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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish Arnaudville, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, a component unit of the St Landry Parish Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish 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 audit opinions.

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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> 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 <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant
 accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial
 statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period
 of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 18 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

The Board of Commissioners Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish Arnaudville, Louisiana Page 3

because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 audits 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 standard generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2023, on our consideration of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish'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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 6, 2023 on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

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Opelousas, Louisiana June 6, 2023

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS Cash in bank Investments Accrued interest receivable Property taxes receivable, net Capital assets, net <u>Total assets</u>	\$ 1,271,318 5,066,128 32,699 778,056 131,206 7,279,407
<u>LIABILITIES</u> Accounts payable Payroll tax payable <u>Total liabilities</u>	6,973 <u>4,403</u> 11,376
<u>NET POSITION</u> Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted	131,206
Total net position	7,268,031

	NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ACTIVITIES	
Governmental Activities	
General and Administrative Total governmental activities	\$ (383,903) (383,903)
General Revenues Property taxes Interest & investment earnings <u>Total general revenues</u>	790,984 31,668 822,652
Change in net position	438,749
Net position - January 1, 2022	6,829,282
Net position – December 31, 2022	7,268,031

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS Cash Investments Accrued interest receivable Property taxes receivable, net	\$ 1,271,318 5,066,128 32,699 778,056
Total assets	7,148,201
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY	
<u>LIABILITIES</u> Accounts payable Payroll tax payable <u>Total liabilities</u>	\$ 6,973 4,403 11,376
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> Unavailable revenues - property taxes <u>Total deferred inflows of resources</u>	<u> </u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u> Fund balance Unassigned <u>Total fund equity</u>	7,119,034 7,119,034
Total liabilities and fund balance	7,148,201

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND'S BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total fund balance for the Governmental Fund at December 31, 2022			\$ 7,119,034
The Statement of Net Position reports receivables at their net realizable value. However, receivables not available to pay for current-period expenditures are deferred in governmental funds.			17,791
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2022	• \$	382,784	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2022		(251,578)	131,206
Net position at December 31, 2022			7,268,031

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUES		
Taxes		
Property taxes	\$	796,321
Interest income		35,955
<u>Total revenues</u>		832,276
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General and administrative		
Bank service charge		120
Beaver trapping		2,886
Engineering assistance		1,000
Equipment rental		57,855
Fuel and oil		58,315
Insurance		33,820
Labor		130,226
Legal publications		124
Miscellaneous		4,574
Office expense		4,800
, Payroll tax		12,572
Per diem		10,682
Professional fees		10,475
Rent		6,945
Repairs and maintenance		23,465
Salaries		5,700
Uniforms		315
Capital outlay		107,965
Total expenditures		471,839
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	. <u> </u>	360,437
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		(4.007)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		(4,287)
Total other financing sources		(4,287)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		356,150
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	(5,762,884
FUND BALANCE, end of year		7,119,034

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2022, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance		\$ 356,150
Governmental funds defer revenues that do not provide current financial resources. However, the Statement of Activities recognizes such revenues at their net realizable value when earned, regardless of when received.		(5,337)
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$ 107,965	
Depreciation expense for year ended December 31, 2022	(20,029)	87,936
Total change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2022, per Statement of Activities		438,749

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, Arnaudville, Louisiana, have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in the subsequent subsection of this note.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the District.

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish was established for the purpose of opening and maintaining all natural drains in the District, where drainage is accomplished using the natural force of gravity.

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Landry Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Landry Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (parish government), (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 establish criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Landry Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the parish government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the parish government.
- 2. Organizations for which the parish government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the parish government appoints the District's governing body, the District was determined to be a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government, 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 parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements (GWFS)</u>. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level.

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. 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 program, 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.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>. The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The funds of the District are classified into one category – governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- 1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- 2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

Governmental Fund

<u>General Fund.</u> The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item "b" below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

C. <u>MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING</u> (Continued)

Measurement Focus (Continued)

b. The government-wide financial statements utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased and items on hand at yearend, if any, are not recorded as assets. Expenditures for insurance and similar services which extend over more than one accounting period are accounted for as expenditures of the period of acquisition.

Equity Classifications

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

- <u>Net investment in capital assets</u> Consist of net capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- <u>Restricted net position</u> Consist of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. <u>Unrestricted net position</u> All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

Equity Classifications (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance reports aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

- <u>Restricted fund balance</u> This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions for enabling legislation.
- 2. <u>Committed fund balance</u> These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Commissioners the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- 3. <u>Assigned fund balance</u> This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Commissioners have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. <u>Unassigned fund balance</u> This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The District considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar spending. Additionally, the District would first use committed, then assigned and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

D. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The District is required by state law to adopt an annual budget for its General Fund. The budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis. The Board of Commissioners may authorize revisions requiring alteration of levels of expenditures. Operating appropriations lapse at year-end.

The operating budget was adopted at a meeting held on December 7, 2021. The final budget was adopted at a meeting held on December 6, 2022.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting is not used by the Drainage District.

F. INVESTMENTS AND CASH

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market.

Louisiana statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment.

G. FIXED ASSETS

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether they are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Prior to GASB No. 34, governments were not required to report general infrastructure assets. Although now required to capitalize infrastructure, the District, due to the nature of its operations, did not have infrastructure expenditures. Also, interest costs during construction are not capitalized.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

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:

Equipment

5 - 25 years

H. PENSION PLANS

The Drainage District does not have a pension plan. The employees of the Drainage District participate in the Social Security Retirement System.

1. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until that time.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then.

Property taxes and state revenue sharing receivable for the governmental fund types, which have been remitted within 60 days subsequent to the year-end, are considered measurable and available and recognized as revenues. All other property taxes and state revenue sharing are offset by deferred inflows of resources and, accordingly, have not been recorded as revenue.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk, however, 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. Deposits in the amount of \$5,347,605 were exposed to custodial credit risk and collateralized with a line of credit with Federal Home Loan Bank and securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

Bank balances	 6,343,317
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 995,712
Pledged securities	 5,347,605
Total FDIC insurance and collateral	 6,343,317
Total deposits not collateralized	\$ -

3. PROPERTY TAXES

The District's ad valorem property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the District. Property taxes are due on October 1 and become delinquent by January 1 of the following year. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff bills, collects, and distributes the property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of St. Landry Parish.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, a tax millage of 9.34 was assessed for maintenance. As per state requirements, each taxing district of the parish must remit a portion of total ad valorem taxes per the tax roll to the pension fund. This amount is determined by the legislative auditor each year. Since the Sheriff collects all taxes for the parish, the tax collected in the first month is reduced by the Sheriff for the pension fund amount owed and the remainder is remitted to the taxing district. Therefore, property taxes are shown net of pension fund distributions as follows:

	-	otal Tax Per Roll	 sion Fund uirements	 Property ax Receivable
General Fund	\$	815,793	\$ (25,312)	\$ 790,481

4. PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

An estimated allowance for uncollectible property tax has been set up based on prior years' experience. A breakdown of property taxes receivable as of December 31, 2022, is as follows:

	Re	Taxes eceivable	timated ollectible	 ctions in cember	 et Taxes eceivable
General Fund	\$	790,481	\$ (4,037)	\$ (8,388)	\$ 778,056

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues over 60 days that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, for the District are as follows:

	Balances 1/1/2022	Additions	Disposals	Balances 12/31/2022
Governmental activities				
Equipment	\$274,819	\$ 107,965	<u> </u>	\$382,784
Totals at historical cost	274,819	107,965		382,784
Less accumulated depreciation Equipment <u>Total accumulated</u> <u>depreciation</u>	<u>(231,549)</u> (231,549)	<u>(20,029)</u> (20,029)		<u>(251,578)</u> (251,578)
Governmental activities Capital assets, net	43,270	87,936		131,206

6. OPERATING LEASES

On July 2, 2019, the District entered into an operating lease for a Caterpillar 330-07 The lease is for a period of four years and requires annual payments of \$57,855. Rental expenditures for 2022 were \$57,855.

Rental expenditures under all operating leases were approximately \$ 64,800.

7. PER DIEM AND MILEAGE

Per diem and mileage paid to board members are summarized below:

Board Members	2022
Creighton Dugas Donald Meche Teddy Stelly Brady Chautin Keith Richard	\$ 1,623 2,419 2,020 2,213 2,407
Total	10,682

8. DEFICITS IN INDIVIDUAL FUND

The District did not have a deficit fund balance at December 31, 2022.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 6, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of June 6, 2023, there were no subsequent events noted.

10. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The District does not provide any post-employment benefits to retirees and therefore is not required to report under GASB No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions.

11. FUND BALANCE CONSTRAINTS

The following is a summary of the fund balances of the District for the year ended December 31, 2022:

General Fund	
Unassigned	\$ 7,119,034
Total General Fund balance	 7,119,034

12. UNCERTANTIES

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) as a pandemic. We expect this matter may negatively impact the results of the District's operations and financial position, but the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GENERAL FUND							
	ò			FINAL	ACTUAL		FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	
		RIGINAL				UTUAL		
REVENUES								
Taxes								
Property taxes	\$	780,000	\$	777,626	\$	796,321	\$	18,695
Interest income		1,500		370		35,955		35,585
Miscellaneous				119				(119)
Total revenues		781,500		778,115	·	832,276		54,161
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
General and administrative			·					
Bank service charge		120		120		120		-
Beaver trapping		-		2,887		2,886		1
Contract labor		8,000		-		-		· -
Engineering assistance		1,000		1,000		1,000		-
Excavator lease payments		59,000		60,900		57,855		3,045
Fuel and oil		40,000		57,191		58,315		(1,124)
Insurance		40,100		33,919		33,820		99
Labor		120,000		124,999		130,226		(5,227)
Legal publications		-		85		124		(39)
Medicare		3,000		2,041		2,169		(128)
Miscellaneous		5,035		5,160		4,574		586
Office expense		4,750		4,800		4,800		-
Per diem		13,000		10,688		10,682		6
Professional fees Rent		12,000		10,475		10,475		-
Repairs and maintenance		3,600 10,000		3,600 20,774		6,945 23,465		(3,345)
Salary - Secretary/Treasurer		5,700		20,774 5,700		23,465 5,700		(2,691)
Social security		12,000		8,755		9,275		(520)
Federal income tax		12,000		0,755		9,275 117		(117)
Unemployment taxes		1,200		1,011		1,011		(117)
Uniforms		-,200		315		315		-
Capital outlay		160,000		137,965		107,965		30,000
<u>Total expenditures</u>	·	498,505		492,385		471,839		20,546
EXCESS OF REVENUES								
OVER EXPENDITURES		282,995	. <u> </u>	285,730		360,437		74,707
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		_		-		(4,287)		(4,287)
		-				(4,287)		(4,287)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		282,995		285,730		356,150		70,420
FUND BALANCE; beginning of year						6,762,884		
FUND BALANCE, end of year						7,119,034		

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECEMBER 31, 2022

Agency Head Name: Keith Richard, President

<u>Purpose</u> Salary	<u>Amount</u> \$2,400
Benefits-insurance	¢2, 100 0
Benefits-retirement	0
Benefits	0
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Per diem	· 0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	7
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Continuing professional education fees	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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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

The Board of Commissioners Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish Arnaudville, 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 and each major fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a material weakness, listed as item 2022-1.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish, its Commissioners and the appropriate regulatory agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Opelousas, Louisiana June 6, 2023

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2022

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish.
- No significant deficiencies and one material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements was reported in the 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.
- No instances of noncompliance relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.
- 4. No management letter was issued for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- 5. There was no single audit required under The Uniform Guidance.

B. 2022 FINDINGS- FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Internal Control Material to the Financial Statements

2022-1 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Duties

Condition: Due to the small number employees, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish does not have adequate segregation of duties within the accounting system. A system of internal control procedures contemplates a segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Criteria: Accounting duties should be performed by different individuals.

Cause: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Ward 3 of St. Landry Parish did not have adequate segregation of duties within the accounting system.

Effect: Accounting functions are not segregated, and it is important that you are aware of this condition because errors or fraud could occur and not be detected.

Recommendation: A system of internal control procedures should be established in order to mitigate the problem of having such a small number of employees performing the daily operating activities.

Response: The District believes that the cost to hire additional accounting personnel is not cost beneficial based upon the size of the District's operations.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS PROGRAM AUDIT

N/A

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2022

SECTION I – INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021-1 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions - Unresolved

2021-2 Collateralization of Bank Deposits - Resolved

2021-3 Budget Amendment - Resolved

SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

None

SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

None

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners 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, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 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.

The District does not have a written policy or procedure for budgeting.

 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 District does not have a written policy or procedure for purchasing.

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

The District does not have a written policy or procedure for disbursements

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).

The District does not have a written policy or procedure for receipts and collections.

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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.

The District does not have a written policy or procedure for payroll and personnel.

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 District does not have a written policy or procedure for contracting.

vii. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

The District does not have a written policy or procedure for travel and expense reimbursement

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 District does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards or P-cards.

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 District does not have a written policy or procedure for ethics.

x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

The District does not have debt service.

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.

Not applicable to the District, accounting records are kept by hand in a ledger book.

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 District has a sexual harassment policy.

2) Board or Finance Committee

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.

The board met with a quorum monthly.

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, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

The board meeting minutes include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund.

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.

Unassigned fund balance on the prior years audit report is not negative.

 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.

The board did not receive written updates on the progress of resolving audit findings.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- 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:
 - 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);

Bank reconciliations are prepared each month and there is evidence of such.

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 (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

There is evidence that a board member reviewed the bank reconciliation.

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.

There were no items outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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).

There is only one deposit site and obtained 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 (e.g., 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

There is only one collection location and obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. The District does not have written policies and procedures related to job duties for collections of cash. Upon inquiry of the employee (secretary), the job duties are not properly segregated at the collection location.

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

The secretary is the only employee that is responsible for cash collections. There are no cash registers or drawers.

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;

The employee responsible for collecting cash is also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

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

The employee responsible for collecting cash is responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger.

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

The same employee is responsible for reconciling the bank statement and collecting cash, but a board member verifies the reconciliation each month.

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.

The employee who has access to cash is covered by a bond.

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- 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). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered. i.

The District does not have pre-numbered receipts or a receipt book.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location iv. (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).

No exceptions noted.

۷. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

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

Α. 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).

The District processes payments at one location and obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.

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

One employee is involved in initiating a purchase request and placing an order/making the purchase. The purchase request is approved by the board members at the monthly board meetings.

ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors. One employee processes the payments to vendors and the board members approve the payments at the monthly board meetings.

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.

All purchases are recorded on the general ledger sheets by the secretary and can be modified. There are no vendor files kept by the District. All changes are reviewed by a board member at the monthly meetings.

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.

The checks require a dual signature by the employee responsible for processing the payments and a board member with signature authority. The payment is mailed by the employee only.

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.

The only electronic disbursements are for tax payments which are made by the secretary who also has signature authority.

- 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

No exceptions noted.

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 noted.

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.

The only electronic disbursement is for a tax payment which is completed by the secretary who has signature authority. The board members give the secretary authority to complete the electronic disbursement.

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

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.

The District does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P cards.

- 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 District does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P cards.

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

The District does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P cards.

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.

The District does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P cards.

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

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

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe 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).

The mileage rate did not exceed GSA rates.

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

Not applicable to the District.

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

Not applicable to the District.

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

Reimbursements were reviewed and approved at the monthly board meetings.

8) Contracts

- 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. Alternatively, 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
 - 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;

No contracts were initiated or renewed during the year.

ii. Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No contracts were initiated or renewed during the year.

iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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

No contracts were initiated or renewed during the year.

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 the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No contracts were initiated or renewed during the year.

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9) Payroll and Personnel

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 listing of employees and related paid salaries and personnel files.

- 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);

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

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 employees were terminated during the fiscal period.

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.

All payroll tax forms have been properly filed and premiums have been paid.

10) Ethics

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 each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

Each employee or official selected completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

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

The district does not have an ethics policy.

11) Debt Service

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.

The district does not have debt service.

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).

The district does not have debt service.

12) Fraud Notice

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.

There were no misappropriations of public funds or assets.

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.

The required notice is properly posted on the District's premises. The District does not have a website.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - 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.

Not applicable to the District, accounting records are kept by hand in ledger books.

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.

Not applicable to the District, accounting records are kept by hand in ledger books.

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.

Not applicable to the District, accounting records are kept by hand in ledger books.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

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.

Sexual harassment training was completed for all selected employees.

B. Observe 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).

The sexual harassment policy is posted on the District's premises.

- 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 it 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.

All of the above items are included in the sexual harassment report dated 12/6/2022.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. 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 District 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.

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Opelousas, Louisiana June 6, 2023

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WARD 3 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Management's responses to the following agreed-upon procedure sections:

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
 - ii. Purchasing
 - iii. Disbursements
 - iv. Receipts/Collections
 - v. Payroll/Personnel
- vi. Contracting
- vii. Travel and expense reimbursement
- ix. Ethics

Management's Response: A written policy and procedures manual will be developed in the future. Due to limited resources, this will be a long-term project.

Board or Finance Committee

- 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
- 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.

Management's Response: We will include written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings at each meeting going forward.

Collections

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

Management's Response: Segregation of duties within the accounting system is not economically feasible.