# LAND TRUST FOR LOUISIANA, INC. HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

# AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

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## Independent Accountant's Review Report

To the Board of Directors of Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### Accountant's Responsibility

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

We are required to be independent of the Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

# **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Supplementary Information**

The supplementary information included in the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

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James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

June 23, 2022

**Financial Statements** 

# Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Statement of Financial Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	 2021	 2020
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 187,125	\$ 312,240
Accounts Receivable	 2,494	 625
Total Current Assets	189,619	312,865
Noncurrent Assets:		
Note Receivable - Moran	 39,079	 59,979
Total Noncurrent Assets	39,079	59,979
Other Assets:		
Restricted Cash	7,177	57,821
Restricted Investments:		
Northshore Community Foundation - NCF Legacy Fund	292,975	280,774
Northshore Community Foundation - NCF Stewardship Fund	748,671	485,688
Security Deposits	150	150
Cash Value of Life Insurance	 4,973	 -
Total Other Assets	 1,053,946	 824,433
Total Assets	\$ 1,282,644	\$ 1,197,277
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 495	\$ 892
Total Current Liabilities	495	892
Noncurrnet Liabilities		
Note Payable - PPP Loan	-	21,638
Deferred Gain on Installment Sale	 39,079	 59,979
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	 39,079	 81,617
Total Liabilities	39,574	82,509
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		915,358
Without Donor Restrictions: Board Designated	1,043,660	915,550
	 1,043,660 199,410	 199,410
Board Designated		

## Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Statement of Activities

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

		2021			2020	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues & Other Support:						
NRCS Grants	\$ 54,832	\$ -	\$ 54,832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Loan Forgiveness	43,276	-	43,276	-	-	-
Emergency Economic Injury Grant	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Contributions	63,715	-	63,715	227,409	-	227,409
Fundraising Income	6,892	-	6,892	5,816	-	5,816
Easement Fee Income	82,500	-	82,500	73,750	-	73,750
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	98,065	-	98,065	44,125	-	44,125
Investment Income	17,896	-	17,896	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Land	32,071	-	32,071	242,021	-	242,021
In-Kind Contributions	62,736	-	62,736	62,736	-	62,736
Interest Income	2,231	-	2,231	613	-	613
Other Income	13		13	13		13
Total Revenues & Other Support	464,227	-	464,227	658,483	-	658,483
Expenses:						
Program Services	183,010	-	183,010	175,149	-	175,149
Supporting Activities:						
Management and General	116,898	-	116,898	123,530	-	123,530
Fundraising	36,017		36,017	19,851		19,851
Total Expenses	335,925		335,925	318,530		318,530
Increase / (Decrease) in Net Assets	128,302	-	128,302	339,953	-	339,953
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	915,358	199,410	1,114,768	575,405	199,410	774,815
Net Assets - End of the Year	\$ 1,043,660	\$ 199,410	\$ 1,243,070	\$ 915,358	\$ 199,410	\$ 1,114,768

# Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

		Program	Servi	ces		Supporting Activities				
	nunity rvation	atewide ograms	Ste	wardship	 Total Program Services		nagement d General	Fu	ndraising	 Total
Accreditation Expenses	\$ -	\$ 975	\$	-	\$ 975	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 975
Advertising & Promotion	-	-		-	-		-		19,610	19,610
Bank Charges	-	-		-	-		7,957		906	8,863
Conferences & Seminars	-	166		-	166		698		463	1,327
Grant Expenses	-	47,980		-	47,980		-		-	47,980
Information Technology	-	-		-	-		3,587		12,998	16,585
Insurance	-	-		6,182	6,182		18,136		-	24,318
Land Transaction Costs	-	16,519		-	16,519		-		-	16,519
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-		-	-		4,250		-	4,250
Membership Expenses	-	2,800		-	2,800		100		-	2,900
Miscellaneous	-	-		7,351	7,351		1,875		-	9,226
Office	-	-		-	-		4,142		-	4,142
Rent	-	-		-	-		10,886		-	10,886
Salaries & Benefits	-	99,762		768	100,530		63,811		2,040	166,381
Telephone	-	-		-	-		1,456		-	1,456
Travel	 -	 507		-	 507		-		-	 507
	\$ -	\$ 168,709	\$	14,301	\$ 183,010	\$	116,898	\$	36,017	\$ 335,925

# Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Statement of Functional Expenses (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Program	Servi	ces		Supporting Activities				
	munity rvation	atewide rograms	Ste	wardship	Total Program Services		nagement 1 General	Fur	ndraising	 Total
Accreditation Expenses	\$ -	\$ 7,375	\$	-	\$ 7,375	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 7,375
Bank Charges	-	-		-	-		577		1,049	1,626
Conferences & Seminars	-	213		-	213		1,025		120	1,358
Insurance	-	-		1,122	1,122		30,696		-	31,818
Land Transaction Costs	-	53,091		-	53,091		78		-	53,169
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-		-	-		4,600		2,474	7,074
Membership Expenses	-	2,500		-	2,500		1,546		1,504	5,550
Miscellaneous	-	4,092		3,055	7,147		6,205		1,747	15,099
Office	-	-		-	-		2,493		-	2,493
Rent	-	-		-	-		10,673		-	10,673
Salaries & Benefits	-	102,022		1,679	103,701		64,111		12,957	180,769
Telephone	-	-		-	-		1,451		-	1,451
Travel	 -	 -		-	 -		75		-	 75
	\$ -	\$ 169,293	\$	5,856	\$ 175,149	\$	123,530	\$	19,851	\$ 318,530

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	 2021	 2020
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 128,302	\$ 339,953
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Forgiveness of SBA PPP Loan Program Proceeds	(43,276)	-
Realized /and Unrealized Gains on Investments	(109,009)	(44,125)
(Increase) / Decrease in Operating Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	(1,869)	(625)
Increase / (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	 (397)	 304
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 (26,249)	 295,507
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Note Receivable - Installment Sale	20,900	(59,979)
Purchase of Investments	(171,148)	(29,226)
Net Cash (Used in) Investing Activities	 (150,248)	 (89,205)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Realized /and Unrealized Gains on Installment Sale	(20,900)	59,979
SBA PPP Loan Program Proceeds	21,638	21,638
Net Cash (Used in) Financing Activities	 738	 81,617
Net Increase in / (Decrease in) Cash and Cash Equivalents	(175,759)	287,919
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of the Year	 370,061	 82,142
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of the Year	\$ 194,302	\$ 370,061

# Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

#### Introduction

The Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. ("Land Trust") was formed in 2004. The Land Trust is a private, not-for-profit organization located in Hammond, Louisiana dedicated to the acquisition of land via donations, purchases, and conservation easements formed through collaborative partnerships. Its mission is to preserve and protect valuable natural areas and agricultural lands in Louisiana for current and future Louisiana residents. Its vision is a healthy and sustainable natural environment that supports the viability of our communities. The Land Trust's major sources of revenue are grant income, and contributions from businesses and individuals. On March 1, 2017, the Land Trust became a State Certified Conservation Organization by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Basis of Accounting

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

Net assets, revenues, and expenses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Land Trust and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without restrictions, unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without restrictions.

*Net Assets with Restrictions* – Net assets subject to donor (or certain grantor) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulated that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

#### C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Land Trust considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### D. Revenue and Support with Donor Restrictions and without Donor Restrictions

Contributions received are recorded as increases in net assets without donor restrictions or increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and / or nature of any donor restrictions.

All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

donor restrictions, and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donorrestricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same accounting period are reported as support and revenues without restrictions.

Fundraising and other revenues are recognized as earned.

# E. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Cash on Deposit and Uninsured Balances:

The Land Trust maintains its cash balances, certificates of deposit, and investments at various financial institutions. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the balances in the Land Trust's cash and investment accounts not covered from loss by the FDIC totaled \$1,041,646 and \$891,540, respectively.

# F. Functional Expense Reporting

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses which are directly associated with program services or supportive services are charged directly to that functional area.

# G. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price the Land Trust would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability (exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants. For those assets and liabilities recorded or disclosed at fair value, fair value is determined based upon the quoted market price, if available. If a quoted market price is not available for identical assets, fair value is determined based upon the quoted market price, if available. If a quoted market price of similar assets or the present value of expected future cash flows considering the risks involved, including counterparty performance risk if appropriate, and using discount rates appropriate for the duration. The fair values are assigned a level within the fair value hierarchy, depending on the source of the inputs into the calculation:

Level 1: Inputs based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset (or liability), either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset

# H. Donated Assets and Services

The Land Trust recognizes donated services, if significant in amount, which create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. The services donated consisted of an employee who, although employed by an outside company, worked entirely for the Land Trust as an Office Administrator. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were \$62,736 and \$62,736, respectively.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

## I. Income Taxes

The Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Land Trust's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Land Trust has adopted ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements. The interpretation requires recognition and measurement of uncertain income tax positions using a "more-likely-than-not" approach. The adoption of this interpretation had no material impact on the Land Trust's financial statements at December 31, 2021.

The Land Trust's tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2021, December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2019, remain open and subject to examination by taxing authorities.

# J. Fundraising Expenses

All expenses associated with fundraising activities are expensed as incurred, including those expenses related to fundraising appeals in a subsequent year.

# K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of support and revenues and expense during the reported period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

# 2. Investments

Investment account balances for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, are as follows:

		2021	 2020
Northshore Community Foundation:			
NCF Legacy Fund	\$	292,975	\$ 280,774
NCF Stewardship Fund		748,671	 485,688
Total Investments	<u>\$</u>	1,041,646	\$ 766,462

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

# 3. Collections

In conformity with the practice followed by many land trusts, collections of land and easements donated and / or purchased are not capitalized. During 2021, there was one donation of property to the Land Trust totaling 273 acres. The Land Trust currently has 27 separate parcels of land and / or easements in its inventory of property under management consisting of approximately 7,824 acres. Through the use of consultants, attorneys and other experts, the Land Trust inventories, inspects, insures, manages and protects these properties in fulfillment of its mission to preserve and protect valuable natural areas and agricultural lands in Louisiana for current and future Louisiana residents.

# 4. Fair Value Measurements

The following table reflects assets and liabilities that are measured and carried at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2021:

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	_	Assets Level 1)	Inputs Level 2)	In	puts vel 3)	Carrying Value
Financial Assets:						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	187,125	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 187,125
Restricted Assets:						
Cash & Cash Equivalents		7,177	-		-	7,177
Investments Securities		1,041,646	-		-	1,041,646

#### 5. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

The Land Trust's net assets with donor restrictions at December 31 consisted of the following:

	2	2021	 2020
Permanent Easement Defense Funds	\$	199,410	\$ 199,410
Total	\$	199,410	\$ 199,410

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

## 6. Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by satisfaction of the restricted purposes during the years ended December 31, as follows:

	20	021	2	020
Permanent Easement Defense Funds	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$	_	\$	-

# 7. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following reflects the Land Trust's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date. Amounts available include donor restricted amounts that are available for general expenditure in the following year.

	 2021	 2020
Financial Assets, at Year-End:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 187,125	\$ 312,240
Accounts Receivable, Net	 2,494	 625
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs for		
General Expenses Within One Year	\$ 189,619	\$ 312,865

#### 8. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 23, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No other subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

**Other Supplemental Information** 

#### Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$
Benefits - Insurance	
Benefits - Retirement	
Deferred Compensation	
Benefits - Other - Supplemental Pay	
Car Allowance	
Vehicle Provided by Government	
Vehicle Rental	
Cell Phone	
Dues	
Per Diem	
Reimbursements	
Travel	
Registration Fees	
Conference Travel	
Housing	
Unvouchered Expenses	
Special Meals	
Other	
	\$

# Agency Head: Cynthia R. Brown, Executive Director

**Note:** The Executive Director was not paid any compensation, benefits, or reimbursements with public funds received by the Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc.

See independent accountant's review report.

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## Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Directors of Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Land Trust for Louisiana, Inc.'s (the "Land Trust") compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Land Trust's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Land Trust has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the A Land Trust's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the year ended [date]. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. The report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Federal, State, and Local Awards

1. Obtain the list of federal, state, and local government grant award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year, from the Land Trust's management.

A total of \$54,832 was received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 2 grants. One grant is for "Nutrient Reduction – Dairy Farms" and is for \$900,000 over a several year period. During 2021, \$49,950 was received on this grant. The other grant was for tree spraying and was for \$4,883, all of which was received during 2021.

2. For each federal, state, and local grant award, randomly select six disbursements from each grant administered during the fiscal year, provided that no more than 30 disbursements are selected.

A total of two disbursements were made from the grant award during 2021. Both disbursements were selected for testing.

3. Obtain documentation for the disbursements selected in Procedure 2. Compare the selected disbursements to supporting documentation, and report whether the disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the selected disbursements agreed to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

4. Report whether the selected disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Each of the selected disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

5. Report whether the selected disbursements were approved in accordance with the Land Trust's policies and procedures.

The Land Trust's policies and procedures state that the executive director must approve all disbursements, with subsequent approval by the full board. Documentation supporting each of the selected disbursements included the signature of the executive director. In addition, approval by the full board for each of the disbursements was traced to the Land Trust's minute book.

- 6. For each selected disbursement made for federal grant awards, obtain the *Compliance Supplement* for the applicable federal program. For each disbursement made for a state or local grant award, or for a federal program not included in the *Compliance Supplement*, obtain the grant agreement. Compare the documentation for each disbursement to the program compliance requirements or the requirements of the grant agreement relating to activities allowed or unallowed, eligibility, and reporting; and report whether the disbursements comply with these requirements.
  - a. Activities Allowed or Unallowed

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for types of services allowed or not allowed and found that all payments complied with the grant agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

b. Eligibility

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for eligibility requirements and found that all payments complied with the grant agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

c. Reporting

We reviewed the previously listed disbursements for reporting requirements and found that all payments complied with the grant agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

7. Obtain the close-out reports, if required, for any program selected in Procedure 2 that was closed out during the fiscal year. Compare the close-out reports, if applicable, with the Land Trust's financial records; and report whether the amounts in the close-out reports agree with the Land Trust's financial records.

There were no grant programs that were closed out during the fiscal year.

#### **Open Meetings**

8. Obtain evidence from management that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law), and report whether there are any exceptions. Note: Please refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 13-0043 and the guidance in the publication "Open Meetings Law" available on the Legislative Auditor's website at https://app.lla.state.la.us/, to determine whether a non-profit agency is subject to the open meetings law.

Per a review of applicable state statutes and Louisiana Attorney General Opinions, the Land Trust is not subject to the open meetings laws.

# <u>Budget</u>

9. For each grant exceeding five thousand dollars, obtain the comprehensive grant budgets that the Land Trust provided to the applicable federal, state, or local grantor agency. Report whether the budgets for federal, state and local grants included the purpose and duration of the grants; and whether budgets for state grants also included specific goals, objectives, and measures of performance.

The Land Trust provided documentation that comprehensive budgets were submitted to the applicable federal grantor agency for the grants exceeding five thousand dollars. These budgets included the purpose and duration of the grant program.

# State Audit Law

10. Report whether the Land Trust provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Land Trust's report was submitted to the Legislative Auditor before the statutory due date of June 30, 2022.

11. Inquire of management and report whether the Land Trust entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the Land Trust was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The Land Trust's management represented that the Land Trust did not enter into any contracts during the fiscal year that were subject to the public bid law.

#### Prior-Year Comments

12. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Our prior report, dated June 18, 2021, did not include any suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and / or comments.

We were engaged by the Land Trust to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Land Trust's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Land Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Land Trust for Louisiana's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

June 23, 2022

Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire

#### LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Quasi-public Agencies)

June 23, 2022 (Date Transmitted)

James Lambert Riggs and Associates, Inc.	(CPA Firm Name)
401 East Thomas Street	(CPA Firm Address)
Hammond, Louisiana 70401	(City, State Zip)

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2021 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

#### Federal, State, and Local Awards

We have detailed for you the amount of federal, state, and local award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year.

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

All transactions relating to federal, state, and local grants have been properly recorded within our accounting records and reported to the appropriate state, federal, and local grantor officials.

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

The reports filed with federal, state, and local agencies are properly supported by books of original entry and supporting documentation.

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

We have complied with all applicable specific requirements of all federal, state, and local programs we administer, to include matters contained in the OMB Compliance Supplement, matters contained in the grant awards, eligibility requirements, activities allowed and unallowed, and reporting and budget requirements.

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

#### **Open Meetings**

Our meetings, as they relate to public funds, have been posted as an open meeting as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law). Note: Please refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 13-0043 and the guidance in the publication "Open Meeting FAQs," available on the Legislative Auditor's website to determine whether a non-profit agency is subject to the open meetings law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **Prior-Year Comments**

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

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

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

#### General

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

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

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

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

#### Budget

Reporting

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For each federal, state, and local grant we have filed with the appropriate grantor agency a comprehensive budget for those grants that included the purpose and duration, and for state grants included specific goals and objectives and measures of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

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

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

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

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

President

23/2022

Office Administrator