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CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 1998

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Board of Commissioners

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4:

I have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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. Those standards require that I 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 financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 14, 1999, on my consideration of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 4 taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"*  
Leesville, Louisiana  
May 14, 1999

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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 AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4

I have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated May 14, 1999. I conducted my 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 Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4's general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 statements amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the management. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"

Leesville, Louisiana

May 14, 1999



Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

I have audited the financial statements of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated May 14, 1999. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 1998 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

**Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports**

*a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements*

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses    ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Reportable Conditions   ☐ Yes ☒ No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial  
Statements                ☐ Yes ☒ No

*b. Federal Awards*

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses    ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A  
Reportable Conditions   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Type of Opinion On Compliance For Major Programs

Unqualified <input type="checkbox"/>	Qualified <input type="checkbox"/>
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N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☒ N/A

*c. Identification of Major Programs*

CFDA Number(s)

Name of Federal Program

None

None

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

\$ N/A

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Section II Financial Statement Findings**

N/A

**Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

N/A

See independent auditor's report.



COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

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## CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

## COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

December 31, 1998

	Governmental <u>Fund Type</u> General <u>Fund</u>	<u>Account Group</u> General Fixed <u>Assets</u>	(Memorandum Only)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 22,331	\$ —	\$ 22,331
Investments - time certificates of deposit, at cost (Note 2)	85,000	—	85,000
Receivables (Note 3):			
Ad valorem tax	39,006	—	39,006
State revenue sharing	309	—	309
Oil & Gas Royalty Receivable	231	—	231
Fixed assets (Note 4)	—	101,847	101,847
Total assets	<u>\$146,877</u>	<u>\$101,847</u>	<u>\$ 248,724</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 157	\$ —	\$ 157
Ad valorem deductions payable	<u>1,293</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,293</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,450</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,450</u>
Fund equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets (Note 4)	—	101,847	101,847
Fund Balances -			
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>145,427</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>145,427</u>
Total fund equity	<u>145,427</u>	<u>101,847</u>	<u>247,274</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 146,877</u>	<u>\$ 101,847</u>	<u>\$248,724</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues:

Taxes (Note 3)	\$ 39,327
Intergovernmental (Note 3)	8,404
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	<u>6,357</u>
Total revenues	<u>54,088</u>

Expenditures:

Current:

Per diem	650
Salaries	4,380
Professional fees	9,534
Operating expense	12,522
Bank service charges	129
Election expense	471
Deductions from ad valorem tax for retirement systems (Note 3)	1,293

Capital Outlay

Total expenditures	<u>28,979</u>
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(25,109)
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Other financing sources (uses):

Transfers in	<u>---</u>
Transfers out	<u>---</u>

Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(25,109)
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Fund balances, beginning	<u>120,318</u>
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Fund balances, ending	<u>\$145,427</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4  
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 (BUDGETARY BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND TYPE  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

			Variance - Favorable
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUE			
Taxes	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,327	\$ 327
Intergovernmental	8,462	8,404	(58)
Miscellaneous	<u>6,177</u>	<u>6,357</u>	<u>180</u>
Total revenues	<u>53,639</u>	<u>54,088</u>	<u>449</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Per diem	650	650	---
Salaries	4,380	4,380	---
Professional fees	11,000	9,534	1,466
Operating expense	15,000	12,522	2,478
Bank service charges	133	129	4
Election expense	2,500	471	2,029
Deductions from ad valorem tax for retirement systems	1,295	1,293	2
Capital outlay	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total expenditures	<u>34,958</u>	<u>28,979</u>	<u>5,979</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	18,681	25,109	6,428
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	18,681	25,109	6,428
Fund balance, beginning	<u>120,318</u>	<u>120,318</u>	<u>---</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$138,999</u>	<u>\$145,427</u>	<u>\$ 6,428</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1998

### NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. Cameron Parish Police Jury is the reporting entity for Cameron Parish as defined by NCGA Statement 3, (Defining the Governmental Reporting Entity).

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transaction of state and local governments. In November of 1984, the GASB issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification is recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 (the District) is a component unit of Cameron Parish Police Jury as defined by GASB codification Section 2100. The District was created by the Cameron Parish Police Jury as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1751. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by Cameron Parish Police Jury and is authorized to construct, maintain and improve the system of drainage within the District.

#### A. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 are organized 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. Revenues are 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 presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

##### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(Continued)

B. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in petty cash, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits with maturities of three months or less. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana, or United States bonds, treasury bills and notes, or certificates.

C. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES WRITE-OFF METHOD

The District has adopted a write off policy wherein any account that is deemed uncollectible is written off directly when the account's collection efforts have been deemed unsuccessful.

D. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

The fixed asset account group is not a "fund." It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position not with measurement of results of operations.

E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.



CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)

E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

The District's records are maintained on a cash basis of accounting. However, the funds reported in the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices.

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related State Revenue Sharing (which is based on population and homesteads in the parish) are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed.

Federal and State grants are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available.

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 is recognized when due.

F. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 utilizes the following budgetary practice:

Annually the District adopts a budget for each governmental fund type as a management device for control of revenues and expenses. The budget is amended at various times during the year as the need arises.

G. INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at cost. These investments are time deposits which are fully secured through the pledge of bank-owned securities or federal deposit insurance.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(Continued)

H. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

The District does not have any full time employees; therefore, the District does not have a policy on vacation and sick leave.

I. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

Total columns on the combined statements - overview 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 operation, 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 aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2--CASH AND INVESTMENT COLLATERAL

At December 31, 1998, the bank balance of the District's cash and investments was \$107,345 and the book balance was \$107,331. Of the combined bank balance, \$107,345 was covered by federal depository insurance and none was uncollateralized.

NOTE 3--RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 1998 consist of ad valorem taxes receivable. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied to the taxpayer 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 Cameron Parish Sheriff bills and collects property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Cameron Parish.

For the year ended December 31, 1998 taxes of 3.68 mills were levied on property with assessed valuation totaling \$11,070,751 and were dedicated entirely for the specified purpose of the District.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4--CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets as of December 31, 1998:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Furniture, fixtures, &amp; equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, 12/31/97	\$ 10	\$ 101,837	\$101,847
Additions	—	—	—
Deletions	—	—	—
Balance, 12/31/97	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$101,837</u>	<u>\$101,847</u>

NOTE 5--PENSION PLAN

The District does not participate in any pension plans or the social security program.

NOTE 6--LEASES

The District does not have any capital leases recorded as assets in the accompanying financial statements. The District has operating leases of the following nature and are appropriately recorded as such:

<u>Description of Lease</u>	<u>Term of Lease</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
Oil, gas, & mineral	1-3 years	percentage basis

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 7-PERMIT REVENUE

Included in intergovernmental revenue is \$7,975 in permit fees collected by the Cameron Parish Police Jury and then distributed equally among active drainage boards within the parish.

NOTE 8-RISK MANAGEMENT

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

	LIMITS Of <u>COVERAGE</u>
Auto liability	None
Commercial general liability	\$2,000,000
District-owned buildings and equipment	None

The District covers all other losses, claim settlements, and judgments from operating resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The District is not involved in any type of litigation nor does it have any asserted claims against it.

NOTE 9-YEAR 2000 ISSUE

The Year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the District's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

The District does not have any of its operations that are computer related as all of its records are kept manually and has no plans to change this aspect in 1999 or 2000.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of the related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the Year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that parties with whom the District does business will be Year 2000 ready.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

For the year ended December 31, 1998

The schedule of per diem paid to board members was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 session of the Legislature.

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4564, the board members received \$50 per diem for attendance at meetings of the board.

	<u>Number Attended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Amos Vincent	13	<u>\$ 650</u>

See independent auditor's report.



Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

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

The audit report for the year ended December 31, 1997 contained a finding related to the report not being issued within the six months of the close of its' December 31, 1997 year-end. This was a violation of LA R.S. # 24:513 (A) (5) (a), but did not effect the financial statements. The current year report will be issued to the Legislative Auditor within the statutory period.

**SECTION II                     INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO  
FEDERAL AWARDS**

There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to federal awards.

**SECTION III                  MANAGEMENT LETTER**

There was no management letter with the prior year audit report.

See independent auditor's report.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4  
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

SECTION I                    INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

N/A

SECTION II                  INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO  
FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A

SECTION III                MANAGEMENT LETTER

N/A