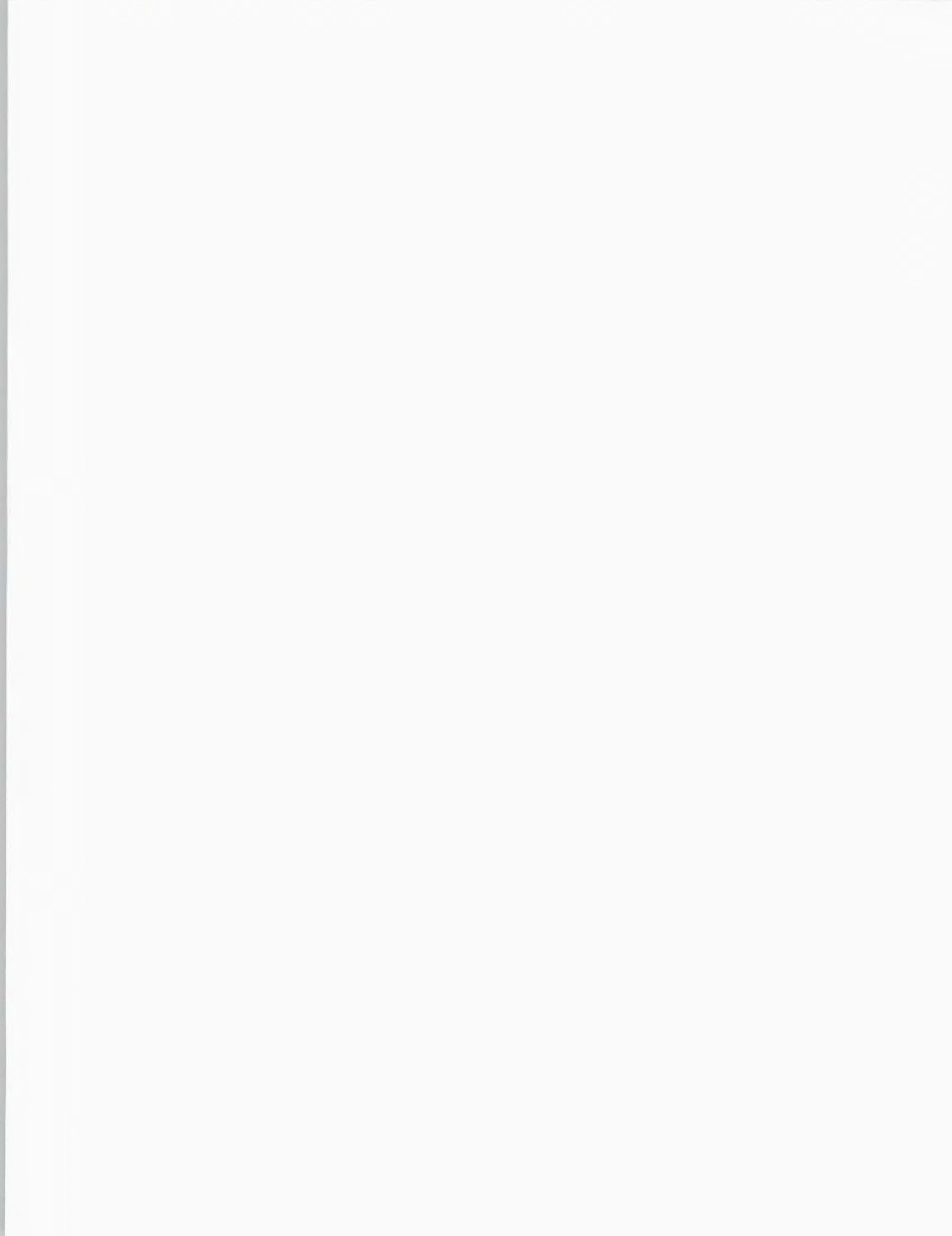


CENTRAL ST. LANDRY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Opelousas, Louisiana
Financial Report
Year Ended December 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District
Opelousas, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which

consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

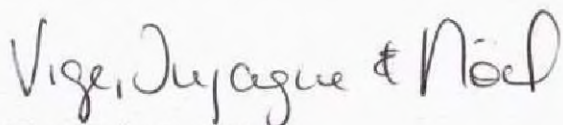
The Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, as listed in the table of contents, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2024, on our consideration of the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Vige, Tujague & Noel
Eunice, Louisiana
June 20, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,131,559
Sales tax receivable	171,384
Prepaid insurance	3,553
Due from others	5,000
Utility deposit	200
Capital assets, net	3,846,172
Total assets	<u>5,157,868</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	14,992
Retainage payable	39,861
Admin fee payable	12,793
Total liabilities	<u>67,646</u>
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	<u>5,090,222</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,090,222</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets Total Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 714,230	\$ -	\$ 30,245	\$ -	\$ (683,985)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 714,230</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 30,245</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(683,985)</u>
		General revenues:			
					1,703,728
					2,600
					<u>1,706,328</u>
					1,022,343
					<u>4,067,879</u>
					<u>\$ 5,090,222</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,131,559
Sales tax receivable	171,384
Prepaid insurance	3,553
Due from Others	5,000
Utility Deposit	200
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,311,696</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 14,992
Admin/Professional fee payable	12,793
Total liabilities	<u>27,785</u>
Fund balances:	
Nonspendable	
Prepaid expenditures	3,553
Unassigned	1,280,358
Total fund balances	<u>1,283,911</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,311,696</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balance		\$ 1,283,911
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:</p>		
Retainage payable		(39,861)
<p>Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund:</p>		
Cost of capital assets	\$ 3,848,497	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,325)</u>	<u>3,846,172</u>
Total net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 5,090,222</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Sales tax revenue	\$ 1,703,728
State reimbursement	30,245
Equine Rent Income	2,600
Total revenues	1,736,573
Expenditures:	
Current -	
Admin fee	170,097
Advertising & promotion	287
Insurance	6,768
Mowing & litter removal	109,445
Office expenses & supplies	197
Professional fees	140,155
Taxes and Licenses	250
Property maintenance	12,045
Utilities	16,848
Contract Labor	767
Miscellaneous	603
Capital Outlay	3,848,497
Economic Development	
Beautification	109,340
I-49 lighting	28,442
OPD Cameras	93,665
Total expenditures	4,537,406
Net change in fund balance	(2,800,833)
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,084,744
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,283,911

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CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net change in fund balance of governmental activities		\$ (2,800,833)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(39,861)
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlay in the current period:</p>		
Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 3,848,497	
Less: current year depreciation	<u>(2,325)</u>	3,846,172
Difference between admin fee payable on modified accrual basis versus accrual basis		<u>16,865</u>
Net change in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 1,022,343</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

The entity being reported on is the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District (District). The financial report includes all funds over which the District exercises oversight responsibility. This responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

The District was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:130.301 through 130.307 for the primary objective and purpose of promoting and encouraging the development of economic and industrial opportunities, stimulating the economy through renewed commerce and industry, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area providing job opportunities. The District is governed by a board of seven commissioners, of whom are all appointed by the Parish President, the Parish Council, and the Mayor of Opelousas. The commissioners may not receive per diem or be paid a salary for serving on the board. The boundaries of the District are within St. Landry Parish.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the parish government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and

The ability of the parish government to impose its will on that organization and/or

The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the parish government.

Organizations for which the parish government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.

Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

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. The Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District is not considered to be a component unit of the Parish Government:

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Reporting Entity (Continued)

- a. The District's commissioners are appointed by the Parish Government and by all municipalities of St. Landry Parish.
- b. The District possesses the corporate powers that would distinguish it as being legally separate from any other government.
- c. The District is fiscally independent in that it does not need approval from any other entity to adopt a budget, levy taxes or incur debt.

Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The funds of the District are classified into one category: governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The General Fund of the District is considered to be a major fund. The funds of the District are described as follows:

Governmental Fund –

General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below. In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus or the “economic resources” measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. The governmental fund utilizes a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- b. The government-wide financial statements utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

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

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and cash equivalents include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the District.

The District has established the policy of including all short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 or fewer days in cash and cash equivalents. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Prepaid items

The District's policy regarding prepaid expenditures is to record the portion of insurance premiums that is paid during the current fiscal year for future periods.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Position in the Government-wide Financial Statements

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the Net Position amounts is classified and displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets – This component 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 capital assets.
- Restricted net position – This component 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.
- Unrestricted net position – This component consists of all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	40 years
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Fund Equity – Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District has implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government’s fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- **Nonspendable:** This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Management has classified prepaid expenditures and utility deposits as being nonspendable as these items are not expected to be
- converted to cash.
- **Restricted:** This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources are either:
 - Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
 - Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Committed:** This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District, which is the entity's highest level of decision-making authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the District removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The District did not have any committed resources as of year-end.
- **Assigned:** This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent should be expressed by the District. The District did not have any assigned resources as of year-end.
- **Unassigned:** This classification is the residual fund balance of the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District will generally use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, the District reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of the other classified funds.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

Revenues

Program revenues for the governmental fund consist of sales tax. All other revenues are considered general.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for the governmental fund.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures of the governmental fund are classified by character.

Budgetary and Budgetary Accounting

Operating budgets of proposed expenditures and the means of financing them were adopted for the governmental fund, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Directors. Budgetary amendments require approval of the Board of Directors. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

Estimates

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

NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS

Under state law, the District may deposit funds with 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 United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2023, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,131,308 as follows:

Cash and demand deposits	<u>\$ 1,131,559</u>
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CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS (Continued)

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 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. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The following is a summary of deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2023, and the related federal insurance and pledged securities:

Bank balances	\$ 1,130,259
Federal insurance	250,000
Pledged securities	4,457,388
	4,707,388
Excess of pledged securities and federal insurance	\$ 3,577,129

Pledged securities include uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized 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.

NOTE 3 SALES TAX REVENUE

The District collects a 1% sales and use tax that may be used for infrastructure and economic development expenditures.

NOTE 4 FUND BALANCE

The constraints on fund balance as listed in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund balance are detailed according to balance classification.

	<u>General Fund</u>
Fund balances:	
Nonspendable	
Prepaid expenditures	\$ 3,553
Unassigned	1,280,358
Total fund balances	\$ 1,283,911

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, for the Central St. Landry Economic Development District are as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/1/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land - operating	\$ -	\$ 1,425,840	\$ -	\$ 1,425,840
Land - equine	-	478,289	-	478,289
Construction in progress	-	828,360	-	828,360
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>-</u>	<u>2,732,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,732,489</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	-	1,116,008	-	1,116,008
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>-</u>	<u>1,116,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,116,008</u>
<u>Totals at Historical Cost</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,848,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,848,497</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	-	2,325	-	2,325
<u>Total Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,325</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,846,172</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,846,172</u>

Depreciation charged to governmental function totaled \$2,325 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE 6 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 20, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events that required disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Sales tax revenue	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 1,752,000	\$ 1,703,728	\$ (48,272)
State reimbursement	30,245	30,245	30,245	-
Equine Rent Income	-	-	2,600	2,600
Total revenues	<u>1,470,245</u>	<u>1,782,245</u>	<u>1,736,573</u>	<u>(45,672)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Admin fee	50,911	56,225	170,097	(113,872)
Advertising & promotion	134	902	287	615
Insurance	1,209	-	6,768	(6,768)
Marketing	11,375	3,700	-	3,700
Mowing & litter removal	150,000	111,445	109,445	2,000
Office expenses & supplies	100	118	197	(79)
Professional fees	263,603	282,591	140,155	142,436
Taxes and Licenses	-	-	250	(250)
Property maintenance	-	12,045	12,045	-
Utilities	16,896	18,478	16,848	1,630
Contract Labor	-	-	767	(767)
Miscellaneous	-	-	603	(603)
Capital Outlay	1,100,000	3,997,523	3,848,497	149,026
Economic Development				
Beautification	65,400	109,340	109,340	-
I-49 lighting	20,000	28,688	28,442	246
OPD Cameras	-	93,665	93,665	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,679,628</u>	<u>4,714,720</u>	<u>4,537,406</u>	<u>177,314</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (209,383)</u>	<u>\$ (2,932,475)</u>	(2,800,833)	<u>\$ 131,642</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>4,084,744</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 1,283,911</u>	

See independent auditor's report.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

1. Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

2. Budgetary Practices

The District prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with R.S. 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting used by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting record is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

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

To the Board of Directors
Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development 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 Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

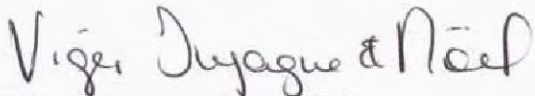
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



Vige, Tujague & Noël, CPA's
Eunice, Louisiana
June 20, 2024

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

We have audited the financial statements of Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District as of and for the year ended , and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of , resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Reports

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses ___ Yes X No Significant Deficiencies ___ Yes X No

Compliance

Non Compliance Material to Financial Statement ___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None.

Section III. Federal Awards.

Not Applicable.

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

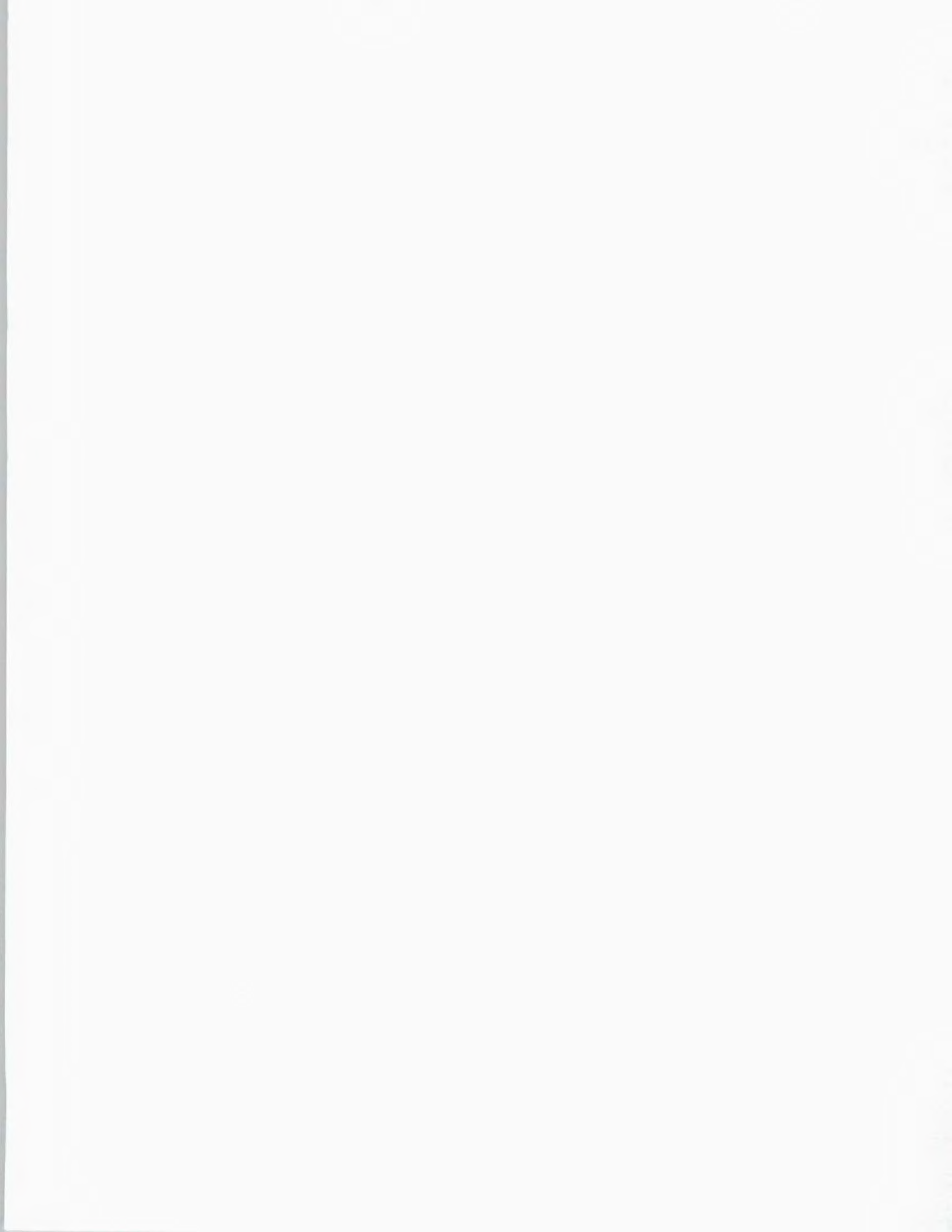
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Frank D. Helton, Jr., President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$0

CENTRAL ST. LANDRY PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Governing Board of Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

This section is not applicable.

- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

This section is not applicable.

- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes

place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and

- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

Observed that the board met with a quorum at least monthly.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the*

minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

Observed that minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons of the general fund.

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Not applicable. The District did not have a negative unassigned fund balance in the prior year.

- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Not applicable. There were no prior year audit findings.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

Obtained a listing of the District's bank accounts for the fiscal year along with management's representation that the listing was complete.

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks have reviewed each bank reconciliation.

iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

There were no checks or deposits that were outstanding more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

This section is not applicable. The District has a third party contractor performing all collection functions.

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

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

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing was complete.

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and

Obtained the District's non-payroll disbursements (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) along with management's representation that the population is complete.

- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

Observed that the disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice, and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables on the invoice were received by the District.

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested.

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

Observed that each electronic disbursements were approved by authorized persons.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

This section is not applicable. The entity does not have credit cards.

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

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

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

This section is not applicable. The entity did not have any travel or travel-related expenses during the fiscal year.

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- Obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal year along with management's representation that the listing was complete.
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
None of the selected contracts were required to be bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law.
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
The contracts selected were approved by the governing board as required by policy.

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

Not applicable. There were no amendments to the contracts.

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Observed that each selected invoice agreed to the contract terms and that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

9) Payroll and Personnel

This section is not applicable. The District does not have any employees.

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

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

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
Observed documentation that demonstrates that all employees selected for testing completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year.
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
No changes were made to the District's ethics policy during the fiscal period.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.
The District has appointed an ethics designee.

11) Debt Service

This section is not applicable. The entity does not have debt service.

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

12) Fraud Notice

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

Management asserted that there were no misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal year.

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

The District does not maintain its own premises or website.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

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

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

The District did not terminate any employees during the fiscal year.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

1. Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
2. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

The District did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of cybersecurity training for the selected employees.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

Obtained documentation that demonstrates that each employee selected for testing completed one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

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

The entity does not maintain its own premises or website.

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

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

Observed that the report included the requirement as stated above.

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

Observed that the report included the requirement as stated above.

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

Observed that the report included the requirement as stated above.

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

Observed that the report included the requirement as stated above.

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Observed that the report included the requirement as stated above.

Management's Response

Management of Central St. Landry Parish Economic Development District concurs with the exception and is working to address the deficiency identified.

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

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

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

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