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TOWN OF RINGGOLD  
RINGGOLD, LOUISIANA  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1967

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December 31, 1997

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Honorable Robert P. Corley, Mayor  
and the Council Members of the Town Council  
Town of Ringgold, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 26, 1998 on our consideration of the Town of Ringgold's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as

required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Spencer White & McLeod*

Monroe, Louisiana

June 29, 1968

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## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Honorable Robert P. Conley, Mayor  
and the Council Members of the Town Council  
Town of Ringgold, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Ringgold's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Town of Ringgold, Louisiana in a separate letter dated June 23, 1998.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Town of Ringgold's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not

reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management, the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.



Monroe, Louisiana  
June 29, 1998

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## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Honorable Robert P. Cooley, Mayor  
and the Council Members of the Town Council  
Town of Ringgold, Louisiana

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Town of Ringgold, Louisiana with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 1997. The Town of Ringgold's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Town of Ringgold's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Town of Ringgold's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audit of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. A audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Town of Ringgold's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Town of Ringgold's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Town of Bogalou complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 1997.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Town of Bogalou is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Town of Bogalou's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Monroe, Louisiana  
June 29, 1998

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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Robert P. Corley, Mayor  
and the Council Members of the Town Council  
Town of Ringgold, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 1998.

In connection with our audit, we made certain observations relative to the records maintained, the accounting procedures in effect, and the overall administration of the financial affairs of the town. As a supplement to the reports, we submit for your consideration pertaining to the following observation which did not meet the criteria of being material to the general purpose financial statements.

*Compliance considered non-material to general purpose financial statements.*

### 1. Local Government Budget Laws

During our audit, we reviewed the budget process of the town. LSA-R.S. 38:1311 concerns budgetary control. The town is to amend the budget in accordance with R.S. 39 whenever there is a variance of 5% (five percent) or more between actual and remaining projections as compared to budget amounts for revenues, expenditures or beginning fund balance. For the year ended December 31, 1997, it was noted that the Town had made efforts to be in compliance with the Local Government Budget Laws, however, during our audit we noted several revenues and expenditures where the a 5% (five percent) variance was not intended. For good internal control over expenditures and compliance with the state budget laws we recommended the town continue to periodically review the actual revenues, expenditures and beginning fund balances with the original approved budget amounts and make necessary formal budget amendments. Also for budgetary control we recommend the council state at what level budgetary amendments can be made by town personnel without council intervention.

Prior audit findings have been addressed by the town management unless included in the above comments. Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter or if we can be of any additional service, please contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Jameson, Wise & Martin  
June 29, 1998

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(COMBINED STATEMENTS-OVERVIEW)**

**TOWN OF BERSCHELD**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
 December 31, 1997

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type		Account Group General		Total (Miscellaneous Only)
	General	Special Revenues	Enterprise Fund	Public	Public	Private	
Cash	\$ 21,111	4,001	10,419	-	-	-	154,799
Investments	61,756	21,080	8,725	-	-	-	166,681
Receivables -							
Taxes	16,204	-	5,120	-	-	-	16,487
Water and sewer	-	-	28,445	-	-	-	28,451
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	4,831	-	-	-	-	-	4,831
Miscellaneous assets -							
Cash	-	-	15,464	-	-	-	15,464
Private deposits	-	-	3,477	-	-	-	1,877
Investments - other deposits	-	-	25,608	-	-	-	21,865
Land	-	-	-	-	39,710	-	39,710
Buildings	-	-	-	-	18,291	-	18,291
Improvements other than buildings	-	-	-	-	366,631	-	366,631
Equipment	-	-	-	-	106,475	-	106,475
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proprietary funds -							
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	2,148,184	-	-	-	2,148,184
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(621,948)	-	-	-	(621,948)
Assessments to be provided in retirement of GLTD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 118,462</b>	<b>120,811</b>	<b>2,178,131</b>	<b>2,178,131</b>	<b>918,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,871,137</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF BERKSHIRE**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT CATEGORIES**  
 December 31, 2021

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Average Daily Funded Assets	Total Management Assets
	General	Special Revenue			
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,150	-	3,342	-	14,492
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Payable from restricted assets -					
Capital assets	-	-	16,070	-	16,070
Inventory	-	-	76,439	-	76,439
Revenue bonds payable	-	-	12,211	-	12,211
Revenue bonds payable	-	-	1,252,288	-	1,252,288
Total liabilities	11,150	-	1,278,360	-	1,289,510
<b>Fund equity:</b>					
Contributed capital	-	-	1,713,000	-	1,713,000
Reserves in general fund assets	-	-	-	818,000	818,000
Residual receipts (A/R/R)					
Reserved for:					
Water revenue bond retirement	-	-	81,000	-	81,000
Senior program bond retirement	-	-	8,171	-	8,171
Unreserved liability	-	-	(652,041)	-	(652,041)
Fund balances (deficit):					
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-
Designated for capital projects	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Undesignated	10,415	100,000	-	-	210,415
Total fund equity	10,415	100,000	1,071,059	818,000	2,089,474
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 118,465	100,000	2,754,319	818,000	3,471,384

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**TOWN OF BIRCHDLE**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total (Miscellaneous Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 10,208	211,242	-	221,450
Licenses and permits	29,688	-	-	29,688
Inter-governmental	19,768	-	203,129	242,897
Fines and forfeitures	3,898	-	-	3,898
Interest	3,589	-	-	3,589
Collection fee	26,426	-	-	26,426
Miscellaneous	17,471	-	-	17,471
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>140,148</u>	<u>211,242</u>	<u>203,129</u>	<u>554,519</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General government	79,118	94,346	-	173,464
Public safety	134,137	-	-	134,137
Recreation	1,376	-	-	1,376
Capital expenditures	-	-	203,419	203,419
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>214,631</u>	<u>94,346</u>	<u>203,419</u>	<u>512,396</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>(74,483)</u>	<u>116,896</u>	<u>99,710</u>	<u>141,923</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Operating transfers in	133,841	-	-	133,841
Operating transfers out	-	(49,000)	(3,611)	(52,611)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<u>133,841</u>	<u>(49,000)</u>	<u>(3,611)</u>	<u>81,230</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses</b>	<u>90,498</u>	<u>67,896</u>	<u>(9,901)</u>	<u>148,493</u>
<b>Fund balances, beginning</b>	<u>36,549</u>	<u>48,173</u>	<u>3,711</u>	<u>88,433</u>
<b>Fund balances, ending</b>	<u>\$ 126,947</u>	<u>\$28,611</u>	<u>\$ 3,810</u>	<u>\$159,368</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WORKING SCHOOL**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND FINANCIAL BY**  
**FUND-BALANCE - BUDGET (CLASSIFICATION) ACCOUNT - GENERAL AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT PERIOD (FUND)**  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1993

Revenue:	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	
	Actual	Revised (Adjustments)	Actual	Revised (Adjustments)
Taxes	75,474	75,443	24,609	24,210
Licenses and permits	24,000	24,074	-	4,280
Intergovernmental	15,769	15,417	-	-
Fees and lockboxes	3,000	3,044	-	-
Interest	4,764	3,269	-	-
Collection fee	76,799	28,434	-	-
Miscellaneous	14,628	12,113	-	-
Total revenues	148,964	138,774	24,609	28,490
Expenditures				
General government	90,306	79,212	14,409	19,439
Public safety	17,000	19,004	-	-
Education	3,889	1,511	-	-
Total expenditures	111,195	99,727	14,409	19,439
Balance (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	37,769	39,047	10,200	9,051
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers in	43,474	69,419	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	(24,609)	(24,609)
Total other financing sources (uses)	43,474	69,419	(24,609)	(24,609)
Ending (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	81,243	108,466	8,591	8,442
Fund balance - beginning	28,222	28,022	48,171	48,171
Fund balance - ending	109,465	136,488	56,762	56,613

This accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF BIRMGOLD  
 PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
 CARRY-OVER (CARRIED FORWARD) - CONTINUOUS FUND  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>773,441</b>
Water sales		71,332
Street fees		423
Connection fee		1,600
Re-connection fee		28,249
Ad valorem taxes		<u>31,155</u>
Miscellaneous income		<u>288,522</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>		<b>773,441</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Salaries	61,500	
Payroll taxes & retirement	2,250	
Office supplies	4,098	
Utilities	20,070	
Professional fees	1,400	
Uniforms/costs	1,004	
Repairs and maintenance	5,782	
Insurance	11,212	
Vehicle	2,181	
Education and travel	2,863	
Supplies	1,028	
Minor business expense	21	
Materials - sewer	12,491	
Materials - water	8,475	
Depreciation	88,081	
Utility fee	<u>1,771</u>	
<b>Total operating expense</b>		<b>313,778</b>
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>459,663</b>
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>		
Interest income	2,231	
Interest expense	<u>(70,852)</u>	
<b>Total nonoperating revenues and expense</b>		<b>(68,621)</b>
<b>Excess before operating transfers</b>		<b>391,042</b>
<b>Operating transfers</b>		
Transfers from Capital/Project Fund	3,289	
Transfers to General Fund	<u>(24,885)</u>	
<b>Net transfer</b>		<b>(21,596)</b>
<b>Excess after operating transfers</b>		<b>369,446</b>
<b>Excess (shortage) (deficit) - beginning</b>		<b>687,280</b>
<b>Excess (shortage) in surplus:</b>		
Revenue fund referendum	<u>(322,280)</u>	
<b>Balance (shortage) (deficit) - ending</b>		<b><u>3,446</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF EDGEMOOR**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**ALL PROPRIETARY FUND-TYPES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>	
Operating income	\$ 54,700
<i>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</i>	
Depreciation	\$ 88,081
Decrease/increase in:	
Accounts receivable	948
Accounts receivable - Ad valorem taxes	10
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	800
Due to other funds	<u>(1,758)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>87,081</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>141,781</u>
<i>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</i>	
Transfers in from other funds	3,890
Transfers out to other funds	(94,840)
Inter-deposit proceeds	3,680
Inter-deposit returns & charges	<u>(4,817)</u>
Net cash used by noncapital financing activities	<u>(91,687)</u>
<i>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</i>	
Principal payments - bonds	(17,734)
Interest payments - bonds	(79,279)
Payments for capital acquisitions	<u>(6,783)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(103,800)</u>
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>	
Receipts of interest	2,330
Increase in investments	<u>(15,632)</u>
Net cash provided from investing activities	<u>(13,302)</u>
Net increase in cash	<u>30,176</u>
Cash at beginning of the year	<u>111,128</u>
Cash at end of the year	<u><b>\$ 141,304</b></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF RINGGOLD**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Town of Ringgold was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrison Act (Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:321-461). The Town is located in the Parish of Bienville, being in the northwest corner of the State of Louisiana.

The Town operates under a Mayor/Board of Aldermen form of government. Members of the board are all elected and serve a term of 4 years.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Ringgold conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guidelines set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* and the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying financial statements of the Town of Ringgold have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Town of Ringgold includes all funds, account groups, or others, that are within the oversight responsibility of the Town of Ringgold.

Certain units of local government over which the Town exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish police jury, the parish school board, and independently elected parish officials are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the Town of Ringgold.

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**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Town of Ringgold uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable financial resources.

Funds of the Town are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate fund types. The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follow:

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Town's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term obligations. Governmental funds include:

1. **General fund** - the general operating fund of the Town of Ringgold and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
2. **Special revenue fund** - account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.
3. **Capital projects fund** - account for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not reporting in the other governmental funds.

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***Proprietary Funds:***

Proprietary funds account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Proprietary funds differ from governmental funds in that their focus is on income measurement, which together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indicator. The proprietary fund includes the:

Enterprise Fund - accounts for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user fees; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

**D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

***Revenues***

Taxpayer assessed income, gross receipts, and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of the collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are measurable and their validity seems certain.

***Expenditures***

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due.

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*Other financing sources (uses)*

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (or any other type, such as capital lease transactions, sales of fixed assets, debt extinguishments, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The proprietary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the liabilities are incurred.

**E. BUDGETS**

The Town of Kinggold uses the following budget practices:

1. The Town Clerk prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures which result from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
6. Budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

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7. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds were not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
8. The revenues and expenditures shown on Page 12 are reconciled with the amounts reflected on the budget comparison on page 13 as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sales Tax Fund</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and resources over expenditures and other uses (GAAP Basis)	\$ (63,476)	130,936
<i>Adjustments:</i>		
Receivable accruals	(1,395)	-
Expenditure accruals	<u>3,423</u>	<u>      </u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other resources over expenditures and other uses (Budget Cash Basis)	\$ (61,448)	130,936

**F. ENCUMBRANCES**

The Town of Ringgold does not employ encumbrance accounting in the governmental funds.

**G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Town of Ringgold may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, 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.

Under state law, the Town of Ringgold may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

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The Town of Ringgold participates in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) which is an external investment pool that is not SEC-registered. Because the LAMP is an arrangement sponsored by a type of governmental entity, it is exempt by statute from regulation by SEC.

The investment objective of the LAMP is the preservation of capital and the maintenance of liquidity and, to the extent consistent with such objective, current yield.

The LAMP was established as a cooperative endeavor to enable public entities of the State of Louisiana to aggregate funds for investment. This pooling is intended to improve administrative efficiency and increase investment yield. The Board of Directors of LAMP provides certain management and administrative services to LAMP and, through a cooperative bidding process, selects a custodial bank and an investment advisor. The custodial bank holds the assets of LAMP and the investment decisions are made by the investment advisor. Both the custodial bank and the investment advisor are subject to the review and oversight of LAMP.

An annual audit of LAMP is conducted annually by an independent certified public accountant. The Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has full access to the records of LAMP.

The LAMP may invest in US Government Securities. The LAMP is designed to comply with restriction on investment by municipalities, parishes, and other types of political subdivisions imposed under Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2555.

The LAMP seeks maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per unit, but there can be no assurance that LAMP will be able to achieve this objective. To facilitate this goal, the LAMP's portfolio securities are valued by the amortized cost method as permitted by Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which governs money market mutual funds (although the LAMP is not a money market fund and has no obligation to conform to this rule.) In addition, the LAMP will generally comply with other aspects of that rule, including the requirements that all portfolio securities acquired by the LAMP must have, at the time of purchase, a maximum remaining maturity of 397 days and must certain addition quality standards and that the LAMP maintain a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of not more than 90 days.

The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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**III. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the balance sheet.

**I. FIXED ASSETS**

All governmental fund type operations (general fund assets) purchased after June 30, 1978 are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The Town has not capitalized all public domain or infrastructure fixed assets. Interest costs incurred during construction are not capitalized. All items of property, plant and equipment purchased prior to July 1, 1978 were charged to expense and no record was maintained of these capital expenditures. It is not feasible to estimate the historical cost of assets purchased prior to July 1, 1978, therefore, these assets are not accounted for in these statements. As of December 31, 1982 an inventory of equipment was taken. Actual cost was used for items known and estimated actual cost was used for all other items.

Fixed assets used in the proprietary fund operations are included on the balance sheet of the proprietary fund with accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations.

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Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water Utility	
Wells	40 years
Storage tanks	40 years
Purification plant	40 years
Lines and meters	40 years
Equipment	5-7 years
Sewerage Utility:	
Pump stations	40 years
Lines and tracks	3 years
Equipment	5-7 years

All fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

#### **J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Town of Ringgold has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

The Town does not provide for unpaid vacation. If vacation is not taken by an employee during the year, the employee loses the right to that vacation. Sick pay may be carried over up to a maximum of 90 days. No payment is made for unused sick leave.

#### **K. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due. Long-term obligations expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

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**L. FUND EQUITY**

***Contributed Capital***

Contributed capital is recorded in the Enterprise Fund for capital grants sustained for the acquisition or construction of capital assets. Contributed capital is not amortized based on the depreciation recognized on that portion of the assets acquired or constructed from such resources.

***Reserves***

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

***Designated Fund Balances***

Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

**M. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecuring or nonrecurring permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

**N. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS**

Total columns on combined statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the preparation of this data.

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**2. FUND DEFICITS**

The proprietary fund had a deficit balance of \$ 492,981 in unreserved retained earnings as December 31, 1997. The deficit retained earnings in the water and sanitation fund is the result of revenues inadequate to cover expenses including depreciation in fiscal years 1992 through 1997. Deficit retained earnings are offset by contributed capital and reserved retained earnings balances.

**3. LEVIED TAXES**

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Town in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed value determined by the tax assessor of Bienville Parish.

For the year ended December 31, 1997, the assessed value of property for the Town of Kinggold was 2,880,079 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	7.03 mils
10-year water maintenance tax	5.43 mils
10-year sewer tax	5.43 mils

**4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 1997, the Town of Kinggold has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$268,140 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$186,351
Interest-bearing deposits	81,789
Total	\$268,140

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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the 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. At December 31, 1997, the Town has 1,296,000 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$198,532 of federal deposit insurance and \$978,477 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GAAS Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GAAS Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Town that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Additional information concerning the accounting policies of cash and investments is located at Note 1, Part G in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **5. INVESTMENTS**

GAAS 3, par. 8 states that for an investment to be considered a cash equivalent, it must mature no more than three months after the date it is purchased. For the year ended December 31, 1997, Town of Kinggold reported a one year certificate of deposit in the amount of \$8,725 as an investment. This Certificate of Deposit is secured from risk by \$978,477 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GAAS Category 3).

The market value of the Certificate is equal to the carrying amount as stated above.

The Town of Kinggold has the following amounts invested with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. as of December 31, 1997:

General Fund	\$ 85,758
Enterprise Fund	25,000
Sales Tax Fund	<u>75,000</u>
Total investment	\$ 185,758

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**6. FIXED ASSETS**

The changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance, Jan. 1 <u>1997</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance, Dec. 31 <u>1997</u>
Land	\$ 28,713	-	-	28,713
Buildings	35,291	-	-	35,291
Improvements other than buildings	325,399	411,521	-	736,921
Equipment	148,816	2,795	6,536	155,075
Construction in progress	<u>142,603</u>	<u>268,512</u>	<u>411,522</u>	<u>-----</u>
<b>Total General Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 673,822</b>	<b>682,828</b>	<b>418,058</b>	<b>938,592</b>

A summary of fixed assets used in the proprietary funds follows:

	Balance, January <u>1, 1997</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance, December <u>31, 1997</u>
Water utility system	\$ 1,280,780	-	-	1,280,780
Sewerage utility:				
Lift stations	25,665	-	-	25,665
Sewer system	1,770,436	-	-	1,770,436
Trucks	35,574	-	-	35,574
Equipment	<u>42,282</u>	<u>6,120</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>48,402</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,124,737</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>3,130,857</b>

**7. PENSION PLANS**

Substantially all employees of the Town of Ringgold, are members of the following statewide retirement systems: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana and Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

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**A. Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)**

**Plan Description.** The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the municipality are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employer contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefits accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by visiting to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7957 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, or by calling (504) 325-4832.

**Funding Policy.** Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Town of Kingold is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate varied from 6.25% to 5.75% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town of Kingold are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:160, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Town of Kingold's contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ending December 31, 1997, 1996, and 1995, were \$8,272, \$6,948, and \$7,189, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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**B. Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)**

*Plan Description.* All full-time police department employees engaged in law enforcement are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service or at or after age 45 with at least 12 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 2 1/3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 844 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70809-2255, or by calling (504) 929-7411.

*Funding Policy.* Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5 percent of their annual covered salary and the Town of Ringgold, is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirement of plan members and the Town of Ringgold, are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to changes each year based on results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Town of Ringgold's contribution for the years ending December 31, 1997, 1996, and 1995, were \$7,355, \$8,472, and \$8,877, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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**8. LEASES**

The Town of Ringgold has operating leases of the following nature:

1. Century Telephone Company of North Louisiana, Inc. lease of telephone system equipment - The lease term is for 60 months. Payments of \$191.78 to be made for the first twelve months of the agreement, followed by payments of \$108.45 for the remainder of the contract.
2. Minolta Business Systems, Inc. lease of EP4033 copier - The lease term is for 48 months with monthly minimum rent of \$138.

The minimum annual commitments under noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Equipment
1988	\$ 2,837
1989	2,837
2000	2,325
2001	1,895
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,894</b>

The following schedule shows the composition of total rental expenditures for all operating leases except those with terms of a month or less that were not renewed:

	Century	Minolta	Total
Minimum rentals	\$ 1,881	\$ 1,011	\$ 2,892

**9. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Town of Ringgold for the year ended December 31, 1987:

	Water Revenue Bonds	Sewer Revenue Bonds	Total
Bonds payable	\$ 852,908	455,046	1,308,954
Bonds retired	(8,035)	(1,758)	(9,793)
<b>Bonds payable, December 31, 1987</b>	<b>\$844,873</b>	<b>453,288</b>	<b>1,298,161</b>

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Bonds payable at December 31, 1997, comprised of the following individual issues:

	Principal Outstanding	Interest to Maturity
\$908,000 Water Revenue Bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1988, bearing interest at 6 (38%) due in annual installments of \$84,000 through Jan. 1, 2028	\$ 843,883	1,064,855
\$458,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, dated December 14, 1994, bearing interest at 5 (38%) due in monthly installments of \$2,389 through Dec. 31, 2024	<u>451,948</u>	<u>124,512</u>
	<b><u>\$1,295,831</u></b>	<b><u>1,608,572</u></b>

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 1997, including interest payments of \$ 1,608,572, are as follows:

Year ended December 31,	Water Revenue Principal	Sewer Revenue Principal	Interest	Total
1998	\$ 9,176	4,079	78,459	91,710
1999	10,792	4,294	78,824	91,710
2000	11,480	4,525	75,705	91,710
2001	12,232	4,769	74,729	91,710
2002	12,991	5,023	73,894	91,710
Thereafter	<u>787,232</u>	<u>429,269</u>	<u>1,259,263</u>	<u>2,675,855</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 843,883</u></b>	<b><u>451,948</u></b>	<b><u>1,608,572</u></b>	<b><u>2,914,403</u></b>

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**10. INTERFUND RECEIVABLE/PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS**

	Operating Transfers	
	In	Out
General Fund	\$ 151,940	-
Special Revenue Fund-	-	99,960
Proprietary Fund	3,390	84,840
Capital Projects Fund		
LCDDBO - Street (1996)-	-	41
FEMA	-	3,530
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 157,331</b>	<b>137,531</b>

**11. RESERVED AND DESIGNATED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE**

Under the terms of the various bond indentures on outstanding Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, all income and revenues earned or derived from the operation of the utility systems are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds, and are to be maintained and administered in the following order of priority and for the following express purposes:

1. The payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System.
2. Establishment and maintenance of "Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund," where monthly deposits shall be made on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month of each year a sum equal to one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the total amount of principal and interest falling due on the next principal and interest payment date. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due, and may be used only for such payments. Establishment and maintenance of "Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund," where monthly deposits shall be made on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month of each year a sum equal to one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) the interest falling due on the next interest payment date during the first year of the Bond. Thereafter, a sum equal to the total amount of principal and interest falling due on the next principal and interest date.

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During the year ended December 31, 1997, per discussion with officials of District Office I of Rural Economic and Community Development, the Town will not be required to set aside monthly payments for the "Sewer Bond and Interest Sinking Fund." The bond is to be paid on a monthly basis, with the first principal and interest payment to be on January 14, 1998, and monthly thereafter.

3. There shall be set aside into "Revenue Bond Reserve Fund", a sum at least equal to five per cent (5%) of the principal and interest payments required by paragraph (2) above, and shall continue until there has been accumulated in the Reserve Fund a sum equal to the highest combined principal and interest falling due in any year on the Bond. The money is to be retained solely for the purpose of paying principal and interest on bonds payable from the Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund as to which there would otherwise be default.
4. Funds shall be set aside into a "Revenue Bond Depreciation and Contingency Fund," monthly the sum of \$325 for the Water Bond, and the sum of \$322 for the Sewer Bond. Money in the Depreciation and Contingency Fund shall be used as cash for depreciation, extensions, additions, improvements, and replacements necessary to operate the system properly. Money shall also be used to pay the principal and interest on the bond for which there is not sufficient money in the Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund or the Bond Reserve Fund and Interest Fund or the Bond Reserve Fund, but if so used, such money shall be replaced by the issuer as soon as possible thereafter.

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at December 31, 1997:

	Water	Sewer	Total
Bond and Interest Sinking Fund	\$ 72,049	-	72,049
Bond Reserve Fund	52,634	4,165	56,799
Bond Depreciation & Contingency	38,044	4,572	42,616
Total for revenue bonds	<u>\$162,727</u>	<u>\$8,737</u>	171,464
Meter deposits - cash			1,177
Meter deposits - investment			<u>25,908</u>
<b>Total restricted assets</b>			<b><u>\$200,549</u></b>

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**II. SALES AND USE TAX OPERATIONS:**

Proceeds of a 3% sales and use tax levied by the Town of Ringgold are dedicated to the following purposes:

Revenues derived from 1% sales and use tax are to be deposited in a special fund and dedicated and used for the purposes of economic development of the Town of Ringgold, opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving and/or maintaining streets, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, acquiring, constructing, extending, improving renovation and/or maintaining street lighting facilities, waterworks, sewers and sewerage disposal works, public buildings, public parks and recreational facilities and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the foregoing public buildings and facilities, the title to which shall be in the public or for anyone or more of said purpose.

Revenues derived from 1% sales and use tax are to be dedicated and used as follows:

15% - for acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and/or maintaining sewerage collection lines, including related equipment and facilities, for the Town, provided, however, that once sewerage collection lines have been constructed which will permit all residences within the Town to be connected with such collection lines, then said 15% is to be used for acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and/or maintaining sewerage collection lines and disposal works, including all related facilities and equipment, for the Town.

20% - for constructing, improving and/or maintaining public roads and drainage improvements within the Town, including any equipment required in connection therewith and the operation of such equipment.

5% - for constructing, acquiring, improving, operating and/or maintaining lands, buildings, equipment and facilities for recreation purposes for the Town, including the funding of youth recreational programs; and

50% - to be dedicated and used for any lawful corporate purposes of the Town.

**TOWN OF RINGGOLD**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1997

**13. NET WORKING CAPITAL - ENTERPRISE FUND**

The following shows the net working capital for the Proprietary fund - Enterprise fund at December 31, 1997:

Total current assets	\$245,706
Total current liabilities	<u>(116,124)</u>
Net working capital	<u>\$129,582</u>

**14. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL**

Farmers Home Administration Grant	\$370,000
DOFD Grant	28,200
(LACDAG) Grant	747,072
LA Rural Development Grant	25,000
General Fund Revenues	77,788
Capital Projects Fund	<u>213,883</u>
Total Contributed Capital	<u>\$1,773,853</u>

**15. PENDING LITIGATION**

"David C. Wilson & Amy Woodard - vs - Town of Ringgold, et al. Docket No. 00290:  
The lawsuit has been pending for several years. The plaintiff(s) are seeking damages for an incident which occurred due to the plaintiff's claim that the police failed to properly respond to a crowd. The last activity in this suit was a deposition on April 14, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. The Town Attorney feels that any liability, if any, is estimated to be minimal.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS  
AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

## GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

**TOWN OF BIRMGOLD  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET (2024 BUDGET) AND ACTUAL  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Budget	2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (if before 000)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes -			
Ad valorem	\$ 18,048	18,281	233
Franchise	70,898	69,091	(1,807)
Licenses and permits -			
Occupational licenses	20,000	20,000	(000)
Permits	30	85	55
Improvemental -			
Public and municipal bond tax	3,200	2,347	(853)
Tobacco tax and p.m. sales	9,000	9,603	603
State revenue sharing	-	3,343	3,343
Transfered balances	5,834	5,898	(36)
Interest	2,700	3,309	609
Collection fee	20,700	20,436	(264)
Miscellaneous -			
Other	3,300	3,423	(123)
Fee	10,371	10,873	-
Donations	-	3,373	3,373
Total revenues	<u>134,907</u>	<u>128,784</u>	<u>6,123</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	99,386	79,321	20,064
Public safety	127,194	129,096	(1,902)
Recreation	3,890	3,794	(104)
Total expenditures	<u>230,470</u>	<u>212,211</u>	<u>18,259</u>
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(95,563)</u>	<u>(83,427)</u>	<u>12,136</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Operating transfers in -			
Emergency fund	30,000	31,311	(1,311)
Rates tax fund	33,671	33,000	3,671
Capital projects fund	-	41	41
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>63,671</u>	<u>64,352</u>	<u>(681)</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	91,054	91,054
Fund balance, beginning	<u>30,150</u>	<u>30,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 30,150</u>	<u>\$21,102</u>	<u>9,048</u>

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**TOWN OF BINGHAM**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET (CASH BASIS)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1997 Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>General government:</b>			
Salaries	\$ 11,251	19,715	1,508
Payroll and payroll taxes	15,880	15,116	9,583
Utilities and telephone	15,880	8,800	4,991
Office supplies	4,038	4,218	(280)
Legal and accounting	7,800	3,859	5,031
Maintenance and repair	3,000	4,289	715
Insurance	19,800	15,854	(840)
Books and subscriptions	2,800	3,178	(878)
Tax and preparation	345	605	(177)
Education and travel	2,800	3,955	(943)
Contract expenses	2,000	2,218	(218)
Publications	550	1,283	(115)
Miscellaneous	18,301	148	18,211
<b>Total general government</b>	<u>99,586</u>	<u>70,523</u>	<u>29,064</u>
<b>Public safety:</b>			
Police department:			
Salaries	189,000	194,527	(1,467)
Retirement	7,500	7,527	143
Vehicle expenses	11,000	9,808	3,172
Office expenses	4,004	6,221	248
Capital expenditures	-	4,922	(4,922)
<b>Total police department</b>	<u>211,504</u>	<u>213,995</u>	<u>(2,495)</u>
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and recreation	1,800	3,884	(2,084)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 127,990</u>	<u>302,502</u>	<u>15,578</u>

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## SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

**Sales Tax Fund** - To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the Town's 2% sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated for the purposes of economic development of the Town of Ringgold: opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving and/or maintaining streets, alleys, sidewalks, bridges; acquiring, constructing, extending, improving recreation and/or maintaining street works, lighting facilities, waterworks, sewers and sewerage disposal works, public buildings, public parks and recreational facilities and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings; for the foregoing public buildings and facilities, the title to which shall be in the public or for anyone or more of said purposes; constructing, acquiring, improving, operating and/or maintaining roads, buildings, equipment and facilities for recreation purposes for the Town, including the funding of youth recreational programs; to be used for any lawful purposes of the town; acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and/or maintaining sewerage collection lines, including related equipment and facilities; and constructing, improving and/or maintaining public road and drainage improvements within the Town.

TOWN OF BINGOLD  
SALES TAX  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
COMPARED TO BUDGET (DASH BASED) AND ACTUAL  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1997 Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable \$(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 116,000	224,281	108,281
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General government	108,000	94,546	13,454
Excess of revenues over expenditures	108,000	129,735	21,735
<b>Other financing (uses):</b>			
Operating transfers to:			
Exception fund	(27,000)	-	27,000
General fund	(81,000)	(10,000)	71,000
Total other financing (uses)	(108,000)	(10,000)	98,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses	-	11,875	11,875
Fund balances, beginning	48,175	48,175	-
Fund balances, ending	\$ 48,175	120,811	72,636

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TOWN OF BRIDGEBLVD  
SALES TAX FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET (CASH BASIS)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>General Government</b>			
Salaries	\$ 34,451	38,891	(4,440)
Payroll taxes & retirement	6,694	1,672	5,022
Collection expense	4,328	3,379	949
Utilities & telephone	20,500	26,341	(5,841)
Office	1,000	1,580	(580)
Legal & accounting	4,300	6,500	(2,200)
Insurance	9,700	10,102	(1,402)
Maintenance	11,945	2,862	8,083
	<u>\$ 108,860</u>	<u>94,748</u>	<u>14,112</u>

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## ENTERPRISE FUND

**Utility Fund** - To account for the provision of water and sewer services to residents of the Town. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**INTERFUND FUND**  
 Balance Sheet  
 December 31, 1997

**ASSETS**

<b>Current assets - unrestricted</b>	
Cash	\$ 704,871
Investments	8,722
Accounts receivable	50,410
Accounts receivable - of other towns	7,122
Current assets - unrestricted	<u>771,125</u>
<b>Current assets - restricted</b>	
Cash in bank - operating	111,460
Multi-year deposits	1,870
Investments - water deposits	15,000
Current assets - restricted	<u>128,330</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>900,455</u>
Property plant and equipment	1,164,764
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,717,174)
<b>Total property plant and equipment</b>	<u>(5,552,410)</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 3,348,045</u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

<b>Current liabilities - payable from unrestricted assets</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,142
Revenue bonds payable - investment	11,240
Interest payable - revenue bonds	78,420
<b>Total current liabilities payable from unrestricted assets</b>	<u>90,702</u>
<b>Current liabilities - payable from restricted assets</b>	
Water deposits	11,170
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>101,872</u>
<b>Long-term liabilities - payable from restricted assets</b>	
Bonds payable - Fund 4/1998	834,707
Bonds payable - Fund 4/1999	443,875
<b>Total long-term liabilities payable from restricted assets</b>	<u>1,278,582</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,380,254</u>
<b>Fund equity</b>	
Classified equity	1,770,843
Retained earnings	
Revised water revenue bond retirement	87,868
Water revenue bond retirement	1,777
Transfer out (deficit)	(495,863)
<b>Total retained earnings (deficit)</b>	<u>(306,218)</u>
<b>Total fund equity</b>	<u>1,464,625</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund equity</b>	<u>\$ 3,348,045</u>

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

### Rural Development Fund - Sewer Improvements

Fund used to account for the receipts and disbursements of Louisiana Rural Development Grant division for improvements to the Town's sewer system.

### FEMA

Fund used to account for the receipts and disbursements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Mill Creek Drainage Project.

### LCDBG Street Improvement Fund (1996)

Fund used to account for receipts and disbursements for street improvements. Resources are provided by a \$304,268 block grant under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program.

**TOWN OF BIRMGOLD**  
**ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the year ended December 31, 1997**

	Broad Dev. Fund		1996 LACT 2000	1997
	Street Imp.	FDMA	Street Imp.	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Grants	\$ _____	_____	268,319	268,319
Total revenues	_____	_____	268,319	268,319
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital expenditures	-	-	168,319	168,319
Miscellaneous	80	-	-	80
Total expenditures	80	-	168,319	168,409
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(80)	-	-	(80)
<b>Other financing (uses):</b>				
Operating transfers out:				
General fund	-	-	(40)	(40)
Reserve fund	_____	(1,799)	-	(1,799)
Total other financing sources	_____	(1,799)	(40)	(1,651)
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other uses	(80)	(1,799)	(40)	(1,711)
Fund balance - beginning of year	80	1,799	40	1,711
Fund balance - end of year	\$ _____	_____	-	_____

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GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets not used in proprietary fund operations.

**TOWN OF RIMGOLD**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**  
**December 31, 1997**

<b>General fixed assets, at cost:</b>	
Land	\$ 29,713
Buildings	35,281
Improvements other than buildings	799,921
Equipment	<u>136,473</u>
<b>Total general fixed assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 991,400</u></b>
<b>Investment in general fixed assets:</b>	
Capital project fund:	
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant	\$ 568,317
FEMA proceeds	109,218
General and special revenue funds	<u>268,829</u>
<b>Total investment in general fixed assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 946,364</u></b>

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**TOWN OF BRACKFORD**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

	1997					Total
	Land	Buildings	Improvements Other than Buildings	Equipment	Construction in Progress	
General fixed assets, beginning of period	\$ 28,713	31,291	125,599	140,818	142,603	673,024
<b>Additions:</b>						
General fixed assets	-	-	-	2,195	-	2,195
Sales tax fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICFRR proceeds	-	-	102,542	-	285,329	387,871
ISMA proceeds	-	-	122,218	-	2,598	124,816
Total additions	-	-	224,760	2,195	287,927	514,882
<b>Deletions:</b>						
Disposal of equipment	-	-	-	6,556	-	6,556
Construction in progress, completed	-	-	-	-	401,533	401,533
Total deletions	-	-	-	6,556	401,533	408,089
General fixed assets, end of period	<u>\$ 28,713</u>	<u>31,291</u>	<u>248,020</u>	<u>136,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>644,481</u>

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## OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF RENOOLD  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO ALDERMEN  
For the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Robert F. Corley	\$ 5,400	5,400
Larry Kennedy	1,200	1,200
John Hamilton	1,200	1,200
Bobby Cain	1,200	1,200
Ferry Thomas	1,200	1,200
Lloyd Scott	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>\$ 11,400</u>	<u>11,400</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF RINGGOLD, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
December 31, 1997

**Auditors' reports**

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997. As a result of our audit, we have issued an unqualified opinion on both the general-purpose financial statements and the compliance requirements as described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to the Town's major program. The dollar threshold of \$,000,000 was used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs.

**Findings related to financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS**

**Local Government Budget Laws**

During our audit we reviewed the budget process of the town. LSA-RS 50:1314 concerns budgetary control. The Town is to amend the budget in accordance with R.S. 50 whenever there is a variance of 5% (five percent) or more between actual and remaining projections as compared to budget amounts for revenues, expenditures or beginning fund balance. For the year ended December 31, 1997, it was noted that the Town had made efforts to be in compliance with the Local Government Budget Laws, however, during our audit, we noted line items where the 5% variance was not amended. To be in compliance with the Local Government Budget Laws and also for good internal controls, we recommended that the Town continue to review the actual revenues, expenditures and beginning fund balances with the original approved budget amounts and make necessary fiscal budget amendments.

**Findings and questioned costs related to federal awards**

The results of our auditing procedures of the general purpose financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, disclosed no items that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

TOWN OF RINGGOLD  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
December 31, 1997

As stated in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, in connection with the audit of the general purpose financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, of the Town of Ringgold, Louisiana, there were no items that are required to be reported in accordance with COMB Circular A-133.

TOWN OF BINGGOLD

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

December 31, 1997

The prior year audit findings for the year ended December 31, 1997 were as follows:

*Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*

**Finding:** This finding was a reportable condition stating that we noted the absence of a reconciliation of the list of fixed assets to the amounts reported in the general fixed asset account group.

**Recommendation:** It was noted by the auditors that the Town should annually reconcile fixed assets per the financial statements and the actual assets on hand in each department. A lack of control over fixed assets could lead to misstatements in the financial statements and unknown loss of assets.

**Current Status:** For the year ended December 31, 1997, the Town made an effort to update and reconcile the list of fixed assets to the amounts reported in the general fixed asset account group.

*Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance Based on an Audit of the Class of Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*

**Finding:** Same as stated above.

**Recommendation:** Same as stated above.

**Current Status:** Same as state above.

*Management Letter*

**Finding:** This finding states that the Town's budget contained variances of 5% (five percent) or more between actual and remaining projections as compared to budget amounts for revenues and expenditures. These variances were not amended in accordance with LSA-R.S. 28:1310.

TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (cont.)

December 31, 1997

**Recommendation:** It was noted by the auditors that the Town periodically, no less than quarterly review and compare the actual revenues and expenditures with the original approved budget and make necessary formal budget amendments. Also for budgetary control we recommend the council state at what level budgetary amendments can be made by town personnel without council intervention.

**Current Status:** The Town has made efforts to amend the original approved budget during the year when amendments appear necessary. However, the Town still incurs variances between actual revenues and expenditures incurred during the year and final approved budget amounts.

**Finding:** The Town did not deposit the minimum balance required into the Sewer Reserve Fund.

**Recommendation:** The auditors recommended that the Town take steps to ensure that the required monthly deposits are being made in accordance with the bond agreement.

**Current Status:** The Town complied with the deposit requirements as stated in their bond agreements.

**TOWN OF BOSSHOLD**  
**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
 For the year ended December 31, 2007

Project	CFDA #	Expending Cash	Federal Revenue Recognized	Federal Expenditures Recognized	Ending Cash
<b>03 Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>					
<b>Passed through State of Louisiana</b>					
<b>Division of Administration</b>					
<b>Louisiana Community Development Block</b>					
<b>Grant - FY 2006</b>	14.208	-	\$6,500	\$6,500	-
<b>Water Revenue Bonds of the Town of Bosshold, State</b>					
<b>of Louisiana, Series 2002 (original \$50,000; purchased</b>					
<b>by Fusion Home Administration</b>					
<b>Payable</b>		\$ 850,000	5,000	\$41,800	\$4,000
<b>Payable</b>				\$ 1,201,000	
<b>Water Revenue Bonds of the Town of Bosshold, State</b>					
<b>of Louisiana, Series B-1, original \$4,250,000 (paid</b>					
<b>by Fusion Home Administration</b>					
<b>Payable</b>		455,500	3,400	\$11,000	\$4,000