

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

REPORT ON AUDIT OF COMPONENT
UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board Members of
Gas Utility District No. 1
of East Baton Rouge Parish
Zachary, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish (the District), (a component unit of the East Baton Rouge Parish Government), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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.

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 opinion. 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish’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 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish’s June 30, 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 18, 2022. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis information on pages 4 through 7 and the information presented in the schedule of changes in the District’s total OPEB liability and related ratios (Schedule 1) page 26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents as Schedules 2 and 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

Schedules 2 and 3 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 information 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 March 6, 2022, on our consideration of the 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 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 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 Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana
March 6, 2023

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

JUNE 30, 2021

Introduction

The Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish (the District) is pleased to present its Annual Financial Statements developed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments* (GASB 34), as amended. The amendments of GASB 34, including the adoption of GASB No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, and applicable standards more fully described in the financial statement footnotes as *Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*.

The District's Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the District's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the District's financial position, (d) identify any significant variations from the District's financial plan, and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Since Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements and the accompanying financial statement footnotes.

Financial Highlights

- At June 30, 2021, total assets were \$8,358,517 and exceeded liabilities in the amount of \$7,811,393 (i.e., net position). Of the total net position, \$5,404,887 was unrestricted with \$2,406,506 net investment in capital assets. Total net position increased by \$642,463.
- For the year ended June 30, 2021, gas sales revenues increased \$425,842 to \$2,656,765 due to an increase in gas usage and sales.
- The District's operating expenses, consisting of those expenses resulting from the District's ongoing operations increased by \$217,029 or 11%. The majority of the increase is related to increase in gas purchases expense of \$158,810 due to the increase in gas usage and gas sales. Various expenses increased and decreased causing a net increase of \$58,219.

Overview of the Annual Financial Report

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A presents an overview of management's examination and analysis of Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish's financial condition and performance.

The financial statements report information on the District using full accrual accounting methods similar to those used in the private business sector. Financial statements include the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position provides information about the nature and amount of the District's resources and obligations at year-end, and provides a basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the District.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, accounts for the revenues and expenses for the fiscal year, and provides information on how net position changed during the year. This statement measures the success of the District's operations in a format that can be used to determine if the District has recovered its costs through user fees and other charges.

The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities, and provides information on the source of cash receipts, what the cash was used for, and the total change in cash for the reporting period.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures essential to an understanding of the financial statements. The notes present information about the District's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events, if any.

Financial Analysis

The purpose of financial analysis is to help determine whether Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish is better off as a result of the current year's activities. In this analysis, data from two of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Net Position, and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, are presented below in condensed format. These statements report the net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, and the change in net position, which provides information for indicating the financial condition of the District.

Condensed Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Dollar Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Assets:				
Current Assets and Other Assets	\$ 5,952,011	\$ 5,861,874	\$ 90,137	2%
Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,406,506</u>	<u>1,884,280</u>	<u>522,226</u>	28%
Total Assets	<u>8,358,517</u>	<u>7,746,154</u>	<u>612,363</u>	8%
Liabilities:				
Current Liabilities	341,884	382,527	(40,643)	(11%)
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>205,240</u>	<u>194,697</u>	<u>10,543</u>	5%
Total Liabilities	<u>547,124</u>	<u>577,224</u>	<u>(30,100)</u>	(5%)
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,406,506	1,884,280	522,226	28%
Unrestricted	<u>5,404,887</u>	<u>5,284,650</u>	<u>120,237</u>	2%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,811,393</u>	<u>\$ 7,168,930</u>	<u>\$ 642,463</u>	9%

Total net position (total assets less total liabilities) increased by \$642,463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

**Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Dollar Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Revenues:				
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,765,023	\$ 2,306,435	\$ 458,588	20%
Nonoperating Revenues	14,096	40,674	(26,578)	(65%)
Total Revenues	<u>2,779,119</u>	<u>2,347,109</u>	<u>432,010</u>	18%
Expenses:				
Depreciation	196,483	216,295	(19,812)	(9%)
Other Operating Expenses	1,940,173	1,703,332	236,841	14%
Total Expenses	<u>2,136,656</u>	<u>1,919,627</u>	<u>217,029</u>	11%
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 642,463</u>	<u>\$ 427,482</u>	<u>\$ 214,981</u>	50%

While the Statement of Net Position shows the change in financial position of net position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position provides answers to the nature and scope of these changes. The above table shows an increase in net position of \$642,463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as does the Condensed Statements of Net Position on the prior page.

The District's total revenues increased by \$432,010 in 2021 due to an increase in gas sales of \$425,842. The District's total expenses increased by \$217,029. The majority of the increase in expense is related to an increase in gas purchases expense of \$158,810 due to the increase in gas usage and gas sales. Various expenses increased and decreased causing a net increase of \$58,219.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish had \$2,406,506 (net of accumulated depreciation) recorded in capital assets. The changes in capital assets are presented in the table below.

Capital Assets
For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Capital Assets				
Land and Construction in Progress	\$ 22,900	\$ 39,175	\$ (16,275)	(42%)
Billing Software	50,830	50,830	-	0%
Buildings and Improvements	1,006,742	769,993	236,749	31%
Furniture and Fixtures	95,367	84,569	10,798	13%
Gas System	3,905,333	3,455,592	449,741	13%
Machinery and Equipment	892,154	854,459	37,695	4%
Vehicles	357,060	357,060	-	
Total Capital Assets	6,330,386	5,611,678	718,708	13%
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,923,880)	(3,727,397)	(196,483)	5%
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,406,506</u>	<u>\$ 1,884,281</u>	<u>\$ 522,225</u>	28%

Capital Assets increased by \$522,226 net of accumulated depreciation, due mainly to additions to the gas system and building improvements during the current year.

Long-Term Debt

The District does not have any debt.

Future Economic Plans

The District continues to grow to match population increases and commercial growth in the District. With this continued growth, the District must develop plans not only to meet the needs of its existing citizens but must continually plan for the future. In this process the District must continually review its financial structure to ensure a continuity of services, while reviewing options for financing capital projects that meet health and environmental standards and encourage planned development.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have questions regarding this report or need additional information, contact Phyllis Sims, Office Manager, 10633 Greenwell Springs Port Hudson Road, Zachary, LA 70791, or (225) 654-4020.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,479,477	\$ 4,423,521
Investments	1,032,141	1,020,395
Receivables:		
Accounts (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts of \$30,963)	37,415	19,083
Unbilled Gas Sales	62,592	78,950
	<u>100,007</u>	<u>98,033</u>
Restricted Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	289,187	270,312
Prepaid Insurance	51,129	49,543
Total Current Assets	<u>5,951,941</u>	<u>5,861,804</u>
Non-Current Assets:		
Capital Assets:		
Land and Construction in Progress	22,900.00	39,175.00
Other Capital Assets, at Cost (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	2,383,606	1,845,105
Total Capital Assets	<u>2,406,506</u>	<u>1,884,280</u>
Deposits	70	70
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>2,406,576</u>	<u>1,884,350</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,358,517</u>	<u>7,746,154</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	46,552	52,250
Other Accrued Payables	566	42,297
Compensated Absences	41,180	35,523
Customer Deposits	253,586	252,457
Total Current Liabilities	<u>341,884</u>	<u>382,527</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Total OPEB Liability	172,665	161,300
Long-Term Compensated Absences	27,552	28,374
Unclaimed Bonds	5,023	5,023
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>205,240</u>	<u>194,697</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>547,124</u>	<u>577,224</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,406,506	1,884,280
Unrestricted	5,404,887	5,284,650
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,811,393</u>	<u>\$ 7,168,930</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	2021	2020
Operating Revenues:		
Gas Sales	\$ 2,656,765	\$ 2,230,923
Service Charges	91,736	74,268
Other	16,522	1,244
Total Operating Revenues	2,765,023	2,306,435
Operating Expenses:		
Gas Purchases	490,568	331,758
Salaries and Wages	685,055	739,809
Employee Benefits	148,274	152,087
Employee Retirement	68,513	70,274
Bad Debts	(4,447)	10,580
Bank Charges	13,930	12,088
Depreciation Expense	196,483	216,295
Drug Testing	2,025	1,705
Dues	9,126	9,461
Employee Training and Seminars	4,093	5,088
Fuel	22,809	19,990
Gas Purchase Fee	21,616	17,723
Insurance	84,256	77,517
Janitorial and Trash	1,680	2,520
Legal and Professional	88,160	31,896
Meter Reading	54,492	44,413
Miscellaneous	1,597	3,798
Office Expense	8,171	7,213
One Call Concept	2,750	2,364
Payroll Taxes	65,745	53,881
Penalties and Interest Expense	30,472	-
Postage	35,245	34,625
Other Post Employment Benefits	11,365	(22,087)
Public Awareness	6,062	7,855
Rental of Equipment	2,564	4,368
Repairs and Maintenance	29,148	26,830
Small Tools	905	1,758
Security	3,297	264
Supplies	9,341	12,391
Telephone	27,137	26,197
Utilities	16,224	16,966
Total Operating Expenses	2,136,656	1,919,627
Operating Income	628,367	386,808
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Interest Income	14,096	21,777
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	-	18,897
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	14,096	40,674
Change in Net Position	642,463	427,482
Net Position - Beginning of Year	7,168,930	6,741,448
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 7,811,393	\$ 7,168,930

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 2,767,496	\$ 2,304,758
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(972,952)	(664,176)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services and Benefits	<u>(1,004,483)</u>	<u>(1,170,053)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	790,061	470,529
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(718,709)	(224,464)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	18,897
Net Receipts from Customer Deposits	<u>1,129</u>	<u>9,137</u>
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	(717,580)	(196,430)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Purchase of Investments	(11,746)	(19,484)
Interest Income Received	<u>14,096</u>	<u>21,777</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,293</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	74,831	276,392
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>4,693,833</u>	<u>4,417,441</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 4,768,664</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,693,833</u></u>
Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Statement of Net Position:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Unrestricted	\$ 4,479,477	\$ 4,423,521
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted	<u>289,187</u>	<u>270,312</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$ 4,768,664</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,693,833</u></u>

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GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	2021	2020
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income	\$ 628,367	\$ 386,808
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	196,483	216,295
Provision for Bad Debt	(4,447)	10,580
OPEB Expense Adjustment	11,365	(22,087)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(13,885)	8,084
(Increase) Decrease in Unbilled Receivable	16,358	(9,761)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Insurance	(1,586)	(1,249)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(5,698)	35,861
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	(41,731)	(168,595)
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	4,835	14,593
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 790,061	\$ 470,529

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021

(1) Organization, Nature of Operations, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies -

A. Organization and Nature of Operations

The Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish (hereinafter referred to as the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and a component unit of the East Baton Rouge Parish Government. The District was created by the East Baton Rouge Parish government on November 8, 1961, under the provision of R.S. 33:4301, and operates under a Board of Commissioners form of government. The commissioners are appointed for a term of five years, except to fill an unexpired term. There are nine commissioners, seven of which are appointed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Council, one by the Mayor of the City of Central and one by the Mayor of the City of Zachary. The District provides natural gas to homes and businesses in a defined area of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The District serves approximately 3,700 customers and has approximately 12 employees.

B. Financial Reporting Entity

The East Baton Rouge Parish government is the financial reporting entity for East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The East Baton Rouge Parish Council appoints a voting majority of the District's governing body and can impose its will on the District. Accordingly, the District has been determined to be a component unit of the East Baton Rouge Parish government.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the activities and the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the East Baton Rouge Parish government., the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity for the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

The District has no entities or organizations that are required to be included in its financial report as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 61.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. These statements establish standards for external financial reporting for all state and local governmental entities which includes a statement of net position (or balance sheet), a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and a statement of cash flows.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2021

The District's financial statements are prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred or economic asset used. The District follows the guidance included in GASB Statement No. 62 - *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*.

All activities of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing authority is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The term measurement focus denotes what is being measured and reported in the District's operating statement. Financial operations of the District are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all of the assets and liabilities, available to the District for the purpose of providing goods and services to the public, are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position includes all charges for services and costs of providing goods and services during the period.

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 of the proprietary funds are user charges for the services provided by the enterprise funds. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand 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 deposit, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state-sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2021

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and the District's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

E. Inventories

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

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current calendar year are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid items consist of prepaid insurance premiums at June 30, 2021.

G. Restricted Assets

Certain resources are set aside to reimburse customers their utility deposits upon discontinuance of service.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets of the District are recorded at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded at acquisition value. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations.

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.

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Billing Software	5
Buildings and Improvements	25
Machinery and Equipment	5 to 12
Furniture and Fixtures	5 to 10
Vehicles	5
Gas Systems	15 to 40

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I. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy related to vacation and sick leave:

The District's policy on vacation allows the carryover of vacation hours if unused at December 31 each year. The number of vacation hours allowed to be carried over is determined by the length of service: one to four years of service can carryover forty hours, five to nine years of service can carryover eighty hours, ten to nineteen years of service can carryover one hundred twenty hours, and over twenty years of service can carryover one hundred sixty hours. Upon separation from employment, employees will be paid for unused vacation at their current rate of pay.

Sick leave is earned at the rate of one and 1/4 day for every month worked for employees hired before June 7, 1996. Employees hired on or after June 7, 1996 earn one day per month. Unused sick leave for employees hired before June 7, 1996 are allowed to accrue and vest to a maximum of 195 days. Employees hired on or after June 7, 1996 accumulate and vest to a maximum of 130 days. Upon separation from employment, any accumulated sick leave is forfeited.

In accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, the amount of unused vacation time at June 30, 2021 is accrued in the District's financial statements. No liability has been accrued for unused employee sick leave.

J. Net Position

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments*, requires classification of net position, the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, into three components, as described below:

- Net investment in capital assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, or indebtedness attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- Restricted - This component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported. Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either: (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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- Unrestricted - This component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

K. Estimates

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

L. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosures in the financial statements through March 6, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

M. Summary Comparative Information for 2020

The financial statements are presented with certain prior year summarized comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020. **June 30, 2020**, from which the summarized information was derived

(2) **Cash and Cash Equivalents -**

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit with original maturity dates of 90 days or less. Under state law the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2021:

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,900	\$ -
Interest Bearing Demand Deposits	4,766,764	4,884,603
	<u>\$ 4,768,664</u>	<u>\$ 4,884,603</u>

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Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities 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 pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Even though the pledged securities may be considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, 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 has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. At June 30, 2021, the District has \$4,884,603 in demand deposits (collected bank balances) for cash and cash equivalents, in one bank. \$250,000 of the demand deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and the remaining \$4,594,603 of demand deposits are secured by pledged securities. The \$4,594,603 is exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3) .

(3) Investments -

As of June 30, 2021, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (in Years)</u>			
			<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	<u>More Than 10</u>
Time Certificates of Deposit	\$1,032,141	\$1,032,141	\$1,032,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

All of the District’s investments are in nonnegotiable certificates of deposits with original maturity dates over 90 days. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, investments in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates are reported using a cost-based measure. Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.

Interest Rate Risk. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these investments (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities 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.

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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. Even though the pledged securities may be considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, 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 has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. At June 30, 2021, the District has \$1,032,141 in time certificates of deposits, in one bank. \$250,000 of the time certificates of deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and the remaining \$782,141 of demand deposits are secured by pledged securities. The \$782,141 is exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3) .

(4) **Receivables -**

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2021:

Accounts Receivable:	
Current	\$ 33,370
31-90 Days Past Due	5,597
Over 90 Days Past Due	29,411
Subtotal	<u>68,378</u>
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	<u>(30,963)</u>
Net Accounts Receivable	<u><u>\$ 37,415</u></u>

All customer receivables are reported at gross value and reduced by the portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The District established an allowance for uncollectible accounts based on past experience in customer collections. Periodically, the District reviews the aging of receivables and determines the actual amounts uncollectible. Per Board approval, uncollectible amounts are written off against accounts receivable, and the allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted to a reasonable estimate of collectability. Bad debt expense totaled \$(4,447) for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Estimated unbilled revenues (accrued billings) are recognized at the end of each fiscal year on a pro-rata basis. The estimated amount is based on billing during the month following the close of the year. At June 30, 2021, accrued amounts were \$62,592.

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(5) Restricted Assets -

The following is a summary of restricted assets at June 30, 2021:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 5,338
Customer Meter Deposits	<u>283,849</u>
Total Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$ 289,187</u></u>

(6) Capital Assets -

A summary of changes in capital assets during the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u>
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 22,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,900
Construction in Progress	<u>16,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,275)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	39,175	-	(16,275)	22,900
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Billing Software	50,830	-	-	50,830
Buildings and Improvements	769,993	236,749	-	1,006,742
Furniture and Fixtures	84,569	10,798	-	95,367
Gas System	3,455,592	449,741	-	3,905,333
Machinery and Equipment	854,459	37,695	-	892,154
Vehicles	<u>357,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>357,060</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	5,572,503	734,983	-	6,307,486
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,727,397</u>	<u>196,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,923,880</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,845,106</u>	<u>538,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,383,606</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$ 1,884,281</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 538,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (16,275)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,406,506</u></u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$196,483.

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(7) Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities -

The following is a summary of accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2021:

Accounts Payable	\$ 46,552
Accrued Liabilities:	
Payroll Taxes	11
Other	<u>555</u>
Total Accrued Liabilities	<u>566</u>
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 47,118</u></u>

(8) Long-Term Liabilities -

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	<u>Unclaimed Bond Funds</u>	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>Post- Employment Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Long-Term Liabilities - July 1, 2020	\$ 5,023	\$ 63,897	\$ 161,300	\$ 230,220
Additions	-	48,247	11,365	59,612
Deletions	-	<u>(43,412)</u>	-	<u>(43,412)</u>
Long-Term Liabilities - June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 5,023</u>	<u>\$ 68,732</u>	<u>\$ 172,665</u>	<u>\$ 246,420</u>

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 liabilities as of June 30, 2021:

	<u>Unclaimed Bond Funds</u>	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>Post- Employment Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Portion	\$ -	\$ 41,180	\$ -	\$ 41,180
Long-Term Portion	<u>5,023</u>	<u>27,552</u>	<u>172,665</u>	<u>205,240</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 5,023</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,732</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 172,665</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 246,420</u></u>

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Unclaimed Bonds

All outstanding bonds matured on June 1, 1987 and do not earn any interest from that date. At June 30, 2021, the balance remaining of unclaimed bonds is \$5,023.

Compensated Absences

At June 30, 2021, employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$68,732 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

Post-Employment Benefits

The District follows the requirements of GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* for its defined benefit OPEB plan. This standard revised and establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB plans, GASB 75 identifies the methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attributes that present value to periods of employee service.

Plan Description - The District's other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the District. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit*. The Plan does not issue a financial report.

Benefits Provided - To be eligible for the plan, employees must have attained the age of 59.5 years and employees hired after January 23, 2006 are not eligible for retiree health coverage with the District. Only two employees qualify for the plan and the plan is closed to new entrants. The plan provides, until age 65, healthcare insurance for eligible retirees through an individual health insurance plan. Benefit provisions are established through negotiations between the District and the health insurance company and are renegotiated annually. Contribution requirements are directed by the Board of Directors. The District contributes 100% of the cost of the current year premiums for eligible retired plan members and their spouses. Plan members receiving benefits contribute none of their premium costs.

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Employees Covered by Benefit Terms - At June 30, 2021, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active Employees	<u>2</u>
	<u><u>2</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$172,665 was measured as of June 30, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs -The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%		
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation		
Discount rate	2.19%		
Healthcare cost trend rates	2022 8.0%	2025 6.5%	
	2023 7.5%	2026 6.0%	
	2024 7.0%	2027 5.5%	
		2028+ 5.0%	

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index over the 52 weeks immediately preceding the applicable measurement dates.

Mortality rates were based on SOA Pub-2010 General Headcount Weighted Mortality Table fully generational using scale MP-2021.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	\$ 161,300
Changes for the Year:	
Service cost	4,165
Interest	4,401
Difference between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions	2,799
Benefit payments and net transfers	-
Net changes	<u>11,365</u>
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 172,665</u></u>

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Benefit Changes - There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Changes of Assumptions - The discount rate was decreased to 2.19% for June 30, 2021 from 2.66% for June 30, 2020.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	Changes in Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	1.19%	2.19%	3.19%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 178,734	\$ 172,665	\$ 166,752

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well a what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	Changes in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	6.50%	7.50%	8.50%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 164,722	\$ 172,665	\$ 181,006

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$11,365. The District does not have any Deferred Outflows of Resource nor Deferred Inflows of Resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2021.

(9) Retirement Plan -

The District contributes to a Simplified Employee Pension Plan on behalf of it's employees. Contributions equal 10% of the employee salary or wages. Employees are immediately vested. An employee is eligible to participate in the plan immediately upon employment. The plan is administered by a third party. Contribution expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$68,513.

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(10) Risk Management -

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, or destruction of assets, torts, injuries, natural disasters, and many other unforeseeable events. The District purchases commercial insurance policies and bonds for any and all claims related to the aforementioned risks. The District's payment of the insurance policy deductible is the only liability associated with these policies and bonds. There have been no significant decreases in insurance coverage from the prior year, and the amount of settlements has not exceeded the insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

(11) Litigation -

There is no outstanding litigation at June 30, 2021 for which the District would expect an unfavorable outcome.

(12) Current Accounting Pronouncements -

In May 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged. Leases should be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances that exist at the beginning of the period of implementation (or, if applied to earlier periods, the beginning of the earliest period restated). However, lessors should not restate the assets underlying their existing sales-type or direct financing leases. Any residual assets for those leases become the carrying values of the underlying assets.

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In May 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.

Management is currently evaluating the effects of the new GASB pronouncement.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S
TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Service Cost	\$ 4,165	\$ 4,222	\$ 3,792	\$ 3,845
Interest	4,401	6,585	6,718	5,960
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(42,246)	3,085	(2,638)
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	2,799	9,352	-	-
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	11,365	(22,087)	13,595	7,167
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	161,300	183,387	169,792	162,625
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 172,665</u>	<u>\$ 161,300</u>	<u>\$ 183,387</u>	<u>\$ 169,792</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 166,867	\$ 168,008	\$ 169,782	\$ 164,837
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	103.47%	96.01%	108.01%	103.01%

Notes to Schedule

<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	None	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>				
<i>Discount Rate:</i>	2.19%	2.66%	3.51%	3.51%
<i>Mortality:</i>	MP-2021	MP-2021	RPH-2018	RPH-2018
<i>Trend:</i>	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable

There are no plan assets accumulated in a trust to pay OPEB benefits.

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See independent auditor's report.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

<u>Name, Title, Contact Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Compensation Received</u>
Randy Lorio/President 225-806-0322	19665 Liberty Rd Pride, LA 70770	\$ -
Larry Powenski/Vice President 225-658-0322	26929 Hagen Dr. Slaughter, LA 70777	-
Danny Allen/ Treasurer 225-964-5619	29385 Greenwell Springs Rd Greenwell Springs, LA 70739	-
Todd McKey 225-270-5061	4584 Little Farms Dr, Zachary, LA 70791	-
Carroll Campbell 225-603-3609	13864 Brown Rd Central, LA 70714	-
Dianne Fletcher 225-931-8525	21363 W.J. Wicker Rd Zachary, LA 70791	-
Jeff Manchester 225-978-4193	21769 W. J. Wicker Rd Zachary, LA 70791	-
Lynn Peairs 225-921-3186	16666 Hubbs Road Pride, LA 70770	-
Nathan Lemoine 225-955-6333	10623 Ribbonwood Ave Baker, LA 70714	-
		<u>\$ -</u>

See independent auditor's report.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Agency Head Name: Thomas Smith, Operations Manager

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 95,122
Benefits - Insurance	14,890
Benefits - Retirement	9,147
Employer Paid Payroll Taxes	<u>7,276</u>
	<u>\$ 126,435</u>

See independent auditor's report.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board Members of
Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish
Denham Springs, 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 business-type activities of Gas Utility District No. 1 of East Baton Rouge Parish (the District), (a component unit of the East Baton Rouge Parish Government), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2021-01 and 2021-02 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-03.

The District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs in which the findings are reported. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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; however, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana
March 6, 2023

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

A. Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?

	Yes	x	No
x	Yes		None Noted
- Significant deficiencies identified?

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

	Yes	x	No
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B. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Finding 2021-01 Timely Preparation of Bank Reconciliations

Criteria:

Bank account reconciliations should be performed timely and include documentation to support that the bank statements and reconciliations were reviewed by a member of management who is not responsible for reconciling the bank accounts.

Condition:

During our current year audit, we noted that the June 30, 2021, bank accounts did not appear to be reconciled timely. Additionally, there was no evidence to support that the bank reconciliations were being reviewed by a member of management that was not responsible for reconciling the bank accounts.

Cause:

In July and August 2021, there was an outbreak of COVID in the District’s office. These events delayed the preparation of the June 30, 2021, bank reconciliations for several months.

Effect:

The lack of timely preparation of the bank reconciliations and proper review of bank reconciliations exposes the District to the risk of misstatement of assets and inaccurate or fraudulent financial reporting.

Recommendation:

The District has implemented procedures for timely preparation of bank reconciliations and has made significant progress in this area since 2020. However, since we did note this instance, we continue to recommend the timely preparation of bank reconciliations and the timely review of outstanding items on bank reconciliations be performed. We also continue to recommend that the District implement procedures for a member of management to document their review of the bank reconciliation prepared by the third-party accountant. In addition, we recommend that a member of the board of commissioners review the monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements and document their review of the information as well.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Management's Response:

During this time frame, the District did have an outbreak in COVID in the office that caused a delay in the timely preparation of bank reconciliations. We do have procedures in place for the timely reconciliation of bank reconciliations. This was an isolated incident. Also, we will implement procedures to document management's review and a member of the board of commissioners review of the monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements.

Finding 2021-02 Timely Payment and Reporting of Liabilities

Criteria:

Liabilities for state income tax withholdings should be paid and the related reports remitted within the required time frames required by the state of Louisiana.

Condition:

During our current year audit, we noted that the state income tax withholdings for the month of June 30, 2021, were not paid and reported timely.

Cause:

In July and August 2021, there was an outbreak of COVID in the District's office. These events delayed the preparation of the June 30, 2021, state income tax withholding reporting and the remittance of the state income tax withholdings.

Effect:

The timely reporting and remittance of state income tax withholding for the month of June 30, 2021, did not occur. By not paying this liability in a timely fashion, penalties and interest have been incurred by the District

Recommendation:

The District has implemented procedures for the timely reconciliation of liabilities, payment of the liabilities, and submission of reports and has made significant progress in this area since 2020. However, since we did note this instance, we continue to recommend that the District timely prepare applicable reconciliations, and timely remit payment of the liabilities and reports by the applicable deadlines.

Management's Response:

During this time frame, the District did have an outbreak of COVID in the office that caused a delay in the timely preparation of the reconciliation, the remittance of the withholdings and completion of the reporting. We do have procedures in place for the timely preparation of the reconciliation of liabilities, the remittance of the withholdings and completion of the reporting. This was an isolated incident.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

C. Compliance and Other Matters

Finding 2021-03 Timely filing of Audit Report

Criteria:

Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 requires that an annual financial report or other type report be submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the fiscal/calendar year.

Condition:

This deadline was not met for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Cause:

In the past, the District was shorthanded due to illness, maternity leave, and retirement of their independent bookkeeper.

Effect:

The District is not in compliance with applicable laws.

Recommendation:

We recommended that the District make every effort to comply with the applicable law.

Management's Response:

We will continue to make every effort to comply with this law by having alternate staff to cover for this position.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Finding 2020-01 Bank Reconciliations

Criteria:

Bank account reconciliations should be performed timely and include documentation to support that the bank statements and reconciliations were reviewed by a member of management who is not responsible for reconciling the bank accounts. Also old outstanding items on the bank reconciliation should be researched and resolved in a timely manner.

Condition:

During our prior year audits, we noted the bank accounts did not appear to be reconciled timely. By not being reconciled timely, it was noted that there were old outstanding items on the bank reconciliation that were mistakes. Also, some of the old outstanding items represented employee state income tax withholding payments and employee retirement withholding payments on which no payment had been issued. Additionally, there was no evidence to support that the bank reconciliations were being reviewed by a member of management that was not responsible for reconciling the bank accounts.

Cause:

The District underwent several personnel changes during the 2017 and also the District was still recovering from the 2016 Flood. These events and changes resulted in oversight of this control.

Effect:

The lack of timely preparation of the bank reconciliations and proper review of bank reconciliations caused misstatements and late payments of liabilities to go undetected for a period of time.

Recommendation:

We recommended and the District has implemented procedures for the timely preparation of bank reconciliations and the timely review of outstanding items on bank reconciliations. We also recommended that the District implement procedures for a member of management to document their review of the bank reconciliation prepared by the third-party accountant. In addition, we recommended that a member of the board of commissioners review the monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements and document their review of the information.

Management's Response:

During this time frame, the District was shorthanded due to illness, maternity leave and retirement of their independent bookkeeper. Responsibilities normally covered by these employees were being shared amongst remaining staff. The additional workload from short staff and recovery from the 2016 Flood resulted in oversight of timely bank reconciliations.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

At the end of 2019, the District hired an independent accountant to resume bank reconciliations once prepared by bookkeeper recommended by a prior CPA. After several months, the accountant recommended that we hire an accounting firm since the scope of work needed to restore integrity of the accounting records was greater than originally presumed.

In June of 2020, the District signed an engagement letter with an independent accounting firm and at present they are current with bank reconciliations. They have also been working diligently to correct the outstanding items issue.

Corrective Action:

It was not fully resolved in fiscal year 2021. See current year finding 2021-01.

Finding 2020-02 Timely Payment and Reporting of Liabilities

Criteria:

Liabilities for sales taxes, state income tax withholdings, and retirement withholdings should be paid and related reports remitted within the required time frames required by the various entities and agencies.

Condition:

During our year audits, we noted that state sales tax liabilities, state income tax withholdings, and retirement withholdings were not paid and reported timely. The District is required to remit state sales taxes collected on gas sales quarterly. The District remitted the state sales tax collections for all four quarters of fiscal year 2018, 2019, and 2020 in July 2020. The District is required to remit employee state income tax withholdings monthly following the month withheld from payroll paid. The District remitted the employee state income tax withholdings for April 2018, May 2018, and June 2018, and all months for fiscal year 2019 in July 2020. The District is required to remit employee retirement withholdings and the District's match on the withholdings monthly following the month withheld from payroll paid. The District paid the employee retirement withholdings and District's match for several months of fiscal year 2017 and all months of fiscal year 2018, 2019 and several months of fiscal year 2020 in January 2020.

Cause:

The District underwent several personnel changes during the 2017 and also the District was still recovering from the 2016 Flood. The payments related to state withholdings and retirement withholdings are paid through electronic funds transfer so no physical check is generated. When payroll is processed, the system is set to automatically create a payment for state withholdings and retirement withholdings. A District employee was then supposed to initiate the electronic funds transfer to make the actual payment. Due to change in personnel, the electronic funds transfer step was not performed. Also, since it appears that bank accounts did not appear to be reconciled timely and old outstanding items on the bank reconciliation were not researched, it was not determined that these payments were not paid until a much later date. Also, the District's state of Louisiana withhold account was closed or inactivated in June 2018 after the state made an assessment on the District and collected past due withholdings. In 2020 when it was determined that the prior period withholding had not paid, the District had to reinstate their withholding account with the State of Louisiana.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Because the account had been closed or inactivated, notices were not being sent to the District to inform them of non-payment of state withholdings.

Effect:

The lack of timely preparation of the bank reconciliations and proper review of bank reconciliations caused some of the late payments of liabilities to go undetected for a period of time. By not paying these liabilities in a timely fashion, penalties and interest has been incurred by the District. Also, employees were not given timely and proper credit for their payment of the various withholdings.

Recommendation:

We recommended and the District has implemented procedures for the timely reconciliation and payment of the liabilities and reports. Also, the District has implemented procedures for the timely preparation of bank reconciliations and the timely review of outstanding items on bank reconciliations.

Management's Response:

During this time frame, the District was shorthanded due to illness and maternity leave. Responsibilities normally covered by these employees were being shared amongst remaining staff. The additional workload from short staff and recovery from the 2016 Flood resulted in oversight of retirement and LA state withholding remittances. Payments including penalties and interest have been remitted, and all necessary forms have been filed. Procedures have been implemented to remit payments and filings on a monthly basis and is reviewed by independent accounting firm.

Corrective Action:

It was not fully resolved in fiscal year 2021. See current year finding 2021-01.

B. Compliance and Other Matters

Finding 2020-03 Timely filing of Audit Report

Criteria:

Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 requires that an annual financial report or other type report be submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the fiscal/calendar year.

Condition:

This deadline was not met for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Cause:

During this time frame, the District was shorthanded due to illness, maternity leave, and retirement of their independent bookkeeper.

Effect:

The District is not in compliance with applicable laws.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Recommendation:

We recommended that the District make every effort to comply with the applicable law.

Management's Response:

We will continue to make every effort to comply with this law by having alternate staff to cover for this position

Corrective Action:

This deadline was not met for the year ended June 30, 2021. See current year finding 2021-03.