

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
OF RAPIDES PARISH
Alexandria, Louisiana**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS**

December 31, 2023

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GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF RAPIDES PARISH

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2023

This section of the annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Gravity Drainage District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, with comparable information for the previous year.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Gravity Drainage District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Gravity Drainage District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Gravity Drainage District's assets and all of the Gravity Drainage District's liabilities. All of the Gravity Drainage District's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Gravity Drainage District's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Gravity Drainage District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. All of the Gravity Drainage District's funds are governmental and fiduciary funds. These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the funds use a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Gravity Drainage District's finances. Assets reported by the funds are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

An analysis of the government-wide Statement of net position is presented as follows:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Assets:		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,910,300	\$ 1,709,049
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,910,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,709,049</u>
Liabilities:		
Current and Other Liabilities	\$ 6,963	\$ 26,145
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,963</u>	<u>\$ 26,145</u>
Net position:		
Unrestricted / Undesignated	1,903,337	1,682,904
	<u>\$ 1,903,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,904</u>

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As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, 100% of the Gravity Drainage District's net position is unrestricted for future use. Net position invested in capital assets consist of property and equipment less any debts used to acquire the assets that remains outstanding. The Gravity Drainage District uses these capital assets to provide services related to the Gravity Drainage District's activities; consequently, this amount is not available for future spending.

An analysis of the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented as follows:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 351,726	\$ 316,175
State Revenue Sharing and Interest	79,888	20,242
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 431,614</u>	<u>\$ 336,417</u>
Program Expenses:		
Gravity Drainage District Services	\$ 211,181	\$ 356,948
Depreciation Expense	-	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 211,181</u>	<u>\$ 356,948</u>
Change in net position	\$ 220,433	\$ (20,531)
Net position-Beginning	1,682,904	1,703,435
Net position-Ending	<u>\$ 1,903,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,904</u>

As the accompanying presentation demonstrates, the Gravity Drainage District's operations have increased net position by 13%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

For the year ended December 31, 2023 net position increased by \$ 220,433. The primary reason is due to a decrease in expenses while revenues increased.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

State law requires that a budget be adopted for the general fund. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the budget was adopted using December 31, 2022 activity and anticipated revenues and expenses for December 31, 2023.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there was no change in capital asset activity.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Independent Accountant's Report

To the Board of Commissioners
Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish

I have reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish (a governmental entity) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with U.S. Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements present only Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish, which is a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and do not purport to present fairly the financial position of the Police Jury as of December 31, 2023, and changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of District's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion.

Management's Responsibility For The Financial Statements

The management of the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish 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 designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

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

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying basic financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated May 30, 2024 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Required Supplementary Information

My review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the basic financial statements in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The Management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and schedule of compensation, benefits and other reimbursement to the agency head or chief executive officer is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information, without audit or review. Accordingly, I do not express any opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.



Paul Dauzat, CPA
Alexandria, Louisiana
May 30, 2024

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish
Alexandria, La.
Government Wide Statement of Net Position**

December 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,603,691
Receivables	<u>306,609</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,910,300</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Taxes Payable	758
Accounts Payable	<u>6,205</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,963</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u>1,903,337</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,903,337</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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of Rapides Parish
Alexandria, La.

**GOVERNMENT WIDE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue
	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
\$ 211,181	-	-	-	\$ 211,181
\$ 211,181	-	-	-	211,181

Governmental Activities:

General Government

Total Governmental Activities

General Revenues:

Ad Valorem Taxes
State Revenue Sharing
Interest Income

Total General Revenues

Increase (Decrease) in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning of the year

Net Position - End of the year

	351,726
	5,514
	74,374
	431,614
	220,433
	1,682,904
	\$ 1,903,337

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

Gravity Drainage District No. 1
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Alexandria, La.

Reconciliation Of The Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund
To The Statement Of Net Position

December 31, 2023

Total fund balance-governmental fund (fund financial statement) \$ 1,903,337

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position
(government-wide financial statements) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are
not financial resources and therefore are not
reported in governmental funds.

Cost of Assets	\$ 8,720,885	
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (8,720,885)	\$ -

Total net position of governmental activities (government-wide financial
statements) \$ 1,903,337

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Gravity Drainage District No. 1
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**Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund**

December 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,603,691
Receivables	<u>306,609</u>
Total Current Assets	<u><u>1,910,300</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Taxes Payable	758
Accounts Payable	<u>6,205</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,963</u>
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	<u>1,903,337</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,910,300</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish
Alexandria, La.**

**Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	General Fund
Revenues	
Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 351,726
State Revenue Sharing	5,514
Interest Earnings	74,374
Total Revenues	431,614
Expenditures	
Current:	
Personnel	22,800
Payroll Taxes	2,180
Advertising	569
Professional Fees	44,867
Insurance	2,097
Repairs & Maintenance	128,099
Retirement Contribution	10,337
Office Expense	232
Total Expenditures	211,181
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	220,433
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,682,904
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 1,903,337

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
Alexandria, La.**

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

Net Increase (Decrease) in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$ 220,433
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlays in the current period.

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Increase (Decrease) of net position of governmental activities

\$ 220,433

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish.

Basis Of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements of the Gravity Drainage District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

Reporting Entity:

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Rapides Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of the (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (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.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The criteria includes:

- 1 Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body.
- 2 Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
- 3 Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

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Based on criteria 1 through 3, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Fund Accounting:

The Gravity Drainage District's Office uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. In this financial statement, funds are classified into a governmental fund.

Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follows:

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most a government's general activities, including the collection and distribution of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities or the general government not accounted for in some other fund. The general fund is the only governmental fund necessary for the Gravity Drainage District's Office.

Measurement Focus/Basis Of Accounting:

Government Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government wide financial statements, "Statement of Net Position" and "Statement of Activities", report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which primarily rely on fees and charges for support. Gravity Drainage District No. 1 does not have any internal service, fiduciary or business-type funds.

The government wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. This approach differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with explanations to identify the relationship between the government wide and governmental funds.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023**

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the Statement of Activities. The Statements of Activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of fund operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The fund considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Other Financing Sources (Uses):

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financing source/use) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses).

Budgets:

Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and the final amendment. Appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgets for governmental funds are adopted annually on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The District exercises budgetary control at the functional level. The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting in its budget process.

Cash Equivalents:

Cash included amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023**

Capital Assets:

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost (the extent to which fixed asset costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation should be disclosed) if historical cost is not available (or described other method of valuation). Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Gravity Drainage District maintains a threshold level of \$5000 or more for capitalizing assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, consisting solely of infrastructure (drainage canals and ditches), are fully depreciated at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under the state law, the Gravity Drainage District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Gravity Drainage District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2023, time deposits (investments with an original maturity date of 90 days or less) totaled \$ 999,892. These deposits are stated at costs, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Deposits not insured by the FDIC were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution. The collected bank balances totaled \$ 1,603,691. The market value of pledged securities held in the District's name at December 31, 2023 was \$ 1,474,462.

NOTE 3 LEVIED TAXES

The Sheriff of Rapides Parish, as provided by State law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The taxes are remitted to Gravity Drainage District No. 1 as collected by the Rapides Parish Sheriff. The 2023 property tax calendar was as follows:

Millage rates adopted	June, 2023
Levey date	June, 2023
Tax bills mailed	November, 2023
Due date	December 31, 2023
Delinquent date	January 1, 2024

The District by resolution on January 5, 2021 canvassed the returns of an election held December 5, 2020 to authorize the renewal of a special tax in Rapides Parish. The proposition was carried by a majority of the votes cast and levies a 1.04 mills for a period of 10 years and ending in year 2031.

NOTE 4 RECEIVABLES

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023**

Receivables at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 302,999
Interest	\$ 3,610
	\$ 306,609

Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end.

NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Infrastructure	\$ 8,720,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,720,885
Total	\$ 8,720,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,720,885
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Infrastructure	\$ 8,720,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,720,885
Total	\$ 8,720,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,720,885
Capital Assets, net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Gravity Drainage District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Gravity Drainage District carries commercial insurance for all risks and settled claims did not exceed commercial coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 7 ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 8 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 30, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events that required disclosure.

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 9 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION

	Total
Michael Herron	\$ 3,000
Ralph Covington	3,450
Cornelius Coleman	3,300
Michael Bordelon	3,600
Greg Trotter	3,450
	<u> </u>
	<u>\$ 16,800</u>

The board has elected to compensate members \$ 150 for each meeting in the conduct of official business of the District not to exceed 24 meetings a year.

Compensation is in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 session of the Louisiana Legislature. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1794, this does not exceed the maximum allowed by the statute of \$150 a day, not to exceed 36 days annually.

NOTE 11 DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The District had no deficit fund balances at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 12 RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Gravity Drainage District No. 1 contributes to the State of Louisiana Employees Retirement System. Contributions are deducted from tax revenues remitted and due to the District on an annual basis. The total contribution for 2023 was \$ 10,337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GASB STATEMENT 34

**Gravity Drainage District No. 1
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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule-General Fund
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 316,888	\$ 316,888	\$ 351,726	\$ 34,838
State Revenue Sharing	7,000	7,000	5,514	(1,486)
Interest Earnings	4,000	72,000	74,374	2,374
Total Revenues	<u>327,888</u>	<u>395,888</u>	<u>431,614</u>	<u>33,352</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Personnel	25,850	25,850	24,980	870
Advertising	4,000	4,000	569	3,431
Professional Fees	158,000	45,000	44,867	133
Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,097	403
Repairs & Maint	294,900	152,000	128,099	23,901
Retirement	10,000	10,000	10,337	(337)
Office Expense	400	400	232	168
Total Expenditures	<u>495,650</u>	<u>239,750</u>	<u>211,181</u>	<u>28,569</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(167,762)</u>	<u>156,138</u>	<u>220,433</u>	<u>64,295</u>
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of Year	1,682,904	1,682,904	1,682,904	-
End of Year	<u>\$ 1,515,142</u>	<u>\$ 1,839,042</u>	<u>\$ 1,903,337</u>	<u>\$ 64,295</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Ralph Covington, President

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$3,450
Police Jury	None
City Court	None
State Supplemental	None
Benefits-Insurance	None
Benefits-Retirement	None
Accrued Leave	None
Car Allowance	None
Vehicle Provided By Government	None
Per Diem	None
Reimbursements	None
Travel	None
Registration Fees	None
Conference Travel	None
Continuing Professional Education Fees	None
Housing	None
Unvouchered Expenses	None
Special Meals	None

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

To the Board of Directors
Gravity Drainage District No. 1
of Rapides Parish

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2023, included in the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. Management Gravity Drainage District No. 1 is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW:

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$ 30,000, or public works exceeding \$ 150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law).

Maintenance and repairs contract for Gravity Drainage Districts are exempt from public bid. (R.S 38:1764)

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of the Board Members as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of the Board Members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list including the information noted.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Obtained the list of employees.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the records obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

No employees were included in the list as immediate family members.

BUDGETING

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

The District provided me with an adopted budget for 2023.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

I traced the budget adoption and amendments to the minutes.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Actual revenues and expenditures did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:

(a) Trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

I examined supporting documentation and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) Determine if payments were properly recorded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All payments selected were properly recorded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of the documentation for items selected indicated that the checks were signed by the proper official. No further approval was required.

(d) Determine that the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head or chief executive officer is reported accurately.

Inspection of the records indicated that the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the agency head is accurately presented.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (open meetings law).

The District complied with this requirement.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or like indebtedness.

I inspected deposits for the period and noted no deposits that appeared to be such proceeds.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I inspected the records for the year and noted no employees or instances that indicated payments to any District personnel which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I was engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Paul Dauzat
Certified Public Accountant
May 30, 2024

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF RAPIDES PARISH
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
For The Year Ended December 31, 20123

There were no prior year findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ May 10, 2024 _____ (Date Transmitted)

PAUL DAUZAT CPA, LLC _____ (CPA Firm Name)

PO BOX 12359 _____ (CPA Firm Address)

ALEXANDRRIA, LA. 71315 _____ (City, State Zip)

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

Public Bid Law

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [X]

Meetings

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Debt

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [X]

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

General

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

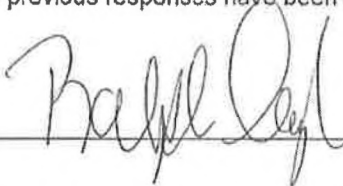
and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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


_____ President

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1