

**LAWTELL WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. ONE
OF ST. LANDRY PARISH**
Lawtell, Louisiana

Financial Report

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Directors
Lawtell Waterworks District
No. One of St. Landry Parish
Lawtell, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements of the business-type activities of Lawtell Waterworks District No. One of St. Landry Parish (District), a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

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

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a required 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
October 11, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAWTELL WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. ONE
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Lawtell, Louisiana

Comparative Statements of Net Position
June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 569,316	\$ 628,337
Certificate of deposit	393,384	390,541
Accounts receivable (net)	51,213	46,290
Prepaid expenses	13,620	11,772
	1,027,533	1,076,940
Restricted assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	48,186	47,285
Capital assets, net	250,662	290,414
Total assets	\$ 1,326,381	\$ 1,414,639
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (payable from current assets):		
Accounts payable	\$ 23,750	\$ 19,870
Payroll taxes payable	4,358	3,392
Sales taxes payable	138	140
Total current liabilities	28,246	23,402
Current liabilities (payable from restricted asset):		
Meter deposits	48,186	47,285
Total liabilities	76,432	70,687
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	250,662	290,414
Unrestricted	999,287	1,053,538
Total net position	1,249,949	1,343,952
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 1,326,381	\$ 1,414,639

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

LAWTELL WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. ONE
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Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Operating revenues:		
Water sales	\$ 431,452	\$ 418,342
Connection charges	14,320	17,247
Other income	23,883	21,437
Total operating revenues	469,655	457,026
Operating expenses:		
Advertising and promotion	1,031	-
Auto and truck	4,169	3,460
Bad debts	960	151
Bank charges	18	45
Burglar alarm	528	-
Chemicals	63,743	53,847
Depreciation	39,752	39,668
Dues and subscriptions	475	375
Insurance	43,742	40,170
Professional fees	11,935	12,269
Licenses and permits	1,535	-
Mileage	652	288
Miscellaneous expense	897	1,204
Office expense	13,200	13,762
Rental equipment	32	600
Repairs and maintenance	165,981	90,540
Safe water drinking program	14,898	13,888
Salaries	119,558	111,258
Supplies	38,345	12,139
Taxes - payroll	9,229	8,662
Telephone	4,049	4,125
Utilities	32,211	28,396
Utility line clearance	678	762
Total operating expenses	567,618	435,609
Operating income (loss)	(97,963)	21,417
Nonoperating income (expenses):		
Interest income	3,960	3,982
Net income (loss)	(94,003)	25,399
Net position, beginning of year	1,343,952	1,318,553
Net position, end of year	\$ 1,249,949	\$ 1,343,952

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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Comparative Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 440,849	\$ 431,451
Payments to suppliers	(405,312)	(276,227)
Payments to employees	(119,558)	(111,258)
Other receipts	<u>23,883</u>	<u>21,437</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(60,138)</u>	<u>65,403</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Increase in customer meter deposits	901	1,120
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,315)</u>
Net cash flows provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>901</u>	<u>(4,195)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Maturities of certificate of deposit with maturity in excess of ninety days	390,541	386,851
Purchase of certificate of deposit with maturity in excess of ninety days	(393,384)	(390,541)
Interest earned	<u>3,960</u>	<u>3,982</u>
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	<u>1,117</u>	<u>292</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(58,120)	61,500
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>675,622</u>	<u>614,122</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 617,502</u>	<u>\$ 675,622</u>

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Comparative Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (97,963)	\$ 21,417
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	39,752	39,668
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(4,923)	(4,138)
Prepaid insurance	(1,848)	(652)
Accounts payable	3,880	7,337
Payroll taxes payable	966	1,752
Sales tax payable	(2)	19
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (60,138)	\$ 65,403
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 628,337	\$ 567,957
Cash - restricted	47,285	46,165
Total cash and cash equivalents	675,622	614,122
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		
Cash - unrestricted	569,316	628,337
Cash - restricted	48,186	47,285
Total cash and cash equivalents	617,502	675,622
Net increase (decrease)	\$ (58,120)	\$ 61,500

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Lawtell Waterworks District No. One of St. Landry Parish (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting and reporting policies and practices used by the District are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Lawtell Waterworks District No. One of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana was created by the St. Landry Parish Council (Council) on June 8, 1965 and is a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government. As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Landry Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Landry Parish.

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

Section 2100 of the 2011 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes criteria for determining which entities should be considered a component unit and, as such, part of the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
2. Whether the primary government's governing authority appoints a majority of board members of the potential component unit and is able to impose its will on the potential component unit or the potential component unit is fiscally dependent on the primary government.

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3. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the primary government and the potential component unit.
4. The nature and significance of the relationship between the potential component unit with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading.

Because the Parish Government appoints a voting majority of the District's governing body and has the ability to impose its will on the District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government, the financial reporting entity. This report is comprised of a proprietary fund that is administered by the District's Board of Directors and controlled by the St. Landry Parish Government. The accompanying financial statements presents information only on the proprietary fund maintained by the District and does not present information on the St. Landry Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Basic Financial Statements

The statement of net position, and related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, and cash flows display information about the reporting government as a whole. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Lawtell Waterworks District No. One of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana does not have governmental activities. Its operation is a business-type activity.

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

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The District maintains only one fund and it is described below:

Proprietary Fund –

Enterprise Fund

The Enterprise fund is used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

D. Basis of Accounting

The District maintains its books and records on the full accrual basis of accounting and on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. The District applies all applicable professional standards in accounting and reporting for its proprietary operations.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits is comprised of checking accounts (interest-bearing and non interest-bearing) and certificates of deposit, which are stated at cost, which approximates market. For the purposes of reporting cash flows, all highly liquid investments with maturity at purchase date of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

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Receivables

Receivables consist mainly of customer's utility service receivables. The District has a policy of recognizing uncollectible amounts of water billings at the time information becomes available, indicating the uncollectibility of the receivable. Once a customer is listed as inactive, the customer no longer receives a bill, is then considered to be uncollectible and an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is established. The allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable was \$649 and \$84 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Unbilled utility service receivable resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month are recorded at year-end. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the unbilled receivables totaled \$6,857 and \$5,716, respectively.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant and equipment. They are reported at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$250 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against its operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	4-7
Building	15-39
Water system and improvements	10-50

Restricted assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the utility meter deposits.

Compensated Absences

Full-time employees of the District earn vacation annually depending on their length of service and is as follows: 1 year – 2 weeks; 5 years – 3 weeks; 10 years – 4 weeks; and 25 years – 5 weeks. There is no formal policy on carrying over leave time not used.

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires an entity to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, entities are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There were no deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment 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.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

The District uses unrestricted position only when restricted net position is fully depleted.

F. Revenues and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District is not required to adopt a budget for its Proprietary Fund under Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1303.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires 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.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,010,884 and \$1,066,163, respectively, as follows:

	2023	2022
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 617,502	\$ 675,622
Time deposits	393,384	390,541
Total cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$1,010,886	\$1,066,163

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security 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 the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the District or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2023, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$1,018,300
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 500,000
Pledged securities	518,300
Bank balances	\$1,018,300

Deposits in the amount of \$518,300 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(3) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable is comprised of uncollected billed and unbilled utility services at June 30, 2023 and 2022 as follows:

	2023	2022
Uncollected billed receivable	\$ 45,005	\$ 40,658
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(649)	(84)
Unbilled receivable	6,857	5,716
Total accounts receivable	\$ 51,213	\$ 46,290

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2023
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,411
Other capital assets:				
Water system	1,229,047	-	-	1,229,047
Buildings and improvements	138,325	-	-	138,325
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	199,233	-	-	199,233
Total	1,572,016	-	-	1,572,016
Less: Accumulated depreciation	1,281,602	39,752	-	1,321,354
Capital assets, net	\$ 290,414	\$ (39,752)	\$ -	\$ 250,662

	Balance 7/1/2021	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2022
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,411
Other capital assets:				
Water system	1,229,047	-	-	1,229,047
Buildings and improvements	138,325	-	-	138,325
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	193,918	5,315	-	199,233
Total	1,566,701	5,315	-	1,572,016
Less: Accumulated depreciation	1,241,934	39,668	-	1,281,602
Capital assets, net	\$ 324,767	\$ (34,353)	\$ -	\$ 290,414

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$39,752 and \$39,668, respectively.

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(5) Compensation of Board Members

Included in salaries is compensation paid to the board members for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 as follows:

Board Members	2023	2022
Armand Declouette	1,080	840
Curly Joe Allen	900	-
Daryl Miller	60	840
Jennifer Cravins	1,080	840
Johnny Timmons	1,080	840
Judy Castille	1,080	780
Total	\$ 5,280	\$ 4,140

(6) Water Rates

The water rate schedule (per month) for commercial and residential customers during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
First 2,000 gallons - - minimum	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00*
All over 2,000 gallons - - per 1,000 gallons	5.25	5.25

*Effective January 1, 2022.

(7) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Johnny Timmons, Board Chairman, for the year ended June 30, 2023 follows:

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 1,080

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of
Lawtell Waterworks District
No. One of St. Landry Parish
Lawtell, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Lawtell Waterworks District No. One of St. Landry Parish's (District) compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The 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 District's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code); R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures made during the year ended June 30, 2023 for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

5. Obtain a list of disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interest of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

The District is not required to adopt a budget for its Proprietary Fund under Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1303.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

Not applicable, see step 6.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

Not applicable, see step 6.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- a. Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation;

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

- b. Report whether the six disbursements are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account;

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

- c. Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures;

Each of the six selected disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

- 10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

The District posted a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda as required by LSA-RS 42:11 (the open meetings law).

Debt

- 11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

- 12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

- 13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's reporting package was submitted within the prescribed timeline.

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

The District was in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Prior Comments and Recommendations

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

The District's prior year finding, 2022-001 Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits, was resolved during the current fiscal year.

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

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

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
October 11, 2023

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

June 30, 2023

Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC
183 S. Beadle Road,
Lafayette, LA 70508

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of **June 30, 2023** and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes No [] N/A []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes No [] N/A []

General

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Babara Moore Secretary 9-13-23 Date

Arnold DeLoatch Treasurer 9-13-2023 Date

Joby Timmon President 9-13-23 Date

LAWTELL WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. ONE
OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
Lawtell, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan

Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Compliance Finding -

There were no findings required to be reported.

B. Internal Control Finding -

There were no findings required to be reported.

Part II. Prior Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Compliance Finding -

2022-001 Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2022

CONDITION: The District had uninsured and uncollateralized bank balances as of the end of their fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: The District should coordinate with the appropriate financial institution to ensure any deposits in excess of federal deposit insurance are properly collateralized.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

B. Internal Control Finding -

There were no findings required to be reported.