

**LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 1**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

This discussion and analysis of the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1's financial performance provides a narrative overview of the financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- The net position decreased due to the current year's operations. The net position of our governmental activities decreased by \$385,134. At the end of the year assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,589,055 (net position).
- During the year, expenses for public works were \$725,108. General revenues of \$339,974 were recorded to end the year with expenses exceeding revenue by \$385,134. This compares to last year when net position increased by \$117,317.
- Fund balances of the governmental funds also decreased \$385,134 to \$2,589,055 all considered unassigned and available to spend.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-Wide Financial Statements) provide information about the governmental activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds (Fund Financial Statements) tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information, Other Information and the Reports Required According to *Government Auditing Standards* is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the finances, in a manner like a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all the assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

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The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, governmental activities, from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges, business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State laws. The Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 utilizes the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. All the basic services for general government and public works are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE (GWFS)

Net position decreased from \$3,091,506 to \$2,974,189. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements—absorbed the decrease this year. The balance in net position represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations.

Our analysis below focuses on the net position and changes in net position of the governmental-type activities.

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Condensed Statement of Net Position	2023	2022	Dollar Change
Current and Other Assets	\$2,589,055	\$3,305,663	(\$716,608)
Current Liabilities	-	13,723	13,723
Deferred Inflows	-	317,751	317,751
Total Net Position - unrestricted	\$2,589,055	\$2,974,189	(\$385,134)
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Condensed Statement of Activities	2023	2022	Dollar Change
Total program expenses	(\$725,108)	(\$447,331)	(\$277,777)
Total program revenues	-	-	-
Net program income	(725,108)	(447,331)	(277,777)
General revenues	339,974	330,014	9,960
Change in Net Position	(385,134)	(117,317)	(267,817)
Net Position:			
Beginning of the year	2,974,189	3,091,506	(117,317)
End of the year	\$ 2,589,055	\$ 2,974,189	\$ (385,134)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (FFS)

The Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at individual funds helps you consider whether the District is being accountable for the resources provided to it but may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,589,055. This reflects a decrease of \$385,134 from the prior year.

Total revenues for the general fund were \$330,014 or an increase of 3% from the prior year in property tax due to the reassessment of properties and miscellaneous revenue. Current expenditures for public works activities were \$725,108 for maintenance of levee, ditches, and roads and vehicle and machinery purchases.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The original budget for the General Fund was not amended during the year. Total revenue variance for District was favorable. The total expenditure variance was unfavorable by 8%. Expenditure variances were over budget for repairs and maintenance.

There was no budget adopted for 2024. At the March 2023 Board meeting the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 Board was advised that the Lafourche Parish Council had introduced a proposition that could eliminate the Board and consolidate the smaller Drainage District Boards of the Parish into one.

On April 25, 2023 an Ordinance was proposed by the governing authority (the Lafourche Parish Council) directing the discontinuance of the levy and collection of a .90 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche beginning in tax year 2023 in connection with an election held in the District on March 25, 2023.

CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances and to show accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

Board of Directors of the
Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of
Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1
Galliano, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 (the District), a component unit of Lafourche Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2023, 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 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's 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 statement that are free of 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 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 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, 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 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 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 and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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.



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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 sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Compensation of Payments to the Agency Heads but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 8, 2023, on our consideration of the 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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 the internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Stagni & Company

April 17, 2024
Thibodaux, Louisiana



STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,579,223
Investments	1,009,832
Property taxes receivable	-
Due from tax collector	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,589,055</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	<u>-</u>
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Deferred Inflows of Resources-

Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	<u>-</u>
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Net Position-

Unrestricted	<u>2,589,055</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 2,589,055</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Program Revenue</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Net Revenue (Expense)</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General government activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public works activities	725,108	-	-	(725,108)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 725,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(725,108)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Property taxes				295,479
State revenue sharing				-
Interest earned				44,495
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<u>339,974</u>
Change in Net Position				(385,134)
NET POSITION:				
Beginning of year				<u>2,974,189</u>
End of year				<u><u>\$ 2,589,055</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund - General Fund

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,579,223
Investments	1,009,832
Property taxes receivable	-
Due from tax collector	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,589,055</u></u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities -

Accounts payable	<u>\$ -</u>
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Deferred Inflows of Resources -

Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	<u>-</u>
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Fund balance -

Unassigned	<u>2,589,055</u>
<i>Total fund balance</i>	<u><u>\$ 2,589,055</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$ 295,479
Intergovernmental:	
State of LA - Revenue Sharing	-
Interest	44,495
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>339,974</u>

EXPENDITURES

General Government - current	-
Public Works - current:	
General administrative	406
Professional services	57,028
Levees, Ditches & Road Maintenance	667,674
Total public works	<u>725,108</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>725,108</u>

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (385,134)

FUND BALANCES:

Beginning of year	2,974,189
End of year	<u><u>\$2,589,055</u></u>

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:**

Net change in fund balances per above	<u><u>\$ (385,134)</u></u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

The Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 (the District) is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Lafourche Parish Council. The District was created by LA Revised Statute 18:541; Parish Ordinance 985 Created the Board/Governing Authority and Ordinance 1929 for Membership. The Board is composed of 7 members from portions of Wards 4, 9, and 10. The Board serves at the pleasure of the Council for 5 year terms.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority, the Lafourche Parish Government (the Parish) is the financial reporting entity for Lafourche Parish. Because the Parish could by definition in statute be financially burdened by the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Parish. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Lafourche Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or any other governmental reporting entity.

The Parish Council appoints the voting majority of the Board of Commissioners of the District. The accompanying financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Lafourche Parish Government for the year ending December 31, 2023.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The various funds in the financial statements in this report are as follows:

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Governmental-wide Financial Statements (GWFS):

GWFS include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the District. The GWFS presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Governmental funds account for all of the general government and public works activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid.

The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations. The governmental fund of the District is the General Fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources and expenditures except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is *always* a major fund.

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements display information as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Section N50.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in fund financial statements, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of operations.

The amounts reflected in the fund financial statements, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

Revenues – Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded as revenue in the period for which levied, thus the 2022 property taxes which were levied to finance the 2023 budget are recognized as revenue in 2023. Charges for services are recorded when earned since they are measurable and available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable or available until actually received.

Expenditures – The major expenditures include public works professional services, repairs and maintenance and audit and accounting fees are recorded when payable or when the fees are incurred.

D. 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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Operating Budgets

As required by Louisiana Revised Statutes, The Board of Commissioners adopted a budget for the General Fund. As allowed by state law, the Board does not obtain public participation in the budget process. The Board must approve any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another, or increases in expenditures. All budgeted amounts that are not expended or obligated through contracts lapse at year-end. The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

F. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

F. Cash and Investments (continued)

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955. Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations. Investments consist of certificates of deposit which are stated at cost and approximate market value.

G. Receivables

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

H. Compensated Absences

The District has no full-time employees. There is no accumulated compensated absences at year-end.

I. Fund Equity

For government-wide financial statements net assets are classified and displayed in three components:

- Net invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any.
- Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets.”

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

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

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

- Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form.
- Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.
- Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the entity's board through approval of resolutions.
- Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the entity's board.
- Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

NOTE 2 DEPOSITS

A summary of deposits are listed as follows:

	Bank Balance	Reported Amount
Checking Accounts	\$1,579,223	\$1,579,223
Certificates of Deposits	1,009,832	1,009,832
Total Deposits	\$2,589,055	\$2,589,055

State law requires that deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision. Under the provision of GASB, pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 DEPOSITS (continued)

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a written policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end \$1,135,281 of the bank balance of deposits was exposed to custodial credit risk. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposits insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market values of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance (FDIC) must equal 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. The District has securities pledged adequately to cover these deposits.

Even though the pledged securities are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement 40, 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 depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law.

A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The Lafourche Parish Assessor informed the District that as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida they would be conducting a revaluation as per RS 47:1978.1. The revaluation was completed in February 2022. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes.

The current tax rate for the 2022 levy (2023 revenue) was \$.900 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 for constructing, maintaining drainage projects within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which 2023 property taxes were based was \$353,043,282.

LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 4 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

All capital assets are purchased for and maintained by Lafourche Parish Government; accordingly, these assets are recorded in the records of the Parish.

NOTE 5 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the District's insurance coverage.

NOTE 6 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No compensation was paid to Board Members for the year.

NOTE 7 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

At the March 2023 Board meeting the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 Board was advised that the Lafourche Parish Council had introduced a proposition that could eliminate the Board and consolidate the smaller Drainage District Boards of the Parish into one.

On April 25, 2023 an Ordinance was proposed by the governing authority (the Lafourche Parish Council) directing the discontinuance of the levy and collection of a .90 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche beginning in tax year 2023 in connection with an election held in the District on March 25, 2023.

LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgets		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final (not amended)		
REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$285,845	\$285,845	\$295,479	\$ 9,634
State Revenue Sharing	12,134	12,134	-	(12,134)
Interest	3,000	3,000	44,495	41,495
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>300,979</u>	<u>300,979</u>	<u>339,974</u>	<u>38,995</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government - current	-	-	-	-
Public Works - current:				
Office operations	5,000	5,000	406	4,594
Professional services	70,100	70,100	57,028	13,072
Repairs & maintenance	200,000	200,000	667,674	(467,674)
Total public works	<u>275,100</u>	<u>275,100</u>	<u>725,108</u>	<u>(450,008)</u>
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>275,100</u>	<u>275,100</u>	<u>725,108</u>	<u>(450,008)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	25,879	25,879	(385,134)	489,003
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	2,982,938	2,982,938	2,974,189	(8,749)
End of year	<u>\$ 3,008,817</u>	<u>\$ 3,008,817</u>	<u>\$ 2,589,055</u>	<u>\$ 480,254</u>

LAFOURCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
 Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: BRIAN MARTS-BOARD PRESIDENT

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$0
Supplemental Pay	\$0
Benefits-insurance	\$0
Benefits-retirement	\$0
Deferred compensation (contributions made by the agency)	\$0
Benefits-other (describe)	\$0
Car allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2 adjusted for various fiscal years)	\$0
Cell phone	\$0
Dues	\$0
Vehicle rental	\$0
Per diem	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0
Travel	\$0
Registration fees	\$0
Conference travel	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses (example: travel advances, etc.)	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	\$0

This form is used to satisfy the supplemental reporting requirement of R.S. 24:513(A)(3)



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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*

To the Commissioners of
Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1
Larose, 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 each major fund of the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1, a component unit of Lafourche Parish Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated April 17, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 the internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 entity'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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Stagni & Company

April 17, 2024
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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