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TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Monroe, Louisiana

ANNUAL UTILITY REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

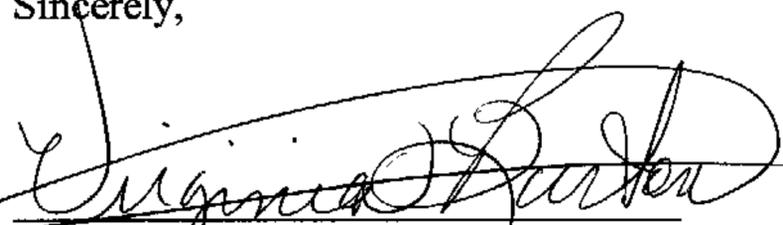
March 10, 2004

Office of Legislative Auditor
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To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Town and Country Drainage District No. 1 as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the District.

Sincerely,



Virginia Burton, President

Enclosure

Affidavit and Revenue Certification

**Town & Country Drainage District No. 1
Ouachita Parish
Monroe, Louisiana**

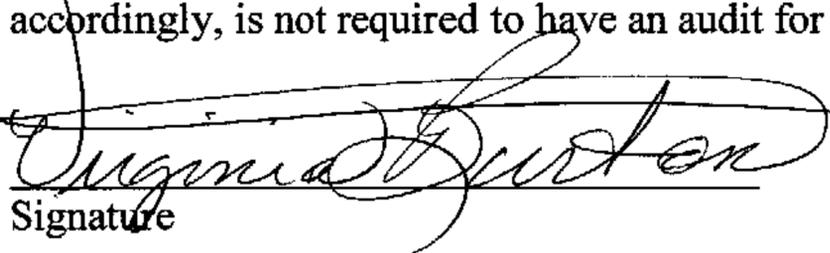
**ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS (if applicable)**

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. If applicable, the certification of revenues \$50,000 or less is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(I)(1)(c)(i). (The threshold is \$200,000 for Justices of the Peace and Constables.)

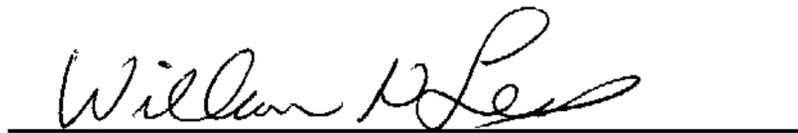
Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Virginia Burton, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of Town & Country Drainage District #1 as of December 31, 2003, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

(Complete if applicable)

In addition, Virginia Burton, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that Town & Country Drainage District #1 received \$50,000 (\$200,000) or less in revenues and other sources for the year ended December 31, 2003, and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned year.


Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 2004.



NOTARY PUBLIC

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**TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana**

**FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Town & Country Drainage District No.1
Monroe, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying component unit financial statements of Town & Country Drainage District No. 1, a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as of December 31, 2003, and for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

A statement of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003 has not been presented. Generally accepted accounting principles require that such a statement be presented when financial statements purport to present financial position and results of operations.

Donald, Tucker, Betts & Knight

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Monroe, Louisiana
March 10, 2004

TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 18,007.61
Maintenance tax receivable	6,094.64
Special assessment receivable	7,586.31
Accrued interest receivable	<u>3,934.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 35,622.83</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities and deferred income:	
Deferred revenue	\$ 6,396.36
Fund balances:	
Unreserved – undesignated	<u>29,226.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 35,622.83</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
REVENUES	
Maintenance taxes	\$ 11,122.20
Late fees on maintenance taxes	0.84
Reimbursable expenses	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,123.04</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Accounting expense	675.00
Repairs and maintenance – levees and pumps	9,671.11
Drain culvert maintenance	720.00
Other operating expense	<u>7,606.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>18,672.52</u>
Excess of revenues (expenses) over expenses (revenue)	(7,549.48)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>36,775.95</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 29,226.47</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (NON-GAAP) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual on Budgetary Basis - Note 1</u>	<u>Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES			
Special assessments	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,382.25	\$ 2,382.25
Maintenance taxes	11,067.25	12,112.21	1,044.96
Interest income	0.00	380.21	380.21
Late fees on maintenance taxes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.84</u>	<u>0.84</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	11,067.25	14,875.51	3,808.26
EXPENDITURES			
Drain culvert maintenance	500.00	720.00	(220.00)
Levee maintenance	1,000.00	3,850.00	(2,850.00)
Reserve for pump and motor	10,000.00	5,821.11	4,178.89
Accounting expenses	1,500.00	675.00	825.00
Other operating expenses	<u>5,675.00</u>	<u>7,606.41</u>	<u>(1,931.41)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>18,675.00</u>	<u>18,672.52</u>	<u>2.48</u>
Excess of revenues (expenses) over expenses (revenue)	<u>\$(7,607.75)</u>	<u>\$(3,797.01)</u>	<u>\$ 3,810.74</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town & Country Drainage District No. 1 was created with ordinance No. 7229 by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on August 19, 1968. The ordinance was adopted under the provisions of Part I, Chapter VI, Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The Drainage District is a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and is governed by a board of commissioners that is appointed by the Police Jury.

The purpose of the Drainage District is to create and maintain a system for draining and reclaiming the undrained or partially drained overflowed lands in Ouachita Parish that are specified in the Charter.

The financial statements of the Drainage District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the governmental unit's accounting policies are described below.

A. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Drainage District are organized on a fund basis. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statements was initially used to account for the cost of constructing drainage improvements in the Town & Country subdivision. Each property owner was assessed their proportionate share base on square footage. Currently, maintenance taxes are assessed the property owners as a percentage of original assessment.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Drainage District's records are maintained on a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures. Revenues are recognized when they are considered to be measurable and available. Property taxes were assessed on April 4, 2003 for 2003, and became a lien on the property when assessed. The taxes are collected throughout the year but are recognized as revenue on the assessment date.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

The Drainage District's fixed assets consist primarily of levees and canals, and management has elected not to report on "infra-structure" fixed assets, therefore, no fixed assets account group is included in the accompanying financial statements.

TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Monroe, Louisiana

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Drainage District budget for 2003 was adopted on a cash basis of accounting, which is not in accordance with GAAP, and budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on this non-GAAP budgetary basis. A reconciliation of actual and non-GAAP budgetary amounts is included in Note 2.

D. Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

The Town and Country Drainage District's bank balances of deposits as of the balance sheet date are entirely insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF ACTUAL TO BUDGETARY BASIS (CASH)

The accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures – Budget and Actual, presents comparisons to legally adopted budgets with actual data on a budgetary basis. Because accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with GAAP, a reconciliation of resultant basis in the excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2003 is presented below:

December 31, 2003

Excess of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources (GAAP basis)	<u>\$(7,549.48)</u>
Adjustments:	
To adjust revenues for receivable	<u>3,752.47</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources (budgetary basis)	<u>\$(3,797.01)</u>