

Beauregard Parish Communications District  
Beauregard Parish Police Jury  
State of Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements  
With Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Beauregard Parish Communications District  
Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Beauregard Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beauregard Parish Communications District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Beauregard Parish Communications District, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Beauregard Parish Communications District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Beauregard Parish Communications District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of the district's pension contribution on pages 24 through 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management’s discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Beauregard Parish Communications District’s basic financial statements. The accompanying 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 basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2023, on our consideration of the Beauregard Parish Communications District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beauregard Parish Communications District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Beauregard Parish Communications District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



DeRidder, Louisiana  
June 23, 2023

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2022

ASSETS	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,479,534
Receivables:	
Accounts	85,011
Capital assets, net	527,108
Net pension asset	147,413
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,239,066</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	\$ 67,723
Prepaid insurance	5,454
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 73,177</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 2,312,243</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 3,240
Payroll benefits payable	4,273
Retirement payable	8,803
Salaries payable	10,847
Long-term obligations:	
Due in more than one year	38,509
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 65,672</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	<u>\$ 139,663</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 205,335</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 527,108
Unrestricted	1,579,800
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,106,908</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u><u>\$ 2,312,243</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Program Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:			
General government	\$ 528,911	\$ 679,171	\$ 150,260
General revenues:			
Investment earnings			\$ 1,994
Nonemployer pension revenue			2,589
Miscellaneous			175
Total general revenues			\$ 4,758
Change in net position			\$ 155,018
Net position at beginning of year			1,951,890
Net position at end of year			\$ 2,106,908

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Sheet  
 Governmental Funds  
 December 31, 2022

	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,479,534
Receivables:	
Accounts	85,011
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,564,545</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Prepaid insurance	<u>\$ 5,454</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 1,569,999</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 3,240
Payroll benefits payable	4,273
Retirement payable	8,803
Salaries payable	10,847
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 27,163</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Fund Balances:	
Committed	\$ 100,000
Nonspendable	
Not in spendable form	5,454
Unassigned	1,437,382
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 1,542,836</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 1,569,999</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2022

Total fund balance - total governmental funds		\$ 1,542,836
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheets.		527,108
Pension-related changes in net pension liability that are only reported in the Statement of Net Position as deferred outflows		67,723
Pension-related changes in net pension liability that are only reported in the Statement of Net Position as deferred inflows		(139,663)
Net pension liability and compensated absences payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Due within one year	\$ -	
Due in more than one year	<u>108,904</u>	<u>108,904</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 2,106,908</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Charges for services:	
E911 service charges	\$ 664,771
Dispatch cost share	14,400
Investment income	1,994
Miscellaneous	<u>175</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 681,340</u>
Expenditures	
Personal services and related benefits	\$ 381,277
Supplies and materials	9,381
Operating services	72,705
Contracted services	84,222
Capital outlay	<u>22,850</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 570,435</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ 110,905
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,431,931</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,542,836</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental  
Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 110,905
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.	22,850
Compensated absences reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	4,004
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government- wide statement of activities and changes in net position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(52,389)
Pension expense is based on employer contributions in the governmental funds, but is an actuarially calculated expense on the Statement of Activities.	<u>69,648</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 155,018</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Beauregard Parish Communications District

Notes to the Financial Statements  
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

**INTRODUCTION**

The Beauregard Parish Communications District was created by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana in accordance with the authority of Title 33, Chapter 31, Section 9101-9106 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The District provides an enhanced emergency 911 service as authorized pursuant to the applicable provisions of Title 33, Chapter 31 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. A board of seven commissioners appointed by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, governs the District and are not compensated for their services. Two employees handle the administrative and clerical duties of the District and six other employees are dispatchers. The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Government Units*.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Beauregard Parish Communications District is considered a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, whether blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Beauregard Parish Communications District. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the funds financial statements.

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Beauregard Parish Communications District reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources, except for those in another fund.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the entity's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

The District has not established a policy for use of its unrestricted fund balance, therefore it considers committed fund balances to be used first, then assigned fund balances to be used next and finally the unassigned fund balance will be used.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, time deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the District to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities. The District is exposed to custodial credit risk (bank balances not covered by depository insurance) but has no policy addressing this risk.

**D. Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

According to GASB 34 Beauregard Parish Communications District was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in its financial statements, therefore, these assets have not been reported in the financial statements.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Improvements	20-40 years
Buildings	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Vehicles	5-20 years
Machinery and equipment	5-20 years

**F. Compensated Absences**

The Beauregard Parish Communications District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave.

**Sick Leave**

- A. Eligibility for Sick Leave: Permanent, annual, full-time status employees shall earn sick leave. Temporary, part-time and emergency employees shall not earn sick leave.
- B. Earning Sick Leave: Each employee in the Beauregard Parish Communications District will be allotted four hours of sick leave per pay period worked. This amounts to thirteen days per calendar year, with all employees receiving equal time no matter the length of employment. Sick leave may be accumulated and accrued, not to exceed sixty days. Accumulated time, not to exceed sixty days, will carry forward until retirement. At that time, the retiree will have the option to choose to let sick leave accumulated go toward added time to retirement, or be paid sick leave as a lump sum.
- C. Upon retirement or termination by reduction in force by the Beauregard Parish Communications District, an employee will receive full pay for accumulated sick leave not to exceed the sixty-day limit. No pay will ever be received for sick leave if an employee quits or is terminated by process of termination for reason.

**Annual Leave (Vacation Time)**

- A. Annual leave may be earned by permanent, salaried, full-time employees of the Beauregard Parish Communications District. Personnel annual leave may be used as deemed necessary for business, vacations, etc. All leave must be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor before time is taken.
- B. An employee will be allowed to let his/her leave time build up to a maximum of twenty days. This time can be carried over to the new year. Upon termination or retirement, an employee will be paid a lump sum for all annual accrued time accumulated, not to exceed twenty days or one hundred sixty hours.

**G. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, statement of net position. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**H. Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

**I. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the District, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

**J. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**K. Fund Balances**

Committed	Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (for example, legislation, resolution, ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts. The Beauregard Parish Communications District has committed \$100,000 to be used as an emergency fund if needed.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.
Nonspendable	The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts.

**L. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employee's Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS's fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments and statutory requirements. Benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing PERS. Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, regardless of when payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value on a trade date basis. The fiduciary net position is reflected in the measurement of the Communications District's proportionate share of the plans net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

**M. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

The Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the applicable period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*BUDGET INFORMATION* The District uses the following budget practices:

1. The director prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the Board of Commissioners no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. The budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
3. Budgetary amendments involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year
5. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or amended from time to time by the Board of Commissioners. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

**3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2022, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,479,534 as follows:

Time deposits	\$ 747,499
NOW accounts	731,935
Petty cash	100
Total	<u>\$ 1,479,534</u>

The cash and cash equivalents of the Beauregard Parish Communications District are subject to the following risk:

*Custodial Credit Risk:* Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, the deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. 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. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the District's name.

At December 31, 2022, the District has \$1,482,605 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$1,232,605 of pledged securities held by an unaffiliated bank of the pledgor bank. These pledged securities are deemed by law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the District and are therefore properly collateralized.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

**4. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$85,011 at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

Class of receivable	General Fund
Accounts	\$ 85,011

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 573,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 573,554
Improvements	49,558	-	-	49,558
Machinery and equipment	766,810	22,850	-	789,660
Furniture and fixtures	48,716	-	-	48,716
Vehicles	26,805	-	-	26,805
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$ 1,465,443	\$ 22,850	\$ -	\$ 1,488,293
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	\$ 241,288	\$ 14,445	\$ -	\$ 255,733
Improvements	29,027	2,292	-	31,319
Machinery and equipment	567,283	34,077	-	601,360
Furniture and fixtures	44,393	1,575	-	45,968
Vehicles	26,805	-	-	26,805
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 908,796	\$ 52,389	\$ -	\$ 961,185
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 556,647	\$ (29,539)	\$ -	\$ 527,108

Depreciation expense of \$52,389 for the year ended December 31, 2022, was charged to the following governmental functions:

General government	\$ 52,389
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**6. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES, AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The payables of \$27,163 at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

	General Fund
Payroll benefits	\$ 4,273
Retirement	8,803
Accounts	3,240
Salaries	10,847
Total	\$ 27,163

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7. **PENSION PLAN**

*Plan Description.* Substantially all employees of the Beauregard Parish Communications District are members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the District are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish 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% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. However, for those employees who were members of the supplemental plan only before January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to 1% of final average salary plus \$24 for each year of supplemental plan-only service earned before January 1, 1980. 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 Parochial Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4619, or by calling (225) 928-1361.

*Funding Policy.* Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.50% 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. The 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 District are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, 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 District's contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ending December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020 were \$26,046, \$25,721, and \$27,418 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At December 31, 2022, the District reported a liability (asset) of \$(147,413) for its proportionate share of net pension liability (asset). The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of December 31, 2021 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating districts, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2022 the District's proportion was .031295%, which was a decrease of .002216% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the District recognized pension expense (benefit) of (\$24,937) plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$9,644. At December 31, 2022, the District recognized deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,906	\$ 10,684
Changes of assumptions	7,688	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	127,510
Changes in proportion and the difference between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	19,271	1,459
Difference between employer and proportionate share of contribution	5,812	10
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	26,046	-
Total	\$ 67,723	\$ 139,663

The \$26,046 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability or an increase of the net pension asset in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:		
2023	\$	(14,800)
2024		(41,762)
2025		(27,758)
2026		(13,666)
Total	\$	(97,986)

*Actuarial Methods and Assumptions*

The net pension liability (asset) was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

The components of the net pension liability (asset) of the District as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Plan A
Total Pension Liability	\$ 1,409,838
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(1,557,251)
Total Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ (147,413)

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Plan A – Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.40% Net of investment expense, including inflation
Estimated Remaining Service Lives	4 years

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Projected Salary Increases	Plan A – 4.75%
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the system and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.
Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.
Inflation Rate	2.30%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems’ Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	33.00%	0.85%
Equity	51.00%	3.23%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.71%
Real assets	2.00%	0.11%
Totals	100.00%	4.90%
Inflation		2.10%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.00%

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to

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the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. In addition, morality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. For Disabled annuitants morality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale.

*Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate*

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the participating District as of December 31, 2021 calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.40%, or one percentage point higher 7.40% than the current rate:

	Changes in Discount Rate:		
	1.00% Decrease 5.40%	Current Discount Rate 6.40%	1.00% Increase 7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 26,281	\$ (147,413)	\$ (292,914)

*Payables to the Pension Plan*

These financial statements include a payable to the pension plan of \$8,803, which is the legally required contribution due at December 31, 2022. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

**8. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRELESS E911 SERVICE**

In accordance with LRS (R.S.) 33:9101 through 9131 the E911 District reports the following required information:

- Total emergency telephone service charges collected for the year were \$679,171.
- There were no expenditures made for implementation of the wireless E911 system for the year.
- Status of the implementation of the wireless E911 system – Phase I and II has been completed as of December 31, 2022.

**9. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended December 31, 2022:

	Compensated Absences	Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Total
Long-term obligations at beginning of year	\$ 42,513	\$ (58,759)	\$ (16,246)
Additions	21,738	-	21,738
Reductions	-	(88,654)	(88,654)
Compensated absences used	(25,742)	-	(25,742)
Long-term obligations at end of year	\$ 38,509	\$ (147,413)	\$ (108,904)

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The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of December 31, 2022:

	Compensated Absences	Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Total
Current portion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term portion	38,509	(147,413)	(108,904)
Total	<u>\$ 38,509</u>	<u>\$ (147,413)</u>	<u>\$ (108,904)</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

General Fund  
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Budget and Actual  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount Budgetary Basis	Budget to Actual differences over (under)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for services:				
E911 service charges	\$ 657,000	\$ 664,770	\$ 664,771	\$ 1
Dispatch cost share	18,000	14,400	14,400	-
Investment income	8,250	1,991	1,994	3
Miscellaneous	125	175	175	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 683,375</b>	<b>\$ 681,336</b>	<b>\$ 681,340</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal services and related benefits	\$ 384,850	\$ 381,287	\$ 381,277	\$ 10
Supplies and materials	10,660	9,380	9,381	(1)
Operating services	49,200	73,490	72,705	785
Contracted services	89,000	84,220	84,222	(2)
Capital outlay	150,000	22,850	22,850	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 683,710</b>	<b>\$ 571,227</b>	<b>\$ 570,435</b>	<b>\$ 792</b>
Net change in fund balance	(335)	110,109	110,905	796
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,455,097	1,431,931	1,431,931	-
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,454,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,040</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,836</u>	<u>\$ 796</u>

Schedule of the District's Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	.029877%	.029261%	.024696%	.022354%	0.25148%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 8,169	\$ 77,023	\$ 50,862	\$ 16,592	\$ 111,616
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 167,772	\$ 146,459	\$ 137,594	\$ 154,601	\$ 171,226
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	4.87%	52.59%	36.96%	10.73%	65.19%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.15%	92.23%	94.15%	101.98%	88.86%

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This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

Schedule of the District's Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	.027004%	.033511%	.031295%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,271	\$ (58,759)	\$ (147,413)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 223,817	\$ 209,967	\$ 226,486
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	0.5679%	(27.98)%	65.09%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.88%	104.00%	110.46%

(Concluded)

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Schedule of the District's Pension Contribution  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 24,327	\$ 19,040	\$ 17,199	\$ 17,779	\$ 19,691
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>24,327</u>	<u>19,040</u>	<u>17,199</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>19,691</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 167,772	\$ 146,459	\$ 137,594	\$ 154,601	\$ 171,226
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.50%	13.00%	12.50%	11.50%	11.50%

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Schedule of the District's Pension Contribution  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 27,418	\$ 25,721	\$ 26,046
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>27,418</u>	<u>25,721</u>	<u>26,046</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 223,817	\$ 209,967	\$ 226,486
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.25%	12.25%	11.50%

(Concluded)

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and  
Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Agency Head Name - Melissa Beatty

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 42,789
Benefits - insurance	9,121
Benefits - retirement	4,921
Deferred compensation	-
Benefits - other	-
Car allowance	1,630
Vehicle provided by government	Yes
Cell phone	546
Dues	-
Vehicle rental	-
Per diem	420
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Housing	514
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
Other	-

## OTHER REPORTS

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

There were no prior year audit findings as of December 31, 2021.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

There were no current year audit findings as of December 31, 2022.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT  
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Beauregard Parish Communications District  
Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Beauregard Parish Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Beauregard Parish Communications District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2023.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Beauregard Parish Communications District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Beauregard Parish Communications District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Beauregard Parish Communications District's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

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**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Windham, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

DeRidder, Louisiana  
June 23, 2023

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Beauregard Parish Communications District  
Parish of Beauregard  
State of Louisiana

To the Governing Board of Beauregard Parish Communications District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Beauregard Parish Communications District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Beauregard Parish Communications District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

- g) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*Written policies and procedures obtained and address the functions listed.*

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

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- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.  
*Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*  
*Minutes do not reference monthly budget to actual comparisons.*
  - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.  
*Not applicable.*
  - d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.  
*Not applicable.*

***Bank Reconciliations***

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3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.  
*No exceptions noted.*

***Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)***

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4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).  
*Only one deposit site.*
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites). obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location. and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.  
*No cash collected by the District.*
6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.  
*No bond for theft, no cash collected.*
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source*

*document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:*

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.  
*Receipts are not sequentially pre-numbered.*
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).  
*No exceptions noted.*
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.  
*No exceptions noted.*

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

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under procedure #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
  - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

*[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]*

*No exceptions noted.*

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
  - a) Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

- b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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- 12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:
  - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and:
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### ***Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)***

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- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
  - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1h; and
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Contracts***

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16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
  - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- No exceptions noted.*
18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions noted.*

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's

policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or officials' cumulative leave records. agree the pay rates to the employee's or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee's or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

*No exceptions noted.*

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Ethics***

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21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17 obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
- b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official was notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

*Agency has an appointed ethics designee.*

### ***Debt Service – Not Applicable***

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23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

### ***Fraud Notice***

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25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

*Not applicable.*

26. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*No exceptions noted.*

### ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*No exceptions noted.*

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*Not applicable.*

#### ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

*No exceptions noted.*

30. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

*No exceptions noted.*

31. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

*No exceptions noted.*

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

*Fifteen completed training; 100%.*

- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*None reviewed.*

- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*None.*

- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

*None.*

- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*Not applicable.*

Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Beauregard Parish Communications District  
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State of Louisiana

We were engaged by the Beauregard Parish Communications District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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