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COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

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Release Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Affidavit and Revenue Certification

Coulee Croche Fire District #4 ENTITY NAME  
St Landry Parish  
Cankton (City), Louisiana

ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS (if applicable)

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. The certification of revenues \$50,000 or less, if applicable, is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(l)(1)(c)(i).

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Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Elmo Broussard (name), who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of Secretary-Treasurer (entity name) as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1998, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

(Complete if applicable)

In addition, Elmo Broussard, (name), who, duly sworn, deposes and says that Coulee Croche Fire Dist #4 (entity name) received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the year ended Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1998 and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned year.

Elmo Broussard  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1999.

Andrea D Broussard  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

The Board of Commissioners  
Coulee Croche Fire Protection  
District No. Four  
Cankton, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four, a component unit of the Village of Cankton, as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

*John S. Dowling & Company*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
March 20, 1999

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u> <u>FUND TYPES</u> <u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ACCOUNT GROUP</u> <u>GENERAL</u> <u>FIXED</u> <u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u> <u>1998</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$8,732		\$8,732
Taxes receivable	3,348		3,348
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(201)		(201)
Property and equipment	<u>          </u>	\$137,620	<u>137,620</u>
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>11,879</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>149,499</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
 <u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$137,620	\$137,620
Fund balance Unreserved			
Undesignated	\$11,879		11,879
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>11,879</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>149,499</u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	<u>11,879</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>149,499</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
DECEMBER 31, 1997

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u> <u>FUND TYPES</u> <u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ACCOUNT GROUP</u> <u>GENERAL</u> <u>FIXED</u> <u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u> <u>1997</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$6,273		\$6,273
Taxes receivable	3,241		3,241
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(193)		(193)
Property and equipment	_____	\$137,620	137,620
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>9,321</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>146,941</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	-0-	-0-	-0-
 <u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$137,620	\$137,620
Fund balance Unreserved			
Undesignated	\$9,321	_____	9,321
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>9,321</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>146,941</u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	<u>9,321</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>146,941</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL, FUND TYPES - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Taxes		
Property taxes	\$3,048	\$3,401
Intergovernmental		
Fire insurance tax	5,581	5,410
Interest earned on property taxes	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>8,636</u>	<u>8,817</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Public safety		
Current operating		
Accounting	575	575
Gas, oil, repairs, and maintenance	653	640
Insurance	2,852	2,390
Lease	10	10
Election	627	
Supplies	65	
Telephone	1,200	1,057
Utilities	96	96
Reimburse Cankton Fire Department for equipment		<u>3,000</u>
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>7,768</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	2,558	1,049
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , beginning of year	<u>9,321</u>	<u>8,272</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , end of year	<u>11,879</u>	<u>9,321</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	GENERAL FUND		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$2,110	\$2,949	\$839
Intergovernmental			
Fire insurance tax	5,581	5,581	
Interest earned on property taxes	<u>      </u>	<u>      7</u>	<u>      7</u>
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>7,691</u>	<u>8,537</u>	<u>846</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety			
Current operating			
Accounting	575	575	
Gas, oil, repairs, and maintenance	653	653	
Insurance	2,852	2,852	
Lease	10	10	
Election	627	627	
Supplies	65	65	
Telephone	1,200	1,200	
Utilities	<u>      96</u>	<u>      96</u>	
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</u>			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>2,459</u>	<u>846</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULÉE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	GENERAL FUND		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$3,396	\$3,496	\$100
Intergovernmental			
Fire insurance tax	5,410	5,410	
Interest earned on property taxes	<u>        </u>	<u>        6</u>	<u>        6</u>
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>8,806</u>	<u>8,912</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety			
Current operating			
Accounting	600	575	25
Gas, oil, and maintenance	300	261	39
Insurance	2,390	2,390	
Lease	10	10	
Repairs and maintenance	349	379	(30)
Telephone	1,057	1,057	
Utilities		96	(96)
Reimburse Cankton Fire Department for equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>        </u>
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>7,706</u>	<u>7,768</u>	<u>(62)</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</u>			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>44</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying component unit financial statements of the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four 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 standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the Village, for reporting purposes, the Village of Cankton, Louisiana is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Village for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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

The Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four consists of five commissioners. Two of the commissioners are appointed by the Police Jury and another two are appointed by the Village of Cankton. The fifth commissioner is selected by the other four members. Because the District is dependent on the Village of Cankton for building space, the District is considered a component unit of the Village of Cankton, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Village of Cankton, the general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the District 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 or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statements in this report is described as follows:

Governmental Fund

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.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

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.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues including grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Property taxes are recognized as revenue at the time that they are assessed. All other income is recognized as revenue when received.

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 for principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

Expenditures for insurance and similar services, which extend over more than one accounting period, are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

Purchases of operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of year-end.

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CANKTON, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market. Louisiana statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment.

FIXED ASSETS

All items of property, plant, and equipment (including infrastructure general fixed assets) are recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Such assets are maintained on the basis of original cost (cash paid plus trade-in allowance, if applicable) and no depreciation is computed or recorded thereon.

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

Construction period interest is capitalized if material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of fixed assets is incurred. No interest was capitalized for the years ended December 31, 1998 or 1997.

BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Annually, the Fire District prepares and adopts a budget for the General Fund. Formal budget integration is not employed as a part of the accounting system; however, routine budget comparisons are made prior to expending funds. Budgets are prepared on a cash basis of accounting, and appropriations lapse at year-end. The budgeted amounts of the General Fund in the accompanying financial statements are the original adopted budgets and subsequent adopted amendments.

The revenues and expenditures shown on Page 4 are reconciled with the amounts reflected on the budget comparisons, Pages 5 and 6 as follows:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Page 4 Revenues	\$8,636	\$8,817
Add: Property tax received	2,949	3,496
Less: Current year revenue	<u>(3,048)</u>	<u>(3,401)</u>
Page 5 or 6 Revenues	<u>8,537</u>	<u>8,912</u>
Page 4 Expenditures	<u>\$6,078</u>	<u>\$7,768</u>
Page 5 or 6 Expenditures	<u>\$6,078</u>	<u>\$7,768</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

ENCUMBRANCES

The District does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

Total columns on the 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 aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - CASH

At December 31, 1998, the carrying amount and bank balance of cash in a non-interest bearing checking account was \$8,732. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

At December 31, 1997, the carrying amount and bank balance of cash in a non-interest bearing checking account was \$6,273. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE 3 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance January 1, <u>1997</u>	Additions/ Deductions	Balance December 31, <u>1997</u>	Additions/ Deductions	Balance December 31, <u>1998</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$1,885		\$1,885		\$1,885
Equipment and furniture	<u>135,735</u>	—	<u>135,735</u>	—	<u>135,735</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>137,620</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>137,620</u>

NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES

The District's ad valorem tax is collected by an intermediary government and remitted on a monthly basis. The intermediary government maintains the tax roll for ad valorem taxes for the District. The District levied a general tax of 1.0 mill which was approved by voters on November 8, 1988.

The District's ad valorem tax, levied for the calendar year, is due on or before December 31 and becomes delinquent on January 1. A tax sale is usually held in September of the following year.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR  
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NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES - Continued

The Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four called an election on November 3, 1998. The two propositions on the ballot were ① renewal of the 1 mill property tax for 10 years and ② levy of an additional 2 mill property tax for 10 years for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining equipment and water for fire protection purposes. Both propositions were approved by the voters. The additional 2 mill tax will be effective with the 1999 property tax.

NOTE 5 - PER DIEM

There are no amounts paid members of the governing board for compensation or per diem.

NOTE 6 - FUND BALANCE

For the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four did not have a deficit fund balance and the fund balance was unreserved.