Police Jury'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 Police Jury'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 Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
June 3, 2024

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2023

|                                       | Primary Government         |                             | Total                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                       | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities |                      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                            |                             |                      |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits    | \$ 18,831,450              | \$ 333,900                  | \$ 19,165,350        |
| Receivables                           | 6,918,229                  | 18,608                      | 6,936,837            |
| Due from other governmental units     | 330,492                    | -                           | 330,492              |
| Other assets                          | 7,329                      | -                           | 7,329                |
| Restricted assets:                    |                            |                             |                      |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits    | -                          | 51,205                      | 51,205               |
| Cash with paying agent                | 305,347                    | -                           | 305,347              |
| Capital assets:                       |                            |                             |                      |
| Non-depreciable                       | 919,329                    | 65,575                      | 984,904              |
| Depreciable, net                      | 32,207,081                 | 985,953                     | 33,193,034           |
| Right to use lease assets, net        | 309,953                    | -                           | 309,953              |
| Total assets                          | <u>59,829,210</u>          | <u>1,455,241</u>            | <u>61,284,451</u>    |
| <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b> |                            |                             |                      |
| Pension plans                         | <u>1,661,892</u>           | <u>-</u>                    | <u>1,661,892</u>     |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                            |                             |                      |
| Accounts and other payables           | 642,177                    | 5,774                       | 647,951              |
| Accrued interest                      | 19,218                     | -                           | 19,218               |
| Performance bonds payable             | 242,730                    | -                           | 242,730              |
| Unearned revenue                      | 164,833                    | 17,892                      | 182,725              |
| Deposits payable                      | 50                         | 38,755                      | 38,805               |
| Long-term liabilities:                |                            |                             |                      |
| Due within one year -                 |                            |                             |                      |
| Compensated absences payable          | 6,760                      | -                           | 6,760                |
| Lease liability                       | 61,116                     | -                           | 61,116               |
| Bonds payable                         | 2,425,000                  | 3,071                       | 2,428,071            |
| Due after one year -                  |                            |                             |                      |
| Compensated absences payable          | 137,231                    | -                           | 137,231              |
| Lease liability                       | 249,251                    | -                           | 249,251              |
| Bonds payable                         | 10,483,579                 | 35,074                      | 10,518,653           |
| Net pension liability                 | <u>1,294,894</u>           | <u>-</u>                    | <u>1,294,894</u>     |
| Total liabilities                     | <u>15,726,839</u>          | <u>100,566</u>              | <u>15,827,405</u>    |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>  |                            |                             |                      |
| Pension plans                         | <u>166,833</u>             | <u>-</u>                    | <u>166,833</u>       |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                   |                            |                             |                      |
| Net investment in capital assets      | 20,217,418                 | 1,016,454                   | 21,233,872           |
| Restricted for:                       |                            |                             |                      |
| Debt service                          | 286,186                    | 9,379                       | 295,565              |
| Operations and maintenance            | 13,901,170                 | -                           | 13,901,170           |
| Purposes of grant                     | 4,246                      | -                           | 4,246                |
| Sales tax dedication                  | 2,863,261                  | -                           | 2,863,261            |
| Unrestricted                          | <u>8,325,149</u>           | <u>328,842</u>              | <u>8,653,991</u>     |
| Total net position                    | <u>\$ 45,597,430</u>       | <u>\$ 1,354,675</u>         | <u>\$ 46,952,105</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| Activities   | Expenses             | Program Revenues                      |                                    |                                  | Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position |                          |                      |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
|  |                      | Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Governmental Activities                            | Business-Type Activities | Total                |
| Primary government:  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| Governmental activities:                                       |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| General government   | \$ 2,501,603         | \$ 477,906                            | \$ 50,000                          | \$ -                             | \$ (1,973,697)                                     | \$ -                     | \$ (1,973,697)       |
| Public safety  | 969,452              | 640,933                               | 80,863                             | -                                | (247,656)  | -                        | (247,656)            |
| Public works   | 8,738,811            | 134,872                               | 654,500                            | 70,000                           | (7,879,439)  | -                        | (7,879,439)          |
| Health and welfare   | 679,093              | -                                     | 337,522                            | -                                | (341,571)  | -                        | (341,571)            |
| Culture and recreation   | 1,591,959            | 254,770                               | 73,050                             | -                                | (1,264,139)  | -                        | (1,264,139)          |
| Economic development   | 221,607              | -                                     | -                                  | -                                | (221,607)  | -                        | (221,607)            |
| Interest on long-term debt                                     | 877,568              | -                                     | -                                  | -                                | (877,568)  | -                        | (877,568)            |
| Total governmental activities                                  | <u>15,580,093</u>    | <u>1,508,481</u>                      | <u>1,195,935</u>                   | <u>70,000</u>                    | <u>(12,805,677)</u>                                | <u>-</u>                 | <u>(12,805,677)</u>  |
| Business-type activities:                                      |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| Sewer Systems  | 258,057              | 87,575                                | -                                  | -                                | -  | (170,482)                | (170,482)            |
| Section 8 Housing Program                                      | 1,055,579            | -                                     | 874,032                            | -                                | -  | (181,547)                | (181,547)            |
| Total business-type activities                                 | <u>1,313,636</u>     | <u>87,575</u>                         | <u>874,032</u>                     | <u>-</u>                         | <u>-</u>   | <u>(352,029)</u>         | <u>(352,029)</u>     |
| Total primary government                                       | <u>\$ 16,893,729</u> | <u>\$ 1,596,056</u>                   | <u>\$ 2,069,967</u>                | <u>\$ 70,000</u>                 | <u>(12,805,677)</u>                                | <u>(352,029)</u>         | <u>(13,157,706)</u>  |
| General revenues:  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| Taxes -  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| Ad valorem taxes, levied for general purposes                  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 6,668,653  | -                        | 6,668,653            |
| Sales and use taxes, levied for general purposes               |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 4,564,773  | -                        | 4,564,773            |
| Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs - |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  |  |                          |                      |
| Beer taxes   |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 3,672  | -                        | 3,672                |
| State revenue sharing  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 227,526  | -                        | 227,526              |
| Parish equalization  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 896,258  | -                        | 896,258              |
| Other state grants   |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 307,262  | -                        | 307,262              |
| Non-employer pension contribution                              |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 45,511   | -                        | 45,511               |
| Interest and investment earnings                               |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 846,701  | 6,760                    | 853,461              |
| Miscellaneous  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 121,730  | 208,022                  | 329,752              |
| Transfers  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | (97,615)   | 97,615                   | -                    |
| Total general revenues   |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | <u>13,584,471</u>                                  | <u>312,397</u>           | <u>13,896,868</u>    |
| Change in net position   |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | 778,794  | (39,632)                 | 739,162              |
| Net position, beginning  |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | <u>44,818,636</u>                                  | <u>1,394,307</u>         | <u>46,212,943</u>    |
| Net position, ending   |                      |                                       |                                    |                                  | <u>\$ 45,597,430</u>                               | <u>\$ 1,354,675</u>      | <u>\$ 46,952,105</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)**

## MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND DESCRIPTIONS

### **General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Special Revenue Funds**

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

### **Industrial District No. 1 Fund**

To account for the operation and maintenance of the industrial district for the inducement of industry to Evangeline Parish. The major means of financing is utility sales.

### **Road District Maintenance Funds**

To account for maintenance and upkeep of parish roads and bridges within the respective road districts. The major means of financing for the districts is ad valorem taxes, which are levied against properties within the districts.

### **Public Library Maintenance**

To account for the operation and maintenance of the parish library. Major means of financing are provided by parish-wide ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and fines.

### **Debt Service Fund**

Debt service funds are used to accumulate resources to be used to make debt service principal and interest payments on general obligation long-term debt.

### **2% Sales Tax Revenue Sinking**

To accumulate monies for payment of the \$28,620,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 and the \$10,855,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021. Debt service is financed by the collection of a two percent sales and use tax.

### **Capital Projects Fund**

Capital projects funds account for the financial resources received and used to acquire, construct, or improve capital facilities not reported in other governmental funds.

### **2% Sales Tax District #1**

To account for the costs of constructing, improving, and resurfacing public roads within the corporate boundaries of Road & Drainage Sales Tax No. 1 of the Parish.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2023

|  | General             | Industrial<br>District<br>No. 1 | Road<br>District<br>Maintenance | Public<br>Library<br>Maintenance |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits                                     | \$ 6,988,584        | \$ 490,493                      | \$ 1,254,021                    | \$ 3,004,744                     |
| Receivables, net   | 1,004,978           | 2,271                           | 3,062,328                       | 1,485,666                        |
| Due from other governmental units                                      | 286,665             | -                               | 2,626                           | -                                |
| Other assets   | 2,329               | 5,000                           | -                               | -                                |
| Restricted assets:   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Cash with paying agent   | -                   | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 8,282,556</u> | <u>\$ 497,764</u>               | <u>\$ 4,318,975</u>             | <u>\$ 4,490,410</u>              |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>    |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Liabilities:   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Accounts, salaries, and other payables                                 | \$ 150,511          | \$ 12,579                       | \$ 213,726                      | \$ 14,644                        |
| Unearned revenue   | -                   | 164,833                         | -                               | -                                |
| Performance bonds payable  | 242,730             | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Deposits payable   | 50                  | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Total liabilities  | <u>393,291</u>      | <u>177,412</u>                  | <u>213,726</u>                  | <u>14,644</u>                    |
| Deferred inflows of resources:   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes                                 | <u>54,551</u>       | <u>-</u>                        | <u>181,394</u>                  | <u>89,513</u>                    |
| Fund balances:   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Restricted -   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Debt service   | -                   | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Operations and maintenance   | -                   | 320,352                         | 3,923,855                       | 4,386,253                        |
| Purposes of grant  | -                   | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Sales tax dedication   | -                   | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Assigned -   |                     |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| Operations and maintenance   | -                   | -                               | -                               | -                                |
| Unassigned   | <u>7,834,714</u>    | <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>                         |
| Total fund balances  | <u>7,834,714</u>    | <u>320,352</u>                  | <u>3,923,855</u>                | <u>4,386,253</u>                 |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of<br>resources, and fund balances | <u>\$ 8,282,556</u> | <u>\$ 497,764</u>               | <u>\$ 4,318,975</u>             | <u>\$ 4,490,410</u>              |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

| <u>2% Sales<br/>Tax Revenue<br/>Sinking</u> | <u>2% Sales Tax<br/>District #1<br/>Capital Projects</u> | <u>Other<br/>Governmental<br/>Funds</u> | <u>Totals</u>       |
|---|--|---|---------------------|
| \$ 57                                       | \$2,711,292  | \$4,382,259                             | \$18,831,450        |
| -   | 381,609  | 981,377                                 | 6,918,229           |
| -   | -  | 41,201                                  | 330,492             |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 7,329               |
| <u>305,347</u>                              | <u>-</u>   | <u>-</u>                                | <u>305,347</u>      |
| <u>\$ 305,404</u>                           | <u>\$3,092,901</u>                                       | <u>\$5,404,837</u>                      | <u>\$26,392,847</u> |
| <br>  |  |   |                     |
| \$ -  | \$ 229,640   | \$ 27,837                               | \$ 648,937          |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 164,833             |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 242,730             |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 50                  |
| <u>-</u>                                    | <u>229,640</u>   | <u>27,837</u>                           | <u>1,056,550</u>    |
| <br>  |  |   |                     |
| <u>-</u>                                    | <u>-</u>   | <u>56,128</u>                           | <u>381,586</u>      |
| <br>  |  |   |                     |
| 305,404                                     | -  | -                                       | 305,404             |
| -   | -  | 5,270,710                               | 13,901,170          |
| -   | -  | 4,246                                   | 4,246               |
| -   | 2,863,261  | -                                       | 2,863,261           |
| -   | -  | 45,916                                  | 45,916              |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 7,834,714           |
| <u>305,404</u>                              | <u>2,863,261</u>   | <u>5,320,872</u>                        | <u>24,954,711</u>   |
| <br>  |  |   |                     |
| <u>\$ 305,404</u>                           | <u>\$3,092,901</u>                                       | <u>\$5,404,837</u>                      | <u>\$26,392,847</u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2023

|   |                    |                      |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Total fund balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2023   |                    | \$ 24,954,711        |
| Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:  |                    |                      |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:  |                    |                      |
| Land  | \$ 919,329         |                      |
| Buildings and improvements, net of \$7,793,734 accumulated depreciation   | 6,063,975          |                      |
| Infrastructure, net of \$28,856,040 accumulated depreciation  | 24,559,672         |                      |
| Vehicles, net of \$644,573 accumulated depreciation   | 127,605            |                      |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures, net of \$6,565,425 accumulated depreciation  | <u>1,455,829</u>   | 33,126,410           |
| Right to use lease assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the fund.   |                    |                      |
| Right to use assets, net of \$16,313 accumulated amortization   |                    | 309,953              |
| Deferred outflows of expenditures for the pension plans are not a use of current resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds  |                    |                      |
|   |                    | 1,661,892            |
| Some of the Police Jury's revenues will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources at the fund level. |                    |                      |
| Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes  |                    | 381,586              |
| Some liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.  |                    |                      |
| Accrued interest  | (19,218)           |                      |
| Compensated absences payable  | (137,231)          |                      |
| Bonds payable   | (12,908,579)       |                      |
| Lease liability   | (310,367)          |                      |
| Net pension liability   | <u>(1,294,894)</u> | (14,670,289)         |
| Deferred inflows of contributions for the pension plans are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds   |                    |                      |
|   |                    | <u>(166,833)</u>     |
| Net position at December 31, 2023   |                    | <u>\$ 45,597,430</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.



EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|  | <u>General</u>      | <u>Industrial<br/>District<br/>No. 1</u> | <u>Road<br/>District<br/>Maintenance</u> | <u>Public<br/>Library<br/>Maintenance</u> |
|--|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Revenues:  |                     |  |  |   |
| Taxes -  |                     |  |  |   |
| Ad valorem   | \$ 1,031,117        | \$ -                                     | \$ 3,085,105                             | \$ 1,551,680                              |
| Sales  | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| Licenses and permits                                 | 477,906             | -  | -  | -   |
| Intergovernmental revenues -                         |                     |  |  |   |
| Federal grants                                       | 80,439              | -  | -  | -   |
| State funds:   |                     |  |  |   |
| Parish transportation funds                          | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| State revenue sharing                                | 28,710              | -  | 127,149                                  | 34,638                                    |
| Parish equalization funds                            | 896,258             | -  | -  | -   |
| Other  | 601,629             | 10,896                                   | -  | 5,990                                     |
| Fees, charges, and commissions                       | 20,114              | 81,872                                   | -  | 24,849                                    |
| Use of money and property                            | 291,708             | 69,098                                   | 238,645                                  | 124,917                                   |
| Miscellaneous  | 473,100             | -  | 11,540                                   | 7,687                                     |
| Total revenues                                       | <u>3,900,981</u>    | <u>161,866</u>                           | <u>3,462,439</u>                         | <u>1,749,761</u>                          |
| Expenditures:  |                     |  |  |   |
| Current -  |                     |  |  |   |
| General government:                                  |                     |  |  |   |
| Legislative  | 292,664             | -  | -  | -   |
| Judicial   | 138,104             | -  | -  | -   |
| Elections  | 119,109             | -  | -  | -   |
| Finance and administration                           | 718,953             | -  | -  | -   |
| Other  | 463,931             | -  | -  | -   |
| Public safety  | 864,065             | -  | -  | -   |
| Public works   | 1,050               | 53,746                                   | 3,221,125                                | -   |
| Health and welfare                                   | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| Culture and recreation                               | -                   | -  | -  | 1,144,477                                 |
| Economic development                                 | 65,882              | 7,800                                    | -  | -   |
| Capital outlay                                       | 126,227             | -  | -  | 1,204                                     |
| Debt service   | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| Total expenditures                                   | <u>2,789,985</u>    | <u>61,546</u>                            | <u>3,221,125</u>                         | <u>1,145,681</u>                          |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues<br>over expenditures | <u>1,110,996</u>    | <u>100,320</u>                           | <u>241,314</u>                           | <u>604,080</u>                            |
| Other financing sources (uses):                      |                     |  |  |   |
| Payment to escrow to refund debt                     | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| Inception of lease                                   | -                   | -  | -  | -   |
| Transfers in   | -                   | -  | 330,139                                  | -   |
| Transfers out  | (602,615)           | -  | (447,570)                                | -   |
| Total other financing sources (uses)                 | <u>(602,615)</u>    | <u>-</u>                                 | <u>(117,431)</u>                         | <u>-</u>                                  |
| Net change in fund balances                          | 508,381             | 100,320                                  | 123,883                                  | 604,080                                   |
| Fund balances, beginning                             | <u>7,326,333</u>    | <u>220,032</u>                           | <u>3,799,972</u>                         | <u>3,782,173</u>                          |
| Fund balances, ending                                | <u>\$ 7,834,714</u> | <u>\$ 320,352</u>                        | <u>\$ 3,923,855</u>                      | <u>\$ 4,386,253</u>                       |

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| <u>2% Sales<br/>Tax Revenue<br/>Sinking</u> | <u>2% Sales Tax<br/>District #1<br/>Capital Projects</u> | <u>Other<br/>Governmental<br/>Funds</u> | <u>Totals</u>        |
|---|--|---|----------------------|
| \$ -  | \$ -   | \$1,020,434                             | \$ 6,688,336         |
| -   | 4,564,773  | -                                       | 4,564,773            |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 477,906              |
| -   | -  | 50,725                                  | 131,164              |
| -   | -  | 487,322                                 | 487,322              |
| -   | -  | 37,029                                  | 227,526              |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 896,258              |
| -   | 70,000   | 110,387                                 | 798,902              |
| -   | -  | 449,863                                 | 576,698              |
| 61,816                                      | 126,614  | 171,875                                 | 1,084,673            |
| -   | 4,669  | 120                                     | 497,116              |
| <u>61,816</u>                               | <u>4,766,056</u>   | <u>2,327,755</u>                        | <u>16,430,674</u>    |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 292,664              |
| -   | -  | 676,441                                 | 814,545              |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 119,109              |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 718,953              |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 463,931              |
| -   | -  | 47,625                                  | 911,690              |
| -   | 2,431,203  | 661,252                                 | 6,368,376            |
| -   | -  | 618,744                                 | 618,744              |
| -   | -  | 262,596                                 | 1,407,073            |
| -   | -  | -                                       | 73,682               |
| -   | 859,244  | 465,733                                 | 1,452,408            |
| <u>2,921,012</u>                            | <u>17,759</u>  | <u>-</u>                                | <u>2,938,771</u>     |
| <u>2,921,012</u>                            | <u>3,308,206</u>   | <u>2,732,391</u>                        | <u>16,179,946</u>    |
| <u>(2,859,196)</u>                          | <u>1,457,850</u>   | <u>(404,636)</u>                        | <u>250,728</u>       |
| (10,169,575)                                | -  | -                                       | (10,169,575)         |
| -   | 326,266  | -                                       | 326,266              |
| 2,655,057                                   | 120,531  | 505,000                                 | 3,610,727            |
| -   | <u>(2,655,057)</u>                                       | <u>(3,100)</u>                          | <u>(3,708,342)</u>   |
| <u>(7,514,518)</u>                          | <u>(2,208,260)</u>                                       | <u>501,900</u>                          | <u>(9,940,924)</u>   |
| (10,373,714)                                | (750,410)  | 97,264                                  | (9,690,196)          |
| <u>10,679,118</u>                           | <u>3,613,671</u>   | <u>5,223,608</u>                        | <u>34,644,907</u>    |
| <u>\$ 305,404</u>                           | <u>\$ 2,863,261</u>                                      | <u>\$5,320,872</u>                      | <u>\$ 24,954,711</u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total net changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 2023  
per the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances \$ (9,690,196)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the  
statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in  
the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over  
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

|  |                    |             |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement of<br>revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance | \$ 1,137,054       |             |
| Depreciation expense   | <u>(2,630,300)</u> | (1,493,246) |

|   |                 |         |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| Right to use asset capital outlay which is considered expenditures on the<br>statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance | 326,266         |         |
| Amortization expense  | <u>(16,313)</u> | 309,953 |

Some of the Police Jury's revenues will be collected after year-end but  
are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's  
expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of  
resources at the fund level.

|  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
| Net change in unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes |  | (19,683) |
|--|--|----------|

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to  
governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal on long-term  
debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds.  
Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also,  
governmental funds report the effects of premiums, discounts, and  
similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are  
amortized in the statement of activities over multiple periods.

|   |               |            |
|---|---------------|------------|
| Proceeds from right to use leases                       | (326,266)     |            |
| Repayment of lease principal                            | 15,899        |            |
| Payment to paying agent for bond principal and interest | 10,169,575    |            |
| Repayment of bond principal                             | 1,945,425     |            |
| Amortization of bond premium                            | <u>62,143</u> | 11,866,776 |

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the  
use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as  
expenditures in the governmental funds.

|                              |                  |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accrued interest             | 39,596           |                  |
| Compensated absences payable | (24,366)         |                  |
| Net pension liability        | <u>(210,040)</u> | <u>(194,810)</u> |

Total changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2023 per the  
statement of activities \$ 778,794

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## **MAJOR PROPRIETARY FUND DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Sewer System Maintenance Funds**

To account for the operation and maintenance of the Reddell, Country Estate, Eugene Subdivision, and East Mamou Sewer Systems.

### **Ward One Sewer System**

To account for the operation and maintenance of the Ward One Sewer System.

### **Section 8 Housing Program**

To account for administration of grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide rental assistance to qualified low income individuals.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

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

|   | Sewer System<br>Maintenance<br>Fund | Ward One<br>Sewer<br>System | Section 8<br>Housing<br>Program | Total               |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                                |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Current assets -                              |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits            | \$ 148,500                          | \$ 5,838                    | \$ 179,562                      | \$ 333,900          |
| Accounts receivable                           | <u>12,227</u>                       | <u>3,965</u>                | <u>2,416</u>                    | <u>18,608</u>       |
| Total current assets                          | <u>160,727</u>                      | <u>9,803</u>                | <u>181,978</u>                  | <u>352,508</u>      |
| Noncurrent assets -                           |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Restricted assets - interest bearing deposits | 22,502                              | 28,703                      | -                               | 51,205              |
| Capital assets, net                           | <u>969,320</u>                      | <u>79,246</u>               | <u>2,962</u>                    | <u>1,051,528</u>    |
| Total noncurrent assets                       | <u>991,822</u>                      | <u>107,949</u>              | <u>2,962</u>                    | <u>1,102,733</u>    |
| Total assets                                  | <u>1,152,549</u>                    | <u>117,752</u>              | <u>184,940</u>                  | <u>1,455,241</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                           |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Current liabilities -                         |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Accounts payable                              | 2,363                               | 2,247                       | 1,164                           | 5,774               |
| Unearned revenue                              | 410                                 | 22                          | 17,460                          | 17,892              |
| Payable from restricted assets -              |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Revenue bonds payable                         | -                                   | 3,071                       | -                               | 3,071               |
| Sewer deposits payable                        | <u>22,502</u>                       | <u>16,253</u>               | <u>-</u>                        | <u>38,755</u>       |
| Total current liabilities                     | <u>25,275</u>                       | <u>21,593</u>               | <u>18,624</u>                   | <u>65,492</u>       |
| Noncurrent liabilities -                      |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Revenue bonds payable                         | <u>-</u>                            | <u>35,074</u>               | <u>-</u>                        | <u>35,074</u>       |
| Total liabilities                             | <u>25,275</u>                       | <u>56,667</u>               | <u>18,624</u>                   | <u>100,566</u>      |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                           |                                     |                             |                                 |                     |
| Net investment in capital assets              | 969,320                             | 44,172                      | 2,962                           | 1,016,454           |
| Restricted for debt service                   | -                                   | 9,379                       | -                               | 9,379               |
| Unrestricted                                  | <u>157,954</u>                      | <u>7,534</u>                | <u>163,354</u>                  | <u>328,842</u>      |
| Total net position                            | <u>\$ 1,127,274</u>                 | <u>\$ 61,085</u>            | <u>\$ 166,316</u>               | <u>\$ 1,354,675</u> |

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

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

|  | Sewer System<br>Maintenance<br>Fund | Ward One<br>Sewer<br>System | Section 8<br>Housing<br>Program | Total       |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Operating revenue:                     |                                     |                             |                                 |             |
| Charges for services -                 |                                     |                             |                                 |             |
| Sewerage sales                         | \$ 49,192                           | \$ 36,788                   | \$ -                            | \$ 85,980   |
| Penalties                              | 949                                 | 646                         | -                               | 1,595       |
| Miscellaneous                          | 25                                  | 50                          | 207,947                         | 208,022     |
| Federal grants                         | -                                   | -                           | 874,032                         | 874,032     |
| Total operating revenues               | 50,166                              | 37,484                      | 1,081,979                       | 1,169,629   |
| Operating expenses                     | 175,166                             | 72,893                      | 1,063,491                       | 1,311,550   |
| Operating income (loss)                | (125,000)                           | (35,409)                    | 18,488                          | (141,921)   |
| Nonoperating revenues (expenses):      |                                     |                             |                                 |             |
| Interest income                        | 5,923                               | 673                         | 164                             | 6,760       |
| Interest expense                       | -                                   | (2,086)                     | -                               | (2,086)     |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) | 5,923                               | (1,413)                     | 164                             | 4,674       |
| Income (loss) before transfers         | (119,077)                           | (36,822)                    | 18,652                          | (137,247)   |
| Transfers in                           | 23,290                              | 74,325                      | -                               | 97,615      |
| Change in net position                 | (95,787)                            | 37,503                      | 18,652                          | (39,632)    |
| Net position, beginning                | 1,223,061                           | 23,582                      | 147,664                         | 1,394,307   |
| Net position, ending                   | \$1,127,274                         | \$ 61,085                   | \$ 166,316                      | \$1,354,675 |

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

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

|   | Sewer System<br>Maintenance<br>Fund | Ward One<br>Sewer<br>System | Section 8<br>Housing<br>Program | Total             |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:                     |                                     |                             |                                 |                   |
| Receipts from customers                                   | \$ 53,679                           | \$ 37,434                   | \$ -                            | \$ 91,113         |
| Operating subsidy received                                | -                                   | -                           | 874,032                         | 874,032           |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                       | (84,448)                            | (45,239)                    | (319,733)                       | (449,420)         |
| Payment to landlords                                      | -                                   | -                           | (743,598)                       | (743,598)         |
| Other receipts  | <u>5,923</u>                        | <u>50</u>                   | <u>207,947</u>                  | <u>213,920</u>    |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities          | <u>(24,846)</u>                     | <u>(7,755)</u>              | <u>18,648</u>                   | <u>(13,953)</u>   |
| Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:          |                                     |                             |                                 |                   |
| Net change in sewer deposits                              | 1,875                               | 615                         | -                               | 2,490             |
| Transfers from other funds                                | <u>23,290</u>                       | <u>74,325</u>               | <u>-</u>                        | <u>97,615</u>     |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities      | <u>25,165</u>                       | <u>74,940</u>               | <u>-</u>                        | <u>100,105</u>    |
| Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: |                                     |                             |                                 |                   |
| Acquisition of capital assets                             | -                                   | (65,575)                    | -                               | (65,575)          |
| Principal paid on revenue bonds                           | -                                   | (2,929)                     | -                               | (2,929)           |
| Interest and fiscal charges                               | <u>-</u>                            | <u>(2,086)</u>              | <u>-</u>                        | <u>(2,086)</u>    |
| Net cash used by capital and related financing activities | <u>-</u>                            | <u>(70,590)</u>             | <u>-</u>                        | <u>(70,590)</u>   |
| Cash flows from investing activities:                     |                                     |                             |                                 |                   |
| Interest on investments                                   | <u>5,923</u>                        | <u>673</u>                  | <u>164</u>                      | <u>6,760</u>      |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents      | 6,242                               | (2,732)                     | 18,812                          | 22,322            |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning                      | <u>164,760</u>                      | <u>37,273</u>               | <u>160,750</u>                  | <u>362,783</u>    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, ending                         | <u>\$ 171,002</u>                   | <u>\$ 34,541</u>            | <u>\$ 179,562</u>               | <u>\$ 385,105</u> |

(continued)

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Plate, Louisiana

Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds (Continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|   | Sewer System<br>Maintenance<br>Fund | Ward One<br>Sewer<br>System | Section 8<br>Housing<br>Program | Total        |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:                |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Operating income (loss)   | \$ (125,000)                        | \$ (35,409)                 | \$ 18,488                       | \$ (141,921) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:         |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Depreciation  | 98,117                              | 27,340                      | 2,606                           | 128,063      |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities:  |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Accounts receivable   | 3,538                               | 3,405                       | 784                             | 7,727        |
| Accounts payable  | (1,650)                             | (2,935)                     | 1,161                           | (3,424)      |
| Unearned revenue  | 149                                 | (156)                       | (4,391)                         | (4,398)      |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities  | \$ (24,846)                         | \$ (7,755)                  | \$ 18,648                       | \$ (13,953)  |
| Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per the statement of cash flows to the statement of net position: |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -  |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted  | \$ 144,133                          | \$ 9,437                    | \$ 160,750                      | \$ 314,320   |
| Interest-bearing deposits - restricted  | 20,627                              | 27,836                      | -                               | 48,463       |
| Total cash and cash equivalents, beginning  | 164,760                             | 37,273                      | 160,750                         | 362,783      |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -  |                                     |                             |                                 |              |
| Interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted  | 148,500                             | 5,838                       | 179,562                         | 333,900      |
| Interest-bearing deposits - restricted  | 22,502                              | 28,703                      | -                               | 51,205       |
| Total cash and cash equivalents, ending   | 171,002                             | 34,541                      | 179,562                         | 385,105      |
| Net increase (decrease)   | \$ 6,242                            | \$ (2,732)                  | \$ 18,812                       | \$ 22,322    |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.



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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury's (Police Jury) financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). 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 accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Police Jury are discussed below.

Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1236 gives the Police Jury various powers in regulating and directing the affairs of the parish and its inhabitants. The more notable of those are the power to make regulations for its own government; to regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and drainage systems; to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages; and to provide for the health and welfare of the poor, disadvantaged and unemployed in the Parish. Funding to accomplish these tasks is provided by ad valorem taxes, beer and alcoholic beverage permits, state revenue sharing, and various other state and federal grants.

The Police Jury is the governing authority for Evangeline Parish and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Police Jury is governed by 9 jurors representing the various districts within the Parish. The jurors serve four-year terms that expire December 31, 2023.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete, and (d) organizations that are closely related to, or financially integrated with the primary government.

Section 2100 of the 2011 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes criteria for determining which entities should be considered a component unit and, as such, part of the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
2. Whether the primary government's governing authority appoints a majority of board members of the potential component unit and is able to impose its will on the potential component unit or whether the potential component unit is fiscally dependent on the primary government.

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3. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the primary government and the potential component unit.
4. The nature and significance of the relationship between the potential component unit and the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading.

The following component units are not presented in the accompanying financial statements:

Evangeline - Ville Platte Recreational District  
Evangeline Parish Communications District  
Evangeline Parish Tourist Commission  
Duralde Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Evangeline Parish  
Mamou Gravity Drainage District No. 5  
Vidrine Gravity Drainage District No. 7 of Evangeline Parish  
Evangeline Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 - Mamou  
Evangeline Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, Ward 1  
Evangeline Parish Water District No. 1 Ward 5  
Evangeline Parish Waterworks District - Reddell-Vidrine  
Te Mamou Water District  
Ward 4 Water District of Evangeline Parish

Financial statements of the individual component units may be obtained from the respective administrative offices or from the Evangeline Parish Police Jury located at 1008 West LaSalle, Ville Platte, Louisiana, 70586.

These primary government financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury do not include the financial data of the component units described above. This component unit financial data is necessary for reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Related Organizations

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury appoints a portion of the governing boards of each of the entities described below. However, the Police Jury is not financially accountable for these organizations and therefore they are not component units under Statement Nos. 14, 39, and 61 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Commission  
Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline Parish  
Acadia-Evangeline Fire District  
Evangeline Parish Fire Protection District No. 4  
Evangeline Parish Fire Protection District No. 5

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B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements provide operational accountability information for the Police Jury as an economic unit. The government-wide financial statements report the Police Jury's ability to maintain service levels and continue to meet its obligations as they come due. The statements include all governmental activities and all business-type activities of the primary government. Fiduciary funds are omitted from the government-wide financial statements. The Police Jury has no fiduciary funds.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Police Jury's governmental and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Police Jury are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be an independent fiscal and accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for within separate sets of self-balancing accounts, which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance/net position, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, and transfers. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Police Jury. The various funds of the Police Jury are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The General Fund is always a major governmental fund. Other individual governmental and enterprise major funds are determined as funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets and deferred outflows of resources or liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are at least ten percent of the corresponding totals for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise fund) and at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined or funds designated as major at the discretion of the Police Jury. Funds not classified as a major fund are aggregated and presented in a single column in the fund financial statements.

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Governmental Funds -

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The Police Jury reports these major governmental funds and fund types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Police Jury. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of government grants or other specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects of the Police Jury. The following are the Police Jury's major special revenue funds:

The Industrial District No. 1 Fund is used to account for the operation and maintenance of the industrial district.

Road Maintenance Funds are used to account for maintenance and upkeep of parish roads and bridges within the respective districts.

The Public Library Maintenance Fund is used to account for the operation and maintenance of the parish library.

Debt Service Funds

Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest. The Police Jury reports the following major debt service fund:

The 2% Sales Tax Revenue Sinking Fund is used to accumulate monies for the payment of the \$28,620,000 Sales Tax Bonds Series 2013 and the \$10,855,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021. Debt service is financed by the collection of a two percent sales and use tax.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Funds are used to report resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for major capital acquisition and construction separately from ongoing operational activities. The Police Jury reports the following major capital projects fund:

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The 2% Sales Tax District #1 Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the costs of constructing, improving, and resurfacing public roads within the corporate boundaries of Road & Drainage Sales Tax No. 1 of Evangeline Parish.

Proprietary Funds

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The Police Jury's proprietary fund types are enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues. The activities reported in these funds are reported as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Police Jury's major enterprise funds are the Sewer System Maintenance, Ward One Sewer, and Section 8 Housing Program Funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

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

The governmental and business-type activities within the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The economic resources measurement focus meets the accounting objectives of determining net income, net position, and cash flows.

The fund financial statements use either the current financial resources measurement focus, or the economic resources measurement focus as appropriate. Governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus. This measurement focus is based upon the receipt and disbursement of current available financial resources rather than upon net income. The measurement focus of the proprietary fund types, the flow of economic resources, is based upon determination of net income, net position, and cash flows.

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.

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Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Ad valorem taxes are reported in the period for which they are levied. Other nonexchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. An exception to this is grants collected on a reimbursement basis. Those reimbursable grants are recognized as revenue when reimbursable expenditures are made. Ad valorem tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied, provided they are also available. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt and employee vacation and sick leave, which are recognized when due and payable.

Program revenues

Program revenues included in the statement of activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the Police Jury's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Police Jury's general revenues.

Allocation of indirect expenses

The Police Jury reports all direct expenses by function in the statement of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the statement of activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities.

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

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Police Jury. For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

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Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities consist of ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing. Ad valorem taxes are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible taxes. The allowance for uncollectible taxes was \$153,511 at December 31, 2023. Business-type activities report customers' utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time written off.

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 sewer deposits in the proprietary fund and a sinking fund account in the governmental funds.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include building and improvements, infrastructure, vehicles, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The Police Jury 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 capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Buildings                       | 40 years    |
| Equipment                       | 5 years     |
| Utility system and improvements | 20-40 years |
| Infrastructure                  | 20 years    |

In the fund financial statements, the acquisition of capital assets used in governmental fund operations is accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

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Compensated Absences

Employees of the Police Jury earn annual leave at the rate of 144 - 188 hours each year, depending upon their length of service and position. Unused annual leave may be carried forward from year to year not to exceed 40 hours. Upon termination, employees are paid for unused annual leave at the employee's current rate of pay.

Full-time employees of the Police Jury earn 88 - 128 hours of sick leave each year, depending upon their length of service. Unused sick leave may be carried forward from year to year without limitation for employees hired before July of 2016. The carry forward amount is capped at 720 hours for employees hired after June of 2016. Upon termination, unused sick leave is forfeited.

Library employees receive between 10 and 25 days of annual leave each year, depending upon their job classification and length of service. Employees may accumulate up to one and one-half times their annual allotment of annual leave. Upon termination, employees are paid for their accumulated annual leave at the employee's current rate of pay. Library employees receive 15 days of sick leave each year. Employees may carry forward unused sick leave without limitation. Upon termination, unused sick leave is forfeited.

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of sales tax bonds payable.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Leases

The Police Jury leases equipment to meet operational needs. For agreements subject to GASB No. 87, *Leases*, where the Police Jury is the lessee, the Police Jury recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset based on the present value of future lease payments over the term of the lease. Lease assets are reported with capital assets, and lease liabilities are reported as long-term liabilities in the government-wide statement of net position. Leased assets are amortized, and lease liabilities are reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made.



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Pensions

The net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense (Note 13), has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Member's earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plan, and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when made.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide statements are related to its pension plans.

Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to 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. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. It is the Police Jury'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. At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury reported \$17,064,242 of restricted net position, of which \$2,863,261 was restricted by enabling legislation.

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- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Jury, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Police Jury.
- d. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Police Jury’s adopted policy, only the Jury may assign amounts for specified purposes.
- e. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

It is the Police Jury’s policy to use restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless prohibited by legal or contractual provisions. Additionally, the Police Jury uses committed, assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of fund balance in that order when expenditures are made.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Interest income on deposits is recorded as revenues when earned. Sales taxes, franchise fees, and intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the Police Jury is entitled to the funds. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

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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.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character for governmental funds and by operating and nonoperating for proprietary funds. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to the use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Revenue Restrictions

The Police Jury has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

| <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>Legal Restrictions on Use</u>    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sales tax             | See Note 8                          |
| Sewer revenue         | Debt service and utility operations |

G. 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, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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.

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(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Police Jury 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 Police Jury may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows:

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Demand deposits           | \$ 17,830,698        |
| Time and savings deposits | <u>1,385,857</u>     |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 19,216,555</u> |

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Police Jury'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 were secured as follows:

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Bank balances             | <u>\$ 19,383,022</u> |
| Federal deposit insurance | 956,368              |
| Pledged securities        | <u>18,426,654</u>    |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 19,383,022</u> |

Deposits in the amount of \$18,426,654 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institutions' trust department or agent, but not in Police Jury's name. The Police Jury does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

(3) Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2023 consist of the following:

|   | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total               |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Accounts receivable                           | \$ 2,271                   | \$ 18,608                   | \$ 20,879           |
| Ad valorem tax and state revenue sharing, net | <u>6,915,958</u>           | <u>-</u>                    | <u>6,915,958</u>    |
| Totals  | <u>\$ 6,918,229</u>        | <u>\$ 18,608</u>            | <u>\$ 6,936,837</u> |

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(4) Due from Other Governmental Units

Amounts due from other governmental units at December 31, 2023 consist of the following:

Governmental Activities:

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Louisiana Department of the Treasury - general and timber severance | \$ 280,552               |
| Evangeline Parish Sheriff - fines and court costs                   | 10,093                   |
| Office for Children and Family Services - hearing fees              | 2,649                    |
| Department of Homeland Security - disaster grant                    | 2,626                    |
| Louisiana Department of the Treasury - WIC program                  | 28,459                   |
| Other receivables   | <u>6,113</u>             |
| Total   | <u><u>\$ 330,492</u></u> |

(5) Restricted Assets

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

|                                  | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2% Sales Tax Sinking account     | \$305,347                  | \$ -                        | \$ 305,347        |
| Revenue bond reserve account     | -                          | 5,016                       | 5,016             |
| Revenue bond contingency account | -                          | 7,434                       | 7,434             |
| Sewer deposits                   | -                          | 38,755                      | 38,755            |
| Total restricted assets          | <u>\$ 305,347</u>          | <u>\$ 51,205</u>            | <u>\$ 356,552</u> |

(6) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Taxes are levied in October and billed to the taxpayers in December. Billed taxes are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> and become delinquent on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Evangeline Parish Assessor and are collected and remitted to the Police Jury by the Evangeline Parish Sheriff. The Taxes are remitted to the Police Jury net of deductions for Pension Fund contributions.

Total taxes levied were \$6,982,604. Ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31, 2023 were \$6,306,822, net of an allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$153,511.

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For the year ended December 31, 2023, taxes of 84.67 mills were levied as follows:

| Parish wide taxes:   |             | Cemetery District taxes: |                     |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Parish tax           | 3.80 mills  | Cemetery District No. 1  | 1.12 mills          |
| Parish tax           | 1.90 mills  | Cemetery District No. 2  | 1.09 mills          |
| Health unit          | 2.11 mills  | Cemetery District No. 3  | 1.14 mills          |
| Library              | 5.30 mills  | Cemetery District No. 4  | 2.16 mills          |
| Road District taxes: |             | Cemetery District No. 5  | 2.01 mills          |
| Road District No. 1  | 5.29 mills  | Cemetery District No. 6  | 1.12 mills          |
| Road District No. 2  | 15.33 mills | Cemetery District No. 7  | <u>1.04 mills</u>   |
| Road District No. 3  | 10.41 mills |                          |                     |
| Road District No. 4  | 15.82 mills | Total millage            | <u><u>84.67</u></u> |
| Road District No. 5  | 15.03 mills |                          |                     |

(7) Capital Assets

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

|   | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u>     | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Governmental activities:                        |                              |                      |                  |                           |
| Capital assets not being depreciated:           |                              |                      |                  |                           |
| Land  | \$ 919,329                   | \$ -                 | \$ -             | \$ 919,329                |
| Other capital assets:                           |                              |                      |                  |                           |
| Buildings and improvements                      | 13,732,329                   | 125,380              | -                | 13,857,709                |
| Infrastructure                                  | 53,415,712                   | -                    | -                | 53,415,712                |
| Vehicles  | 680,387                      | 91,790               | -                | 772,177                   |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures               | <u>7,101,372</u>             | <u>919,883</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>8,021,255</u>          |
| Totals  | <u>75,849,129</u>            | <u>1,137,053</u>     | <u>-</u>         | <u>76,986,182</u>         |
| Less accumulated depreciation                   |                              |                      |                  |                           |
| Buildings and improvements                      | 7,473,602                    | 320,132              | -                | 7,793,734                 |
| Infrastructure                                  | 26,841,725                   | 2,014,315            | -                | 28,856,040                |
| Vehicles  | 616,394                      | 28,179               | -                | 644,573                   |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures               | <u>6,297,752</u>             | <u>267,673</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>6,565,425</u>          |
| Total accumulated depreciation                  | <u>41,229,473</u>            | <u>2,630,299</u>     | <u>-</u>         | <u>43,859,772</u>         |
| Governmental activities,<br>capital assets, net | <u>\$34,619,656</u>          | <u>\$(1,493,246)</u> | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$33,126,410</u>       |

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

|  | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions         | Deletions   | Ending<br>Balance |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Governmental activities:                   |                      |                   |             |                   |
| Right to use lease assets - equipment      | \$ -                 | \$ 326,266        | \$ -        | \$ 326,266        |
| Less accumulated amortization              | <u>-</u>             | <u>16,313</u>     | <u>-</u>    | <u>16,313</u>     |
| Governmental activities, lease assets, net | <u>\$ -</u>          | <u>\$ 309,953</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 309,953</u> |

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| General government     | \$ 17,395           |
| Public safety          | 58,158              |
| Public works           | 2,258,246           |
| Health and welfare     | 30,928              |
| Economic development   | 147,925             |
| Culture and recreation | <u>133,960</u>      |
| Total                  | <u>\$ 2,646,612</u> |

Capital asset activity for the business-type activities for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

|  | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions          | Deletions   | Ending<br>Balance   |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Business-type activities:                        |                      |                    |             |                     |
| Capital assets not being depreciated:            |                      |                    |             |                     |
| Land   | \$ -                 | \$ 11,482          | \$ -        | \$ 11,482           |
| Construction in progress                         | -                    | 54,093             | -           | 54,093              |
| Sewer system                                     | 3,090,319            | -                  | -           | 3,090,319           |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures                | <u>13,030</u>        | <u>-</u>           | <u>-</u>    | <u>13,030</u>       |
| Totals   | 3,103,349            | 65,575             | -           | 3,168,924           |
| Less accumulated depreciation                    | <u>1,989,333</u>     | <u>128,063</u>     | <u>-</u>    | <u>2,117,396</u>    |
| Business-type activities,<br>capital assets, net | <u>\$ 1,114,016</u>  | <u>\$ (62,488)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,051,528</u> |

Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sewer systems              | \$ 125,457        |
| Section 8 Housing Program  | <u>2,606</u>      |
| Total depreciation expense | <u>\$ 128,063</u> |

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(8) Sales and Use Tax

Proceeds of a 2% sales and use tax levied by the Police Jury beginning 2013, for fifteen years, (2023 collections \$4,564,773) are dedicated to the following purposes:

Constructing, improving, maintaining, and resurfacing public roads and bridges in the Road and Drainage Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Evangeline, including incidental drainage, and improving, maintaining, and operating drainage facilities, including the acquisition of equipment and paying the cost of issuance of bonds.

(9) Tax Abatements

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is subject to property tax abatements as follows:

A lease agreement between the Industrial Development Board and Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC, allowed for the exemption of ad valorem taxes. This agreement, which was approved by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, is for the inducement of economic development in Evangeline Parish. The tax exemption will continue for the term of the lease. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Police Jury abated ad valorem tax in the amount of \$830,150.

The Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) provided through the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, (authorized pursuant to Article VII, Part II, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974) authorizes the abatement of ad valorem taxes for a period of up to ten years on capital improvements and equipment related to manufacturing. The Police Jury abated ad valorem taxes from entities within the parish through the ITEP in the amount of \$85,563 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

(10) Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue in the governmental activities at December 31, 2023 consists of rent revenue received in advance in the amount of \$164,833.

Unearned revenue in the business-type activities at December 31, 2023 consists of prepayments for customer's utility accounts in the amount of \$432 and Section 8 EHV Service Fees revenue received in the amount of \$17,460 that will be used in a subsequent period.



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(11) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

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

|                               | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u>   | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Due Within<br/>One Year</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Governmental activities:      |                              |                  |                     |                           |                                |
| General obligation bonds      | \$24,775,000                 | \$ -             | \$12,115,000        | \$12,660,000              | \$2,425,000                    |
| Unamortized bond premium      | <u>310,722</u>               | -                | <u>62,143</u>       | <u>248,579</u>            | -                              |
| Total bonds payable           | 25,085,722                   | -                | 12,177,143          | 12,908,579                | 2,425,000                      |
| Compensated absences          | <u>118,729</u>               | <u>25,262</u>    | -                   | <u>143,991</u>            | -                              |
| Total governmental activities | <u>\$25,204,451</u>          | <u>\$ 25,262</u> | <u>\$12,177,143</u> | <u>\$13,052,570</u>       | <u>\$2,425,000</u>             |
| Business-type activities:     |                              |                  |                     |                           |                                |
| Direct Borrowing:             |                              |                  |                     |                           |                                |
| Revenue bond                  | <u>\$ 41,074</u>             | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ 2,929</u>     | <u>\$ 38,145</u>          | <u>\$ 3,071</u>                |

General obligation bonds are associated with governmental activities. The lease liability is liquidated by the 2% Sales Tax Capital Projects Fund. Compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. The revenue bonds are liquidated by the Ward One Sewer System Proprietary Fund.

Bonds payable:

In the event of default on the General Obligation bonds and in the event of default on all other direct borrowings, the bondholder may take actions as deemed necessary and appropriate as permitted by law to cause the Parish to comply with its obligations under the debt and compel performance.

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General obligation bonds payable at December 31, 2023, consist of the following:

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| \$10,855,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2021, dated October 20, 2021, for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds, funding a debt service reserve fund or purchasing a surety bond, if necessary, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, due in annual installments of \$210,000 to \$2,610,000 through December 1, 2028 at an interest rate of 0.550% to 1.625%, secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails or proceeds of the 2% sales and use tax. | \$ 10,445,000        |
| \$28,620,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2013, dated December 17, 2013, for the purpose of constructing, improving and resurfacing public roads within the boundaries of Road and Drainage Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish, due in one remaining annual installment of \$2,215,000 on December 1, 2024 at an interest rate of 3.721%, secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails or proceeds of the 2% sales and use tax.   | <u>2,215,000</u>     |
|  | <u>\$ 12,660,000</u> |

Revenue bonds at December 31, 2023 consist of the following issue:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| \$83,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds dated July 19, 1994, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring a sanitary sewage collection and disposal system in Police Jury Ward No. 1. The principal and interest payments are due in monthly installments of \$417 through July 19, 2033, with interest at 5.25%. These bonds are secured by revenues derived from the operation of the sanitary sewage collection and disposal system. | <u>\$ 38,145</u> |
|---|------------------|

The bonds and certificates of indebtedness are due as follows:

| Year ending<br>December 31, | Governmental Activities |                   | Business-type Activities |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|                             | Principal               | Interest          | Principal                | Interest         |
| 2024                        | \$ 2,425,000            | \$ 230,611        | \$ 3,071                 | \$ 1,939         |
| 2025                        | 2,515,000               | 138,617           | 3,236                    | 1,774            |
| 2026                        | 2,540,000               | 112,713           | 3,409                    | 1,600            |
| 2027                        | 2,570,000               | 80,962            | 3,593                    | 1,417            |
| 2028                        | 2,610,000               | 42,413            | 3,786                    | 1,223            |
| 2029 - 2033                 | -                       | -                 | 21,050                   | 2,836            |
|                             | <u>\$ 12,660,000</u>    | <u>\$ 605,316</u> | <u>\$ 38,145</u>         | <u>\$ 10,789</u> |

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On October 20, 2021, the Policy Jury issued \$10,855,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 to refund \$9,775,000 of outstanding Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 maturing December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2028. The refunded portion of the bonds were paid during the year ended December 31, 2023, using proceeds in escrow.

(12) Leases

During the year ending December 31, 2023, the Police Jury entered into an agreement to lease equipment for a term of five years beginning October 1, 2023. The Police Jury will not acquire the equipment at the end of the five years. The aggregate values of the right to use assets and the related accumulated amortization are disclosed in Note 7.

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

|                              | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Due Within<br/>One Year</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Governmental activities:     |                              |                  |                   |                           |                                |
| Right-of-use lease liability | \$ -                         | \$ 326,266       | \$ 15,899         | \$ 310,367                | \$ 61,116                      |

The future principal and interest payments for the lease as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

| <u>Year ending<br/>December 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u>  | <u>Interest</u>  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2024                                | \$ 61,116         | \$ 9,920         |
| 2025                                | 63,297            | 7,739            |
| 2026                                | 65,555            | 5,481            |
| 2027                                | 67,894            | 3,142            |
| 2028                                | <u>52,505</u>     | <u>771</u>       |
|                                     | <u>\$ 310,367</u> | <u>\$ 27,053</u> |

(13) Pension Plans

The Police Jury participates in two cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plans: Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A) (established by LRS 11:1901) and Registrar of Voters Employees Retirement System (established by LRS 11:2032). Each system is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees. The systems provide retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

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Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana -

Eligibility and Benefits:

Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. The Plan also provides survivor benefits, disability benefits, and a deferred retirement option plan.

Cost-of-Living Increases:

The Board is authorized to provide a cost-of-living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Contributions:

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2023, members contributed 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the Police Jury contributed 11.50%. According to state statute, the Plan also receives ¼ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The Plan also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. Contributions from non-employer contributing entities were \$29,224. Contributions to the pension plan from the Police Jury were \$250,541 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Net Pension Liability:

At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury reported a liability of \$1,207,100 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Police Jury's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Police Jury's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2022, the Police Jury's proportion was 0.313631%, which was an decrease of 0.019699% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021. Detailed information about the pension plan's assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the Police Jury's net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports at <http://www.persla.org>.

Actuarial Assumptions:

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability of the plan are as follows:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Valuation Date  | December 31, 2022   |
| Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based | 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2017   |
| Actuarial Cost Method   | Entry Age Normal  |
| Expected Remaining Service Lives                                    | 4 years   |
| Investment Rate of Return   | 6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation   |
| Inflation Rate  | 2.30%   |
| Projected Salary Increases  | 4.75%   |
| Mortality   | Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for: Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality; for employees, the Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale; for disabled annuitants, the Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using the MP2018 scale. |
| Cost of Living Adjustments  | The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Plan and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.  |

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Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the Capital Asset Pricing Model. Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.70% for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocations as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class                        | Target<br>Asset<br>Allocation | Long-Term Expected<br>Portfolio Real Rate<br>of Return |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Fixed income                       | 33%                           | 1.17%  |
| Equity                             | 51%                           | 3.58%  |
| Alternatives                       | 14%                           | 0.73%  |
| Real assets                        | 2%                            | 0.12%  |
|                                    | 100%                          | 5.60%  |
| Inflation                          |                               | 2.10%  |
| Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return |                               | 7.70%  |

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability for Plan A calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

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|   | 1.0% Decrease<br>5.40% | Current<br>Discount Rate<br>6.40% | 1.0% Increase<br>7.40% |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability | <u>\$2,985,199</u>     | <u>\$ 1,207,100</u>               | <u>\$ (283,608)</u>    |

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Police Jury recognized pension of \$496,464.

At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Plan from the following sources:

|   | Deferred Outflows<br>of Resources | Deferred Inflows<br>of Resources |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual experiences   | \$ 44,629                         | \$ 132,993                       |
| Change of assumptions   | 38,523                            | -                                |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments  | 1,274,310                         | -                                |
| Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions | 14,024                            | 20,696                           |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | <u>250,541</u>                    | <u>-</u>                         |
| Total   | <u>\$1,622,027</u>                | <u>\$ 153,689</u>                |

Deferred outflows of resources of \$250,541 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ended |  |    |                    |
|-------------------|--|----|--------------------|
| 2024              |  | \$ | 24,439             |
| 2025              |  |    | 211,147            |
| 2026              |  |    | 410,942            |
| 2027              |  |    | <u>571,269</u>     |
|                   |  |    | <u>\$1,217,797</u> |

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Registrar of Voters Retirement System –

Eligibility and Benefits:

Any member hired prior to January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he or she has 20 years of creditable service and is age 55 or has 10 years of creditable service and is age 60. Any member with 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, may retire. Regular retirement benefits for members hired prior to January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member hired on or after January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he or she has attained 30 years of creditable service and is age 55; has attained 20 years of creditable service and is age 60; or has attained 10 years of creditable service and is age 62. Regular retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.00% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation. Retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, that have attained 30 years of creditable service with at least 20 years of creditable service in the System, are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Cost of living provisions for the System allows the Board of Trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.0% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment once they have reached the age of 60 and have retired for at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

Contributions:

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. The actual employer contribution rate was 18.00% and the employee contribution rate was 7.00% for 2023. In accordance with state statute, the System also receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities but are not considered special funding situations. Contributions from non-employer contributing entities were \$16,287. Contributions to the pension plan from the Police Jury were \$13,410 for the year ended December 31, 2023.



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Net Pension Liability:

At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury reported a liability of \$87,794 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Police Jury's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Police Jury's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Police Jury's proportion was 0.461963%, which was an decrease of 0.04356% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. Detailed information about the pension plan's assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the Police Jury's net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports at <http://www.larovers.com>.

Actuarial Assumptions:

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability of ROVERS as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Valuation Date  | June 30, 2023  |
| Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based | 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2019   |
| Actuarial Cost Method   | Entry Age Normal   |
| Expected Remaining Service Lives                                    | 5 years  |
| Inflation Rate  | 2.30%  |
| Investment Rate of Return   | 6.25%  |
| Projected Salary Increases  | 5.25%  |
| Mortality   | RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for general employees and for general disabled retirees, multiplied by 120% for males and females.   |
| Cost of Living Adjustments  | The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic. |

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Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.25% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The resulting long-term rate of return is 8.37% for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

| Asset Class                | Target<br>Asset<br>Allocation | Real Return<br>Arithmetic<br>Basis | Long-Term Expected<br>Portfolio Real<br>Rate of Return |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Domestic Equities          | 37.50%                        | 7.50%                              | 2.81%  |
| International Equities     | 20.00%                        | 8.50%                              | 1.70%  |
| Domestic Fixed Income      | 22.50%                        | 2.50%                              | 0.56%  |
| International Fixed Income | 10.00%                        | 3.50%                              | 0.35%  |
| Real Estate                | 10.00%                        | 4.50%                              | 0.45%  |
| Totals                     | <u>100%</u>                   |                                    | <u>5.87%</u>   |
| Inflation                  |                               |                                    | <u>2.50%</u>   |
| Expected Nominal Return    |                               |                                    | <u>8.37%</u>   |

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following table presents the net pension liability of the participating employers, calculated using the discount rate of 6.25%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

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|   | <u>1.0% Decrease</u><br><u>5.25%</u> | <u>Current</u><br><u>Discount Rate</u><br><u>6.25%</u> | <u>1.0% Increase</u><br><u>7.25%</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability | <u>\$ 159,727</u>                    | <u>\$ 87,794</u>                                       | <u>\$ 26,659</u>                     |

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Police Jury recognized \$23,038 in pension expense.

|  | <u>Deferred Outflows</u><br><u>of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows</u><br><u>of Resources</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experiences  | \$ 3,650  | \$ 3,946                                       |
| Change of assumptions  | 5,413   | -  |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments                             | 20,353  | -  |
| Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 3,695   | 9,198  |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date  | <u>6,754</u>                                    | <u>-</u>                                       |
| Total  | <u>\$ 39,865</u>                                | <u>\$ 13,144</u>                               |

Deferred outflows of resources of \$6,754 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

| <u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 2024                     | \$ 5,324         |
| 2025                     | 460              |
| 2026                     | 18,746           |
| 2027                     | <u>(4,563)</u>   |
|                          | <u>\$ 19,967</u> |

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(14) Compensation of Police Jurors

A summary of compensation paid to police jurors for the year ended December 31, 2023, follows:

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bryan Vidrine - President      | \$ 24,990         |
| Kevin Veillon - Vice President | 20,600            |
| Ryan Ardoin                    | 20,600            |
| Eric Soileau                   | 20,600            |
| Lelia Thrasher                 | 20,600            |
| Keith Saucier                  | 20,600            |
| Sidney Fontenot                | 20,600            |
| Daniel Arvie                   | 20,600            |
| Angelica Williams              | 18,618            |
|                                | <u>\$ 187,808</u> |

The official address and phone number of the police jurors is 1008 West LaSalle Street, Ville Platte, La, 70586, (337) 363-5651. Terms of office for the elected officials are January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023.

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

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

| Purpose                    | Amount           |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Salary                     | \$ 78,777        |
| Benefits - insurance       | 6,995            |
| Benefits - retirement      | 9,059            |
| Benefits - payroll taxes   | 1,119            |
| Cell phone                 | 853              |
| Uniforms                   | 590              |
| Registration fees          | 245              |
| Mileage and transportation | 229              |
| Lodging                    | 274              |
| Meals and tips             | 147              |
|                            | <u>\$ 98,288</u> |

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(16) Criminal Court Fund

Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11 requires that one-half of any balance remaining in the Criminal Court Fund at year-end be transferred to the parish General Fund. The General Fund subsidized the Criminal Court Fund during the year ended December 31, 2023 by transferring \$505,000 to the Criminal Court Fund in order to pay the costs necessary to operate the Court.

(17) Federal Compliance Contingencies

The Police Jury receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by governmental agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the grantor for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency.

(18) Interfund Transactions

Transfers consisted of the following at December 31, 2023:

|                                    | Transfers In | Transfers Out |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Major funds:                       |              |               |
| General Fund                       | \$ -         | \$ 602,615    |
| Road District Maintenance          | 330,139      | 447,570       |
| 2% Sales Tax District Debt Service | 2,655,057    | -             |
| 2% Sales Tax Capital Projects      | 120,531      | 2,655,057     |
| Total major governmental funds     | 3,105,727    | 3,705,242     |
| Proprietary funds:                 |              |               |
| Sewer System Maintenance           | 23,290       | -             |
| Ward One Sewer System              | 74,325       | -             |
| Total major proprietary funds      | 97,615       | -             |
| Nonmajor governmental funds        | 505,000      | 3,100         |
| Total                              | \$3,708,342  | \$3,708,342   |

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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(19) Risk Management

The Police Jury is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of health care, general and auto liability, property hazards, workers' compensation, and employee dishonesty. 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.

(20) Litigation and Claims

There is no litigation pending against the Police Jury at December 31, 2023.

(21) New Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following pronouncements:

GASB Statement 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The effect of implementation on the Police Jury's financial statements has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The effect of implementation on the Police Jury's financial statements has not yet been determined.

**REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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General Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|   | Budget              |                     | Actual              | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
|   | Original            | Final               |                     | (Negative)  |
| <b>Revenues:</b>                        |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Taxes - ad valorem                      | \$ 917,000          | \$ 950,054          | \$ 1,031,117        | \$ 81,063   |
| Licenses and permits                    | 495,000             | 470,376             | 477,906             | 7,530   |
| Intergovernmental revenues -            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Federal grants                          | 129,901             | 80,439              | 80,439              | -   |
| State funds:                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| State revenue sharing                   | 40,000              | 28,618              | 28,710              | 92  |
| Parish equalization funds               | 675,000             | 864,705             | 896,258             | 31,553  |
| Other                                   | 245,100             | 469,578             | 601,629             | 132,051   |
| Fees, charges, and commissions          | 13,700              | 16,796              | 20,114              | 3,318   |
| Use of money and property               | 37,489              | 281,445             | 291,708             | 10,263  |
| Miscellaneous                           | 440,551             | 478,302             | 473,100             | (5,202)   |
| Total revenues                          | <u>2,993,741</u>    | <u>3,640,313</u>    | <u>3,900,981</u>    | <u>260,668</u>  |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                    |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Current -                               |                     |                     |                     |   |
| General government:                     |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Legislative                             | 277,587             | 285,264             | 292,664             | (7,400)   |
| Judicial                                | 118,916             | 139,350             | 138,104             | 1,246   |
| Elections                               | 126,205             | 116,177             | 119,109             | (2,932)   |
| Finance and administration              | 637,664             | 675,532             | 718,953             | (43,421)  |
| Other                                   | 414,689             | 461,593             | 463,931             | (2,338)   |
| Public safety                           | 838,760             | 960,084             | 864,065             | 96,019  |
| Public works                            | -                   | 1,050               | 1,050               | -   |
| Economic development and assistance     | 45,771              | 64,884              | 65,882              | (998)   |
| Capital outlay                          | 100,000             | 126,227             | 126,227             | -   |
| Total expenditures                      | <u>2,559,592</u>    | <u>2,830,161</u>    | <u>2,789,985</u>    | <u>40,176</u>   |
| Excess of revenues<br>over expenditures | 434,149             | 810,152             | 1,110,996           | 300,844   |
| <b>Other financing uses:</b>            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Transfers out                           | (515,851)           | (602,615)           | (602,615)           | -   |
| Net change in fund balance              | (81,702)            | 207,537             | 508,381             | 300,844   |
| Fund balance, beginning                 | <u>1,723,657</u>    | <u>7,326,333</u>    | <u>7,326,333</u>    | <u>-</u>  |
| Fund balance, ending                    | <u>\$ 1,641,955</u> | <u>\$ 7,533,870</u> | <u>\$ 7,834,714</u> | <u>\$ 300,844</u>                                       |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.



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Industrial District No. 1 Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|                                     | Budget     |            | Actual     | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
|                                     | Original   | Final      |            |   |
| Revenues:                           |            |            |            |   |
| Intergovernmental revenues -        |            |            |            |   |
| State grants                        | \$ -       | \$ 12,196  | \$ 10,896  | \$ (1,300)  |
| Fees, charges and commissions       | 77,980     | 82,888     | 81,872     | (1,016)   |
| Use of money and property           | 54,860     | 64,082     | 69,098     | 5,016   |
| Total revenues                      | 132,840    | 159,166    | 161,866    | 2,700   |
| Expenditures:                       |            |            |            |   |
| Current -                           |            |            |            |   |
| Public works                        | 53,628     | 51,512     | 53,746     | (2,234)   |
| Economic development and assistance | 7,800      | 7,800      | 7,800      | -   |
| Total expenditures                  | 61,428     | 59,312     | 61,546     | (2,234)   |
| Net change in fund balance          | 71,412     | 99,854     | 100,320    | 466   |
| Fund balance, beginning             | 220,032    | 220,032    | 220,032    | -   |
| Fund balance, ending                | \$ 291,444 | \$ 319,886 | \$ 320,352 | \$ 466  |

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Road District Maintenance Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|                                      | Budget       |              | Actual       | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|                                      | Original     | Final        |              |   |
| Revenues:                            |              |              |              |   |
| Taxes - ad valorem                   | \$ 2,833,000 | \$ 2,968,533 | \$ 3,085,105 | \$ 116,572  |
| Intergovernmental revenues -         |              |              |              |   |
| State funds:                         |              |              |              |   |
| State revenue sharing                | 111,400      | 126,972      | 127,149      | 177   |
| Use of money and property            | 10,419       | 237,706      | 238,645      | 939   |
| Miscellaneous                        | -            | 9,184        | 11,540       | 2,356   |
| Total revenues                       | 2,954,819    | 3,342,395    | 3,462,439    | 120,044   |
| Expenditures:                        |              |              |              |   |
| Current -                            |              |              |              |   |
| Public works                         | 2,792,105    | 3,128,008    | 3,221,125    | (93,117)  |
| Excess of revenues over              |              |              |              |   |
| expenditures                         | 162,714      | 214,387      | 241,314      | 26,927  |
| Other financing sources (uses):      |              |              |              |   |
| Transfers in                         | 289,245      | 330,139      | 330,139      | -   |
| Transfers out                        | (409,776)    | (447,570)    | (447,570)    | -   |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | (120,531)    | (117,431)    | (117,431)    | -   |
| Net change in fund balance           | 42,183       | 96,956       | 123,883      | 26,927  |
| Fund balance, beginning              | 3,728,373    | 3,799,972    | 3,799,972    | -   |
| Fund balance, ending                 | \$ 3,770,556 | \$ 3,896,928 | \$ 3,923,855 | \$ 26,927   |

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Public Library Maintenance Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|                              | Budget              |                     | Actual              | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
|                              | Original            | Final               |                     |   |
| Revenues:                    |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Taxes - ad valorem           | \$ 1,249,425        | \$ 1,395,724        | \$ 1,551,680        | \$ 155,956  |
| Intergovernmental revenues - |                     |                     |                     |   |
| State funds:                 |                     |                     |                     |   |
| State revenue sharing        | 35,000              | 35,000              | 34,638              | (362)   |
| Other                        | 600                 | 3,079               | 5,990               | 2,911   |
| Use of money and property    | 26,500              | 58,364              | 124,917             | 66,553  |
| Miscellaneous                | 25                  | 27,127              | 32,536              | 5,409   |
| Total revenues               | <u>1,311,550</u>    | <u>1,519,294</u>    | <u>1,749,761</u>    | <u>230,467</u>  |
| Expenditures:                |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Current -                    |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Culture and recreation       | 1,223,888           | 1,167,134           | 1,144,477           | 22,657  |
| Capital outlay               | 35,000              | 1,204               | 1,204               | -   |
| Total expenditures           | <u>1,258,888</u>    | <u>1,168,338</u>    | <u>1,145,681</u>    | <u>22,657</u>   |
| Net change in fund balance   | 52,662              | 350,956             | 604,080             | 253,124   |
| Fund balance, beginning      | <u>3,782,173</u>    | <u>3,782,173</u>    | <u>3,782,173</u>    | <u>-</u>  |
| Fund balance, ending         | <u>\$ 3,834,835</u> | <u>\$ 4,133,129</u> | <u>\$ 4,386,253</u> | <u>\$ 253,124</u>                                       |

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| Year ended December 31,                               | Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) | Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) | Covered Payroll | Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll | Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability |
|---|--|---|-----------------|--|--|
| <b><i>Parochial Employees Retirement System*</i></b>  |  |   |                 |  |  |
| 2023  | 0.313631%  | \$ 1,207,100  | \$ 2,126,462    | 56.8%  | 91.74%   |
| 2022  | 0.333330%  | (1,570,129)   | 2,236,423       | -70.2%   | 110.46%  |
| 2021  | 0.329142%  | (577,122)   | 2,198,344       | -26.3%   | 104.00%  |
| 2020  | 0.381680%  | 17,967  | 2,420,151       | 0.7%   | 99.89%   |
| 2019  | 0.389598%  | 1,729,176   | 2,395,041       | 72.2%  | 88.86%   |
| 2018  | 0.341629%  | (253,573)   | 2,034,558       | 12.5%  | 101.98%  |
| 2017  | 0.338456%  | 697,055   | 1,948,014       | 35.8%  | 94.15%   |
| 2016  | 0.396611%  | 1,043,994   | 2,205,406       | 47.3%  | 92.23%   |
| 2015  | 0.353762%  | 96,721  | 1,916,939       | 5.0%   | 99.15%   |
| <b><i>Registrar of Voters Retirement System**</i></b> |  |   |                 |  |  |
| 2023  | 0.461963%  | \$ 87,794   | \$ 73,602       | 119.3%   | 86.73%   |
| 2022  | 0.505523%  | 123,956   | 73,289          | 169.1%   | 82.46%   |
| 2021  | 0.472869%  | 15,000  | 70,841          | 21.2%  | 97.68%   |
| 2020  | 0.522582%  | 112,579   | 70,794          | 159.0%   | 83.32%   |
| 2019  | 0.508025%  | 95,002  | 69,778          | 136.1%   | 84.83%   |
| 2018  | 0.490366%  | 115,747   | 68,036          | 170.1%   | 80.57%   |
| 2017  | 0.489456%  | 107,441   | 67,036          | 160.3%   | 80.51%   |
| 2016  | 0.484202%  | 137,393   | 66,511          | 206.6%   | 73.98%   |
| 2015  | 0.484352%  | 118,620   | 65,705          | 180.5%   | 76.86%   |

\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

\*\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30th.

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

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Schedule of Employer Contributions  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| Year ended<br>December 31,                          | Contractually<br>Required<br>Contribution | Contributions in<br>Relation to<br>Contractually<br>Required<br>Contribution | Contribution<br>Deficiency<br>(Excess) | Covered<br>Payroll | Contributions<br>as a % of<br>Covered<br>Payroll |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------|--|
| <b><i>Parochial Employees Retirement System</i></b> |   |  |  |                    |  |
| 2023  | \$ 250,541                                | \$ 250,541   | \$ -                                   | \$ 2,178,614       | 11.50%   |
| 2022  | 244,543                                   | 244,543  | -                                      | 2,126,462          | 11.50%   |
| 2021  | 269,265                                   | 269,265  | -                                      | 2,236,423          | 12.04%   |
| 2020  | 269,297                                   | 269,297  | -                                      | 2,198,344          | 12.25%   |
| 2019  | 278,317                                   | 278,317  | -                                      | 2,420,151          | 11.50%   |
| 2018  | 275,430                                   | 275,430  | -                                      | 2,395,041          | 11.50%   |
| 2017  | 254,320                                   | 254,320  | -                                      | 2,034,558          | 12.50%   |
| 2016  | 253,242                                   | 253,242  | -                                      | 1,948,014          | 13.00%   |
| 2015  | 319,784                                   | 319,784  | -                                      | 2,205,406          | 14.50%   |
| <b><i>Registrar of Voters Retirement System</i></b> |   |  |  |                    |  |
| 2023  | \$ 13,410                                 | \$ 13,410  | \$ -                                   | \$ 74,498          | 18.00%   |
| 2022  | 13,120                                    | 13,120   | -                                      | 72,888             | 18.00%   |
| 2021  | 13,041                                    | 13,041   | -                                      | 72,452             | 18.00%   |
| 2020  | 12,751                                    | 12,751   | -                                      | 70,841             | 18.00%   |
| 2019  | 12,318                                    | 12,318   | -                                      | 70,389             | 17.50%   |
| 2018  | 11,728                                    | 11,728   | -                                      | 68,986             | 17.00%   |
| 2017  | 12,511                                    | 12,511   | -                                      | 67,627             | 18.50%   |
| 2016  | 14,124                                    | 14,124   | -                                      | 66,464             | 21.25%   |
| 2015  | 15,913                                    | 15,913   | -                                      | 68,022             | 23.39%   |

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

The Secretary-Treasurer prepares and submits the proposed budget to the parish governing authority prior to the fifteenth day of the fiscal year for which the budget is to be applicable. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury.

(2) Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following funds incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2023:

| <u>Fund</u>               | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Excess</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Industrial District No. 1 | \$ 59,312     | \$ 61,546     | \$ 2,234      |
| Road District Maintenance | 3,128,008     | 3,221,125     | 93,117        |

(3) Pension Plans

Changes of Benefit Terms -

A. Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana:

Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2023.

B. Registrar of Voters Retirement System of Louisiana:

Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information (Continued)

Changes of Assumptions -

| <u>Year ended<br/>December 31,</u>                                  | <u>Discount<br/>Rate</u> | <u>Investment<br/>Rate of<br/>Return</u> | <u>Inflation<br/>Rate</u> | <u>Expected<br/>Remaining<br/>Service Lives</u> | <u>Projected<br/>Salary<br/>Increase</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>*Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana - Plan A</b> |                          |  |                           |   |  |
| 2023  | 6.40%                    | 6.40%                                    | 2.30%                     | 4   | 4.75%                                    |
| 2022  | 6.40%                    | 6.40%                                    | 2.30%                     | 4   | 4.75%                                    |
| 2021  | 6.40%                    | 6.40%                                    | 2.30%                     | 4   | 4.75%                                    |
| 2020  | 6.50%                    | 6.50%                                    | 2.40%                     | 4   | 4.75%                                    |
| 2019  | 6.50%                    | 6.50%                                    | 2.40%                     | 4   | 4.75%                                    |
| 2018  | 6.75%                    | 6.75%                                    | 2.50%                     | 4   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2017  | 7.00%                    | 7.00%                                    | 2.50%                     | 4   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2016  | 7.00%                    | 7.00%                                    | 2.50%                     | 4   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2015  | 7.00%                    | 7.00%                                    | 2.50%                     | 4   | 5.25%                                    |
| <b>**Registrar of Voters Retirement System of Louisiana</b>         |                          |  |                           |   |  |
| 2023  | 6.25%                    | 6.25%                                    | 2.30%                     | 5   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2022  | 6.25%                    | 6.25%                                    | 2.30%                     | 5   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2021  | 6.25%                    | 6.25%                                    | 2.30%                     | 5   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2020  | 6.40%                    | 6.40%                                    | 2.30%                     | 5   | 5.25%                                    |
| 2019  | 6.50%                    | 6.50%                                    | 2.40%                     | 5   | 6.00%                                    |
| 2018  | 6.50%                    | 6.50%                                    | 2.40%                     | 5   | 6.00%                                    |
| 2017  | 6.75%                    | 6.75%                                    | 2.50%                     | 5   | 6.00%                                    |
| 2016  | 7.00%                    | 7.00%                                    | 2.50%                     | 5   | 6.00%                                    |
| 2015  | 7.00%                    | 7.00%                                    | 2.50%                     | 5   | 6.00%                                    |

*\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.*

*\*\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30th.*

**OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**



EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2023

|  | <u>Special<br/>Revenue</u> | <u>Drainage<br/>Improvement<br/>Capital<br/>Projects</u> | <u>Totals</u>      |
|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                            |  |                    |
| Cash and interest bearing deposits                                   | \$4,336,343                | \$45,916   | \$4,382,259        |
| Receivables, net   | 981,377                    | -  | 981,377            |
| Due from other governmental units                                    | <u>41,201</u>              | <u>-</u>   | <u>41,201</u>      |
| Total assets   | <u>\$5,358,921</u>         | <u>\$45,916</u>  | <u>\$5,404,837</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b> |                            |  |                    |
| Liabilities:   |                            |  |                    |
| Accounts payable   | <u>\$ 27,837</u>           | <u>\$ -</u>  | <u>\$ 27,837</u>   |
| Deferred inflows of resources  |                            |  |                    |
| Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes                               | <u>56,128</u>              | <u>-</u>   | <u>56,128</u>      |
| Fund balances:   |                            |  |                    |
| Restricted -   |                            |  |                    |
| Operations and maintenance   | 5,270,710                  | -  | 5,270,710          |
| Purposes of grant  | 4,246                      | -  | 4,246              |
| Assigned -   |                            |  |                    |
| Operations and maintenance   | <u>-</u>                   | <u>45,916</u>  | <u>45,916</u>      |
| Total fund balances  | <u>5,274,956</u>           | <u>45,916</u>  | <u>5,320,872</u>   |
| Total liabilities and fund balances                                  | <u>\$5,358,921</u>         | <u>\$45,916</u>  | <u>\$5,404,837</u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|  | <u>Special<br/>Revenue</u> | <u>Drainage<br/>Improvement<br/>Capital<br/>Projects</u> | <u>Totals</u>       |
|--|----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Revenues:  |                            |  |                     |
| Taxes  |                            |  |                     |
| Ad valorem   | \$ 1,020,434               | \$ -   | \$ 1,020,434        |
| Intergovernmental revenues -                         |                            |  |                     |
| Federal grants                                       | 50,725                     | -  | 50,725              |
| State funds:   |                            |  |                     |
| Parish transportation funds                          | 487,322                    | -  | 487,322             |
| State revenue sharing                                | 37,029                     | -  | 37,029              |
| Other  | 110,387                    | -  | 110,387             |
| Fees, charges and commissions                        | 449,863                    | -  | 449,863             |
| Use of money and property                            | 170,153                    | 1,722  | 171,875             |
| Other revenues                                       | <u>120</u>                 | <u>-</u>   | <u>120</u>          |
| Total revenues                                       | <u>2,326,033</u>           | <u>1,722</u>   | <u>2,327,755</u>    |
| Expenditures:  |                            |  |                     |
| Current -  |                            |  |                     |
| General government:                                  |                            |  |                     |
| Judicial   | 676,441                    | -  | 676,441             |
| Public safety  | 47,625                     | -  | 47,625              |
| Public works   | 661,252                    | -  | 661,252             |
| Health and welfare                                   | <u>618,744</u>             | <u>-</u>   | <u>618,744</u>      |
| Total expenditures                                   | <u>2,732,391</u>           | <u>-</u>   | <u>2,732,391</u>    |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues<br>over expenditures | <u>(406,358)</u>           | <u>1,722</u>   | <u>(404,636)</u>    |
| Other financing sources (uses):                      |                            |  |                     |
| Transfers in   | 505,000                    | -  | 505,000             |
| Transfers out  | <u>(3,100)</u>             | <u>-</u>   | <u>(3,100)</u>      |
| Total other financing sources (uses)                 | <u>501,900</u>             | <u>-</u>   | <u>501,900</u>      |
| Net change in fund balances                          | 95,542                     | 1,722  | 97,264              |
| Fund balances, beginning                             | <u>5,179,414</u>           | <u>44,194</u>  | <u>5,223,608</u>    |
| Fund balances, ending                                | <u>\$ 5,274,956</u>        | <u>\$ 45,916</u>   | <u>\$ 5,320,872</u> |

## NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

### **Parish Road Fund**

To account for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges on a parish-wide basis. Financing is provided by the State of Louisiana Parish Transportation Fund.

### **Criminal Court Fund**

To account for the receipt of court fees and fines and disbursement of these receipts for salaries and operating expenses of the criminal court. Operation is also financed by transfers from the General Fund.

### **Health Unit Maintenance Fund**

To account for the maintenance of a health unit, which provides health and welfare services to the citizens of the Parish. Major means of financing are provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing.

### **Cemetery District Maintenance Funds**

To account for maintenance and upkeep of parish cemeteries within the respective cemetery districts. The major means of financing for the districts is ad valorem taxes, which are levied against properties within the districts.

### **Crooked Creek Recreation Maintenance Fund**

To account for the costs of providing recreation facilities for residents of the Parish. Major means of financing is provided by fees for use of the facilities.

### **Special Grant Fund**

To account for federal and state grants received for special projects and emergency preparedness.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds  
Combining Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2023

|  | <u>Parish<br/>Road Fund</u> | <u>Criminal<br/>Court<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Health<br/>Unit<br/>Maintenance</u> | <u>Cemetery<br/>Maintenance</u> | <u>Crooked<br/>Creek<br/>Recreation<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Special<br/>Grant<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Totals</u>       |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits                                   | \$ 529,301                  | \$ 100,348                         | \$ 1,477,561                           | \$ 2,091,970                    | \$ 132,917                                       | \$ 4,246                          | \$ 4,336,343        |
| Receivables, net   | -                           | -                                  | 602,874                                | 378,503                         | -  | -                                 | 981,377             |
| Due from other governmental units                                    | -                           | 12,742                             | 28,459                                 | -                               | -  | -                                 | 41,201              |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 529,301</u>           | <u>\$ 113,090</u>                  | <u>\$ 2,108,894</u>                    | <u>\$ 2,470,473</u>             | <u>\$ 132,917</u>                                | <u>\$ 4,246</u>                   | <u>\$ 5,358,921</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OR RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b> |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Liabilities:   |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Accounts payable   | <u>\$ 1,840</u>             | <u>\$ 5,001</u>                    | <u>\$ 8,563</u>                        | <u>\$ 5,110</u>                 | <u>\$ 7,323</u>                                  | <u>\$ -</u>                       | <u>\$ 27,837</u>    |
| Deferred inflows of resources  |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes                               | <u>-</u>                    | <u>-</u>                           | <u>35,419</u>                          | <u>20,709</u>                   | <u>-</u>   | <u>-</u>                          | <u>56,128</u>       |
| Fund balances:   |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Restricted -   |                             |                                    |  |                                 |  |                                   |                     |
| Operations and maintenance   | 527,461                     | 108,089                            | 2,064,912                              | 2,444,654                       | 125,594  | -                                 | 5,270,710           |
| Purposes of grant  | -                           | -                                  | -                                      | -                               | -  | 4,246                             | 4,246               |
| Total fund balances  | <u>527,461</u>              | <u>108,089</u>                     | <u>2,064,912</u>                       | <u>2,444,654</u>                | <u>125,594</u>                                   | <u>4,246</u>                      | <u>5,274,956</u>    |
| Total liabilities and fund balances                                  | <u>\$ 529,301</u>           | <u>\$ 113,090</u>                  | <u>\$ 2,108,894</u>                    | <u>\$ 2,470,473</u>             | <u>\$ 132,917</u>                                | <u>\$ 4,246</u>                   | <u>\$ 5,358,921</u> |

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Ville Platte, Louisiana

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|  | Parish<br>Road Fund | Criminal<br>Court<br>Fund | Health<br>Unit<br>Maintenance |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenues:  |                     |                           |                               |
| Taxes -  |                     |                           |                               |
| Ad valorem   | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ 617,993                    |
| Intergovernmental revenues -                         |                     |                           |                               |
| Federal grants                                       | -                   | -                         | -                             |
| State funds:   |                     |                           |                               |
| Parish transportation funds                          | 487,322             | -                         | -                             |
| State revenue sharing                                | -                   | -                         | 25,202                        |
| Other  | -                   | -                         | 100,402                       |
| Fees, charges and commissions                        | -                   | 195,093                   | -                             |
| Use of money and property                            | 19,985              | 13,029                    | 56,271                        |
| Other revenues                                       | -                   | -                         | 120                           |
| Total revenues                                       | 507,307             | 208,122                   | 799,988                       |
| Expenditures:  |                     |                           |                               |
| Current -  |                     |                           |                               |
| General government:                                  |                     |                           |                               |
| Judicial   | -                   | 676,441                   | -                             |
| Public safety  | -                   | -                         | -                             |
| Public works   | 157,963             | -                         | -                             |
| Health and welfare                                   | -                   | -                         | 618,744                       |
| Culture and recreation                               | -                   | -                         | -                             |
| Capital outlay                                       | 465,733             | -                         | -                             |
| Total expenditures                                   | 623,696             | 676,441                   | 618,744                       |
| Excess (deficiency) of<br>revenues over expenditures | (116,389)           | (468,319)                 | 181,244                       |
| Other financing sources (uses):                      |                     |                           |                               |
| Transfers in   | -                   | 505,000                   | -                             |
| Transfers out  | -                   | -                         | -                             |
| Total other financing sources (uses)                 | -                   | 505,000                   | -                             |
| Net change in fund balances                          | (116,389)           | 36,681                    | 181,244                       |
| Fund balances, beginning                             | 643,850             | 71,408                    | 1,883,668                     |
| Fund balances, ending                                | \$ 527,461          | \$ 108,089                | \$ 2,064,912                  |

| <u>Cemetery<br/>Maintenance</u> | <u>Crooked<br/>Creek<br/>Recreation<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Special<br/>Grant<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Totals</u>       |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 402,441                      | \$ -   | \$ -                              | \$ 1,020,434        |
| -                               | -  | 50,725                            | 50,725              |
| -                               | -  | -                                 | 487,322             |
| 11,827                          | -  | -                                 | 37,029              |
| -                               | 9,985  | -                                 | 110,387             |
| -                               | 254,770  | -                                 | 449,863             |
| 80,658                          | -  | 210                               | 170,153             |
| <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>   | <u>-</u>                          | <u>120</u>          |
| <u>494,926</u>                  | <u>264,755</u>                                   | <u>50,935</u>                     | <u>2,326,033</u>    |
| -                               | -  | -                                 | 676,441             |
| -                               | -  | 47,625                            | 47,625              |
| 503,289                         | -  | -                                 | 661,252             |
| -                               | -  | -                                 | 618,744             |
| -                               | 262,596  | -                                 | 262,596             |
| -                               | -  | -                                 | 465,733             |
| <u>503,289</u>                  | <u>262,596</u>                                   | <u>47,625</u>                     | <u>2,732,391</u>    |
| <u>(8,363)</u>                  | <u>2,159</u>                                     | <u>3,310</u>                      | <u>(406,358)</u>    |
| -                               | -  | -                                 | 505,000             |
| -                               | -  | (3,100)                           | (3,100)             |
| <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>   | <u>(3,100)</u>                    | <u>501,900</u>      |
| (8,363)                         | 2,159  | 210                               | 95,542              |
| <u>2,453,017</u>                | <u>123,435</u>                                   | <u>4,036</u>                      | <u>5,179,414</u>    |
| <u>\$ 2,444,654</u>             | <u>\$ 125,594</u>                                | <u>\$ 4,246</u>                   | <u>\$ 5,274,956</u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Other Supplemental Information - Ward One Sewer System  
(Unaudited)  
December 31, 2023

Number of Sewer Customers

Records maintained by the Police Jury indicated the following number of customers were being serviced during the month of December 2023:

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Residential     | 178               |
| Commercial      | <u>1</u>          |
| Total customers | <u><u>179</u></u> |

Sewer Rates

The sewer rates for the Police Jury Ward No. 1 sewer system are \$22.08 per month for residential and \$23.75 for commercial buildings for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Aged Receivables

The aged receivables as of December 31, 2023 were as follows:

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 30 days | \$ 1,655               |
| 60 days | <u>2,310</u>           |
|         | <u><u>\$ 3,965</u></u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Schedule of Insurance in Force  
(Unaudited)  
December 31, 2023

| Description of Coverage   | Expiration Date | Coverage Amounts |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Workmen's Compensation:   |                 |                  |
| LWCC  | 1/1/2024        | \$ 93,881        |
| Commercial property insurance:  |                 |                  |
| Building - 1204 Chauncey Pitre Road, Ville Platte                                       | 3/15/2024       | 339,040          |
| Police Jury administrative office - 1008 W. LaSalle, Ville Platte                       | 3/15/2024       | 540,800          |
| Evangeline Parish Library -   |                 |                  |
| General liability   | 8/6/2024        | 1,000,000        |
| Building (3036 Stagg Street, Basile)  | 8/6/2024        | 479,027          |
| Building (1111 Walnut Street, Pine Prairie)   | 8/6/2024        | 520,815          |
| Building (13951 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Ville Platte)                                   | 8/6/2024        | 199,400          |
| Building (New library - Main Street)  | 8/6/2024        | 2,239,828        |
| Building (111 North 1st Street, Chataignier)  | 8/6/2024        | 272,273          |
| Business personal property (Ville Platte, Mamou, Chataignier, Basile, and Pine Prairie) | 8/6/2024        | Various          |
| Fire and extended coverage:   |                 |                  |
| Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office (Courthouse Annex 415 W. Cotton):                    | 3/15/2024       | 697,840          |
| County Extension and USDA, 230 Court St., Ville Platte                                  |                 |                  |
| Building  | 3/15/2024       | 348,400          |
| Contents  | 3/15/2024       | 20,800           |
| Courthouse (200 Court St., Ville Platte) -  |                 |                  |
| Building  | 3/15/2024       | 5,470,400        |
| Contents  | 3/15/2024       | 1,040,000        |
| Food stamp office (138 Court St., Ville Platte) -                                       |                 |                  |
| Building  | 3/15/2024       | 156,000          |
| Health Unit and Library (317 2nd Street, Mamou)   |                 |                  |
| Buildings   | 3/15/2024       | 697,840          |
| Contents  | 3/15/2024       | 36,400           |
| Economic Development Building (421 W. Magnolia St., Ville Platte)                       |                 |                  |
| Buildings   | 3/15/2024       | 600,000          |

(continued)



EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Schedule of Insurance in Force (Continued)  
(Unaudited)  
December 31, 2023

| Description of Coverage                              | Expiration Date | Coverage Amounts |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Fire and extended coverage: (continued)              |                 |                  |
| Health Unit (1010 W. LaSalle, Ville Platte)          |                 |                  |
| Buildings  | 3/15/2024       | 790,400          |
| Contents   | 3/15/2024       | 78,000           |
| USDA Building (205 Court Street, Ville Platte)       | 3/15/2024       | 520,000          |
| Crooked Creek (1300 Sandy Beach Drive, Ville Platte) |                 |                  |
| Lodge #9, #10, #11, Bathroom #1, and #2              | 3/15/2024       | 41,600 each      |
| Center Bath House                                    | 3/15/2024       | 52,000           |
| Conference room/Pavilion                             | 3/15/2024       | 156,000          |
| Front office building                                | 3/15/2024       | 130,000          |
| Front office contents                                | 3/15/2024       | 26,000           |
| Surety Bonds:  |                 |                  |
| Employment Practices and Third-Party                 | 3/15/2024       | 1,000,000        |
| Registrar of Voters                                  | 4/24/2024       | 5,000            |
| Library - Director                                   | 11/2/2024       | 5,000            |
| Library - Secretary                                  | 11/2/2024       | 5,000            |
| Library - Professional Liability                     | 11/1/2024       | 1,000,000        |
| All risk physical damage:                            |                 |                  |
| Police Jury road equipment -                         | 3/15/2024       | 2,140,576        |
| Auto Policy  | 3/15/2024       | 500,000          |

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| <b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>  | <u>First<br/>Six Month<br/>Period Ended<br/>6/30/2023</u> | <u>Second<br/>Six Month<br/>Period Ended<br/>12/31/2023</u> |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts From:  |   |   |
| Evangeline Parish Sheriff, Court Costs/Fees                             | \$ 40,024   | \$ 48,637   |
| Evangeline Parish Sheriff, Criminal Fines - Other                       | 38,692  | 34,292  |
| District Attorney of the 13th Judicial District, Criminal Fines - Other | 8,351   | 1,215   |
| Ville Platte City Court, Criminal Fines - Other                         | <u>5,096</u>  | <u>3,193</u>  |
| Total Receipts  | <u>\$ 92,163</u>  | <u>\$ 87,337</u>  |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Financial Data Schedule - Balance Sheet  
Section 8 Housing Program  
December 31, 2023

| Line<br>Item<br>Number | Account Description                    | 14.871<br>Housing<br>Choice<br>Vouchers | 14.EHV<br>Emergency<br>Housing<br>Voucher | 14.IKE<br>DHAP-<br>IKE | Total             |
|------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| 111                    | Cash - unrestricted                    | \$ 74,635                               | \$ 24,534                                 | \$ 67,204              | \$ 166,373        |
| 113                    | Cash - other restricted                | <u>12,129</u>                           | <u>1,060</u>                              | <u>-</u>               | <u>13,189</u>     |
| 100                    | Total cash                             | <u>86,764</u>                           | <u>25,594</u>                             | <u>67,204</u>          | <u>179,562</u>    |
| 124                    | Accounts receivable - other government | -                                       | 150                                       | -                      | 150               |
| 125                    | Accounts receivable - miscellaneous    | <u>2,266</u>                            | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>2,266</u>      |
| 120                    | Total receivables, net                 | <u>2,266</u>                            | <u>150</u>                                | <u>-</u>               | <u>2,416</u>      |
| 150                    | Total current assets                   | <u>89,030</u>                           | <u>25,744</u>                             | <u>67,204</u>          | <u>181,978</u>    |
| 164                    | Furniture, equipment & machinery       | 13,030                                  | -   | -                      | 13,030            |
| 166                    | Accumulated depreciation               | <u>(10,068)</u>                         | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>(10,068)</u>   |
| 160                    | Total capital assets, net              | <u>2,962</u>                            | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>2,962</u>      |
| 180                    | Total non-current assets               | <u>2,962</u>                            | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>2,962</u>      |
| 290                    | Total assets                           | <u>\$ 91,992</u>                        | <u>\$ 25,744</u>                          | <u>\$ 67,204</u>       | <u>\$ 184,940</u> |
| 312                    | Accounts payable <= 90 days            | \$ 1,164                                | \$ -                                      | \$ -                   | \$ 1,164          |
| 342                    | Unearned revenue                       | <u>-</u>                                | <u>17,460</u>                             | <u>-</u>               | <u>17,460</u>     |
| 310                    | Total current liabilities              | <u>1,164</u>                            | <u>17,460</u>                             | <u>-</u>               | <u>18,624</u>     |
| 300                    | Total liabilities                      | <u>1,164</u>                            | <u>17,460</u>                             | <u>-</u>               | <u>18,624</u>     |
| 508.4                  | Net investment in capital assets       | 2,962                                   | -   | -                      | 2,962             |
| 511.4                  | Restricted net position                | 12,173                                  | -   | -                      | 12,173            |
| 512.4                  | Unrestricted net position              | <u>75,693</u>                           | <u>8,284</u>                              | <u>67,204</u>          | <u>151,181</u>    |
| 513                    | Total equity - net position            | <u>90,828</u>                           | <u>8,284</u>                              | <u>67,204</u>          | <u>166,316</u>    |
| 600                    | Total liabilities and equity           | <u>\$ 91,992</u>                        | <u>\$ 25,744</u>                          | <u>\$ 67,204</u>       | <u>\$ 184,940</u> |

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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Financial Data Schedule - Income Statement  
Section 8 Housing Program  
December 31, 2023

| Line Item<br>Number | Account Description                   | 14.871<br>Housing<br>Choice<br>Vouchers | 14.EHV<br>Emergency<br>Housing<br>Voucher | 14.IKE<br>DHAP-<br>IKE | Total            |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|------------------|
| 70600               | HUD PHA operating grants              | \$ 734,068                              | \$ 139,964                                | \$ -                   | \$ 874,032       |
| 71100               | Investment income - unrestricted      | 164                                     | -   | -                      | 164              |
| 71500               | Other revenue                         | <u>207,947</u>                          | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>207,947</u>   |
| 70000               | Total revenue                         | <u>942,179</u>                          | <u>139,964</u>                            | <u>-</u>               | <u>1,082,143</u> |
| 91100               | Administrative salaries               | 66,300                                  | -   | -                      | 66,300           |
| 91500               | Employee benefit contributions- admin | 16,684                                  | -   | -                      | 16,684           |
| 91800               | Travel                                | 4,142                                   | -   | -                      | 4,142            |
| 91900               | Other                                 | <u>28,696</u>                           | <u>12,303</u>                             | <u>2,012</u>           | <u>43,011</u>    |
| 91000               | Total operating - administrative      | <u>115,822</u>                          | <u>12,303</u>                             | <u>2,012</u>           | <u>130,137</u>   |
| 96140               | All other insurance                   | <u>178</u>                              | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>178</u>       |
| 96100               | Total insurance premiums              | <u>178</u>                              | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>178</u>       |
| 96200               | Other general expenses                | <u>613</u>                              | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>613</u>       |
| 96000               | Total other general expenses          | <u>613</u>                              | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>613</u>       |
| 96900               | Total operating expenses              | <u>116,613</u>                          | <u>12,303</u>                             | <u>2,012</u>           | <u>130,928</u>   |
|                     | Excess operating revenue over         |   |   |                        |                  |
| 97000               | operating expenses                    | <u>825,566</u>                          | <u>127,661</u>                            | <u>(2,012)</u>         | <u>951,215</u>   |
| 97300               | Housing assistance payments           | 620,039                                 | 121,547                                   | -                      | 741,586          |
| 97350               | HAP Portability-In                    | 188,370                                 | -   | -                      | 188,370          |
| 97400               | Depreciation expense                  | <u>2,606</u>                            | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>2,606</u>     |
| 90000               | Total expenses                        | <u>927,628</u>                          | <u>133,850</u>                            | <u>2,012</u>           | <u>1,063,490</u> |
|                     | Excess (deficiency) of revenue over   |   |   |                        |                  |
| 10000               | (under) expenses                      | <u>14,551</u>                           | <u>6,114</u>                              | <u>(2,012)</u>         | <u>18,653</u>    |
| 11030               | Beginning equity                      | <u>76,277</u>                           | <u>2,170</u>                              | <u>69,216</u>          | <u>147,663</u>   |
| 11170               | Administrative fee equity             | <u>78,655</u>                           | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>78,655</u>    |
| 11180               | Housing assistance payments equity    | <u>\$ 12,173</u>                        | <u>\$ -</u>                               | <u>\$ -</u>            | <u>\$ 12,173</u> |
| 11190               | Unit months available                 | 1,440                                   | 180                                       |                        | 1,620            |
| 11210               | Unit months leased                    | 1,408                                   | 177                                       |                        | 1,585            |

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

To the Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury (Police Jury), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Police Jury's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2024.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Police Jury'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 Police Jury's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Police Jury's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Police Jury'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001, 2023-002 and 2023-003.

## **Evangeline Parish Police Jury's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Police Jury's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Police Jury's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **Purpose of This Report**

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

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

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To the Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury  
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### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

We have audited the Evangeline Parish Police Jury's (Police Jury) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Police Jury's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Police Jury's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Police Jury complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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

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

We are required to be independent of the Police Jury and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Police Jury's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for Compliance*

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Police Jury's federal programs.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Police Jury's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Police Jury's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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June 3, 2024

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| Federal Grantor/Pass-Through<br>Grantor/Program Name             | Pass-through<br>Identifying<br>Number | Assistance<br>Listing<br>Number | Expenditures        |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Direct Programs:   |                                       |                                 |                     |
| United States Department of Housing and Urban Development        |                                       |                                 |                     |
| Housing Voucher Cluster -  |                                       |                                 |                     |
| Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers                                | -                                     | 14.871                          | \$ 734,068          |
| Emergency Housing Vouchers                                       | -                                     | 14.871                          | <u>139,964</u>      |
| Total Housing Voucher Cluster                                    |                                       |                                 | <u>874,032</u>      |
| Total Department of Housing and Urban Development                |                                       |                                 | <u>874,032</u>      |
| Pass-through Programs:   |                                       |                                 |                     |
| United States Department of Treasury                             |                                       |                                 |                     |
| Passed through the State of Louisiana Division of Administration |                                       |                                 |                     |
| COVID -19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds      | -                                     | 21.027                          | <u>50,000</u>       |
| Department of Homeland Security -                                |                                       |                                 |                     |
| Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness:                    |                                       |                                 |                     |
| Disaster Grants - Public Assistance                              | -                                     | 97.036                          | 301                 |
| Emergency Management Performance Grants                          | -                                     | 97.042                          | 30,138              |
| Homeland Security Grant Program                                  | -                                     | 97.067                          | <u>50,725</u>       |
| Total Department of Homeland Security                            |                                       |                                 | <u>81,164</u>       |
| Total  |                                       |                                 | <u>\$ 1,005,196</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting which is described in Note 1 to the Evangeline Parish Police Jury's basic financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury has not elected to use the 10 percent *de minimus* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results

*Financial Statements*

1. Type of auditor's opinion issued on financial statements:

| Opinion Unit                                      | Type of Opinion |
|---|-----------------|
| Governmental activities                           | Unmodified      |
| Business-type activities                          | Unmodified      |
| Major funds:                                      |                 |
| General   | Unmodified      |
| Industrial District No. 1 Special Revenue Fund    | Unmodified      |
| Road District Maintenance Special Revenue Fund    | Unmodified      |
| Public Library Maintenance Special Revenue Fund   | Unmodified      |
| 2% Sales Tax Revenue Sinking Fund                 | Unmodified      |
| 2% Sales Tax District No. 1 Capital Projects Fund | Unmodified      |
| Sewer System Maintenance Enterprise Fund          | Unmodified      |
| Ward One Sewer System Enterprise Fund             | Unmodified      |
| Section 8 Housing Program Enterprise Fund         | Unmodified      |
| Aggregate remaining fund information              | Unmodified      |

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

|   |           |   |  |
|---|-----------|---|--|
| Material weakness(es) identified?       | _____ yes | _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no            |  |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported |  |

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

\_\_\_\_\_  yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no

*Federal Awards*

4. Internal control over major federal programs:

|   |           |   |  |
|---|-----------|---|--|
| Material weakness(es) identified?       | _____ yes | _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no            |  |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported |  |

5. Major programs and type of auditor's report issued:

| Assistance Listing Number | Federal Agency and Name of Major Program  | Type of Opinion |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 14.871                    | <u>U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development</u><br>Housing Voucher Cluster | Unmodified      |

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

|   |                       |                      |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 6. Audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR §200.516(a)? | <u>          </u> yes | <u>  x  </u> no      |
| 7. Threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs?                          | <u>\$ 750,000</u>     |                      |
| 8. Qualified as a low-risk auditee?   | <u>  x  </u> yes      | <u>          </u> no |
| <i>Other</i>  |                       |                      |
| 9. Management letter issued?  | <u>  x  </u> yes      | <u>          </u> no |

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part II. Findings reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

A. Internal Control

There were no internal control findings.

B. Compliance

**2023-001 Collection of Sewer System Charges**

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: Regarding the sewer system in Police Jury Ward No. 1, charges for services were not collected in accordance with Section 10 of the Bond Issuance Resolution approved by the Police Jury.

CRITERIA: Charges for services should be collected in accordance with Section 10 of the Bond Issuance Resolution approved by the Police Jury.

CAUSE: Sewer system services cannot be disconnected for late or non-payment of service charges.

EFFECT: Failure to collect user fees in a timely manner results in a loss of revenue and jeopardizes continuity of operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Efforts should be made to collect delinquent accounts.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: The Police Jury has partnered with the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery to recover outstanding sewer bills by attaching the debt to the customer's state income tax return, driver's license, permits, and hunting and fishing licenses.

**2023-002 Noncompliance with Public Bid Law**

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: 2023

CONDITION: The Police Jury did not advertise for bids for the purchase of equipment in excess of \$60,000.

CRITERIA: LSA-RS 38:2212.1 *Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder, materials and supplies*, states that "all purchases of any materials and supplies exceeding the sum of sixty thousand dollars to be paid out of public funds shall be advertised and let by contract to the lowest bidder who has bid according to the specifications as advertised."

CAUSE: Policies and procedures for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$60,000 were not followed.

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EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY  
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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

EFFECT: Noncompliance with the public bid law may result in over expenditure of public funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Jury should ensure that equipment purchases follow the requirements of LSA-R.S. 38:2212.1.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: The Police Jury will ensure that all purchases of materials and supplies are made in accordance with the public bid law.

**2023-003 Noncompliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12**

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: 2023

CONDITION: The Police Jury did not comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 debt issuer annual reporting requirements.

CRITERIA: SEC Rule 15c2-12 requires issuers of certain municipal securities to provide continuing disclosures of audited financial statements on an annual basis.

CAUSE: The Police Jury did not follow written policies and procedures for providing the annual report to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) website.

EFFECT: Financial information was not disclosed as required.

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Jury should ensure that policies and procedures for annual reporting requirements on the EMMA website are followed.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: All requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12 will be followed in the future.

C. Management Letter

A management letter was issued relating to operating losses in the Sewer System Maintenance Enterprise Funds.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for federal awards defined in the Uniform Guidance:

A. Compliance Findings –

There were no compliance findings noted.

B. Internal Control Findings –

There were no internal control findings noted.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS**

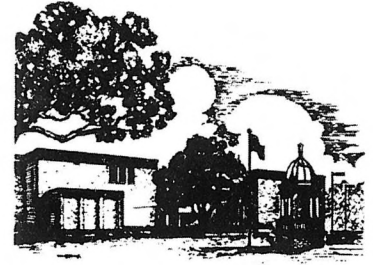
**APPENDIX A**



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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS

June 3, 2024

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Audit period: December 31, 2023

The findings from the December 31, 2023 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

## FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

### COMPLIANCE

#### 2023-001

*Recommendation:* Efforts should be made to collect delinquent accounts.

*Action Taken:* The Police Jury has partnered with the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery to recover outstanding sewer bills by attaching the debt to the customer’s state income tax return, driver’s license, permits, and hunting and fishing licenses.

#### 2023-002

*Recommendation:* The Police Jury should ensure that equipment purchases follow the requirements of LSA-R.S. 38:2212.1.

*Action Taken:* The Police Jury will ensure that all purchases of materials and supplies are made in accordance with the public bid law.

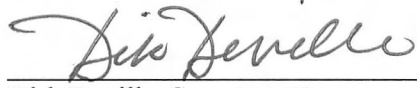
#### 2023-003

*Recommendation:* The Police Jury should ensure that policies and procedures for annual reporting requirements on the EMMA website are followed.

*Action Taken:* All requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12 will be followed in the future.

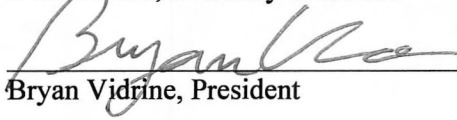
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Sincerely,



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Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer



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Bryan Vidrine, President

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUIDT FINDINGS**

**APPENDIX B**



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### FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

#### COMPLIANCE

#### 2022-001 Collection of Sewer System Charges

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: Regarding the sewer system in Police Jury Ward No. 1, charges for services were not collected in accordance with Section 10 of the Bond Issuance Resolution approved by the Police Jury.

RECOMMENDATION: Efforts should be made to collect delinquent accounts.

CURRENT STATUS: See finding 2023-001.

#### 2022-002 Compliance with Budget Act

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2020

CONDITION: Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more in the General Fund and Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

Sincerely,

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer

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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Members of the Evangeline  
Parish Police Jury  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2023, and submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

- (1) The Sewer System Maintenance Enterprise Funds experienced a combined operating loss of \$160,409 during the current year. The Police Jury should evaluate operations to determine methods to increase revenues and/or reduce expenses in order to operate at a surplus.

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***  
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June 3, 2024

**EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**



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

To the Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury  
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Evangeline Parish Police Jury's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### ***1) Written Policies and Procedures***

A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

*The policy did not indicate how vendors are added to the vendor list.*

iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.  
*The policy did not indicate the types of services requiring written contracts or the approval process.*
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).  
*The policy did not contain the required approvers of statements.*
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.  
*The policy did not contain all the required categories.*
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.  
*The entity did not have a policy for this category.*
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.  
*The policy did not contain R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for agency responsibilities and prohibitions, annual employee training, or annual reporting.*

## ***2) Board or Finance Committee***

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- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.  
*One month did not reference the required information.*
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
  - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***3) Bank Reconciliations***

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- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- Obtained the listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*
- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures i – iii.*

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

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

*Obtained the listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

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

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

*At three of the four collections locations, employees responsible for cash collections share cash drawers/registers.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*Four of the deposits selected were not made within one business day of receipt.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

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- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

*Obtained the listing of locations that process payments and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

*At one of the payment processing locations, the employee/official responsible for signing checks does not mail the payment or give the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.*

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

*No ACH/EFT's were noted.*

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:

- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity; and

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures i - ii.*

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

*No ACH/EFT's were noted.*

## **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

*Obtained the listing of active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and

- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported; and

*The statement and one receipt were not approved in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.*

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*No finance charges or late fees were charged.*

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

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

*Obtained the listing of travel and travel-related reimbursements and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));

*One exception was found.*

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

*Documentation could not be located for one reimbursement.*

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*Documentation could not be located for one reimbursement.*

## ***8) Contracts***

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

*Obtained a listing of all agreements/contracts that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures i - iv.*

## ***9) Payroll and Personnel***

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

*Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures i – iv.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***10) Ethics***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

*Four of the employees selected did not have documentation demonstrating that one hour of ethics training was completed during the calendar year.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*



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

*The entity has not appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.*

### ***11) Debt Service***

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

### ***12) Fraud Notice***

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

*No exceptions were found as result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

### ***13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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- A. Perform the following procedures:

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

*No cybersecurity training was performed.*

#### ***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

*None of the employees selected had documentation demonstrating at least one hour of sexual harassment training was completed during the calendar year.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*The annual report was not prepared.*

## ***Management's Response***

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*Management of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury concurs with the exceptions and are working to address the deficiencies identified.*

We were engaged by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
June 3, 2024