POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT

New Roads, Louisiana

Financial Report

December 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Major Thibaut, Parish President and the Parish Council of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government New Roads, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government (Parish), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Parish as listed in the table of contents.

Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the Parish, as of December 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities, Each Major Fund, and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregated remaining fund information of the Parish, as of December 31, 2022, 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 Adverse and Unmodified 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

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the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Parish 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements do not include financial data for the Parish's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Parish's primary government unless the Parish also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Parish has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the Parish's legally separate component units on the aggregate discretely presented component units have not been determined.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 18 to the financial statements, in 2022, the Parish adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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 Parish'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 Responsibility 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 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 Parish'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, the schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, the schedules of employer's share of net pension liabilities, and the schedules of employer contributions 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.

The Parish has omitted 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 Parish's basic financial statements. The justice system funding schedule, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and the schedule of compensation paid to council are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 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 information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the combining balance sheets, the combining statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, and the schedule of insurance in force but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 27, 2023 on our consideration of the Parish's internal control over financial reporting and 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 effectiveness of the Parish'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 Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 27, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net	\$ 11,692,689 2,235,375	\$ 3,348,259 1,003,352	\$15,040,948 3,238,727
Due from other governments	695,917	72,731	768,648
Prepaid items	141,018	-	141,018
Other assets Restricted assets:	316	1,368	1,684
Cash and cash equivalents Capital assets:	113,312	1,003,204	1,116,516
Non-depreciable	8,688,575	45,233	8,733,808
Depreciable/Amortizable, net	24,247,906	1,803,869	26,051,775
Net pension asset	1,228,483	301,405	1,529,888
Total assets	49,043,591	7,579,421	56,623,012
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Other postemployment benefits	2,425,673	621,845	3,047,518
Pension related	419,994	94,728	514,722
Total deferred outflows of			
resources	2,845,667	716,573	3,562,240
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POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT

New Roads, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position (Continued) December 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	110,339	598,648	708,987
Due to other governments	435,126	-	435,126
Customer meter deposits	-	988,509	988,509
Permit deposits	7,785		7,785
Accrued interest payable	41,868	-	41,868
Long-term payables:			
Due within one year	1,243,946	-	1,243,946
Due in more than one year	5,284,805	-	5,284,805
Compensated abscences payable	244,085	-	244,085
Other post-employment benefits	3,881,632	995,096	4,876,728
Net pension liability	61,345		61,345
Total liabilities	11,310,931	2,582,253	13,893,184
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Other postemployment benefits	1,888,031	484,015	2,372,046
Pension related	1,174,181	286,320	1,460,501
Deferred revenues	4,219,843		4,219,843
Total deferred inflows of			
resources	7,282,055	770,335	8,052,390
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	26,407,730	1,849,102	28,256,832
Restricted for:			
Debt service	1,624,742	-	1,624,742
Net pension asset	1,228,483	301,405	1,529,888
Unrestricted (deficit)	4,035,317	2,792,899	6,828,216
Total net position	\$ 33,296,272	\$ 4,943,406	\$38,239,678

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

		Program Revenues			Expenses) Reven nges in Net Posi		
			Operating	Capital			
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-type	
Activities	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,036,674	\$ 641,617	\$ 2,814,353	\$ -	\$ 419,296	\$ -	\$ 419,296
Public safety	1,871,748	119,235	251,413	-	(1,501,100)	-	(1,501,100)
Public works	2,370,704	3,540	323,341	-	(2,043,823)	-	(2,043,823)
Health and welfare	133,500	-	260,400	-	126,900	-	126,900
Culture and recreation	591,053	130,646	51,880	-	(408,527)	-	(408,527)
Drainage	1,329,981	548,249	18,750	6,000	(756,982)	-	(756,982)
Economic development	157,962	-	-	-	(157,962)	-	(157,962)
Interest on long-term debt	153,145		-		(153,145)	-	(153,145)
Total governmental activities	9,644,767	1,443,287	3,720,137	6,000	(4,475,343)	-	(4,475,343)
Business-type activities:							
Animal Control	469,974	353,757	49,369	-	-	(66,848)	(66,848)
Gas	2,398,837	3,215,967	-	-	-	817,130	817,130
Solid waste	1,762,449	1,721,316	50,000	-	-	8,867	8,867
Multi-use center	160,513	61,908	2,400		-	(96,205)	(96,205)
Total business-type activities	4,791,773	5,352,948	101,769	-	-	662,944	662,944
Total	\$14,436,540	\$ 6,796,235	\$ 3,821,906	\$ 6,000	(4,475,343)	662,944	(3,812,399)

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Statement of Activities (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

General revenues:			
Taxes:			
Property	1,609,886	-	1,609,886
Sales	4,508,622	949,184	5,457,806
Franchise	30,227	-	30,227
Other	13,996	-	13,996
Grants and contributions not restricted			
to specific programs	68,632	6,360	74,992
Miscellaneous	1,332,699	152,233	1,484,932
Investment earnings	12,755	-	12,755
Gain on sale of capital assets, net	10,594	-	10,594
Transfers	1,350,000	(1,350,000)	
Total general revenues and transfers	8,937,411	(242,223)	8,695,188
Change in net position	4,462,068	420,721	4,882,789
Net position - beginning, as restated	28,834,204	4,522,685	33,356,889
Net position- ending	\$33,296,272	\$ 4,943,406	\$38,239,678

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2022

	General	Parishwide Drainage	Road Construction	Parishwide Recreation
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,663,526	\$ 582,629	\$ -	\$ 899,447
Restricted cash	113,312	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	2,920	33,315	-	802
Taxes receivable	1,471,060	77,327	-	54,129
Due from other governments	692,391	-	-	-
Due from other funds	34,101	-	-	-
Other receivables	70,144	83,510	-	91,223
Prepaid items	138,066	-	-	2,952
Other assets	166			150
Total assets	\$6,185,686	\$ 776,781	\$ -	\$1,048,703
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 46,346	\$ 11,158	\$ -	\$ 1,820
Deposits payable	7,785	-	-	-
Accrued liabilities	2,051	-	-	-
Due to other governments	435,126	-	-	-
Due to other funds			34,101	
Total liabilities	491,308	11,158	34,101	1,820
Deferred inflows of resources: Deferred revenues	453,946			
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable - prepaids	138,066	-	-	2,952
Restricted	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	765,623	-	1,043,931
Unassigned	5,102,366		(34,101)	
Total fund balance	5,240,432	765,623	(34,101)	1,046,883
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$6,185,686	\$ 776,781	\$-	\$1,048,703
	\$0,100,000	\$ 110,101	*	+1,010,700

Debt Service Road Improvement	Grants and Capital Outlay	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 1,368,377 - - 193,317 1,411 - 61,637 - - <u>\$ 1,624,742</u>	\$3,762,935 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 1,415,775 - 42,530 2,115 - 53,461 - - <u>\$ 1,513,881</u>	\$11,692,689 113,312 37,037 1,838,363 695,917 34,101 359,975 141,018 <u>316</u> \$14,912,728
\$ - - - - - -	\$ - - - - - - -	\$ 48,964 - - - - - 48,964	\$ 108,288 7,785 2,051 435,126 34,101 587,351
	3,765,897		4,219,843

-	-	_	141,018
1,624,742	-	-	1,624,742
-	-	1,464,917	3,274,471
	(2,962)		5,065,303
1,624,742	(2,962)	1,464,917	10,105,534
\$ 1,624,742	\$3,762,935	<u>\$ 1,513,881</u>	\$14,912,728

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2022

Total fund balances for governmental funds		\$ 10,105,534
Capital assets, net		32,936,481
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable	\$ (6,112,000)	
Financing leases payable	(96,320)	
Right-to-use lease asset liability	(320,431)	
Compensated absences payable	(244,085)	
Accrued interest payable	(41,868)	(6,814,704)
Pension:		
Deferred outflows	419,994	
Net pension liability/asset	1,167,138	
Deferred inflows	(1,174,181)	412,951
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB):		
Net OPEB liability/asset	(3,881,632)	
Deferred inflows	(1,888,031)	
Deferred outflows	2,425,673	(3,343,990)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 33,296,272

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General	Parishwide Drainage	Road Construction	Parishwide Recreation
Revenues:	General	Dramage	Construction	
Taxes	\$ 1,654,109	\$ 949,184	\$ -	\$ 664,429
Intergovernmental				
Federal grants	547,598	-	-	-
State funds -				
Grants	1,729,314	-	-	11,599
Other	1,210,449	-	-	-
Charges for services	222,428	548,249	-	130,646
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	391,725	-	-	-
Investment income	1,325	11,430	-	-
Miscellaneous	83,291	152,233		565,597
Total revenues	5,840,239	1,661,096		1,372,271
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	3,081,481	-	-	-
Health and welfare	133,500	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	97,716	-	-	447,701
Public safety	1,067,569	-	-	-
Drainage	-	1,096,529	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-
Economic development	157,962	-	-	-
Capital outlay	1,423,455	360,460	1,609,297	87,507
Debt service -	1 50 000			
Principal	150,000	-	-	-
Interest	65,844	-	-	
Total expenditures	6,177,527	1,456,989	1,609,297	535,208
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(337,288)	204,107	(1,609,297)	837,063
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	10,594	-	-	-
Transfer in	1,350,000	-	700,000	-
Transfer out	(200,000)	(175,000)	-	(175,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,160,594	(175,000)	700,000	(175,000)
Net change in fund balance	823,306	29,107	(909,297)	662,063
Fund balance, beginning	4,417,126	736,516	875,196	384,820
Fund balance, ending	\$ 5,240,432	\$ 765,623	\$ (34,101)	\$ 1,046,883

Debt Service Road Improvement	Grants and Capital Outlay	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 2,372,958	\$ -	\$ 522,051	\$ 6,162,731
-	-	-	547,598
-	24,750	271,059	2,036,722
-	-	-	1,210,449
-	-	94,734	996,057
-	-	119,235	119,235
-	-	3,540	395,265
-	-	-	12,755
380,581		83,727	1,265,429
2,753,539	24,750	1,094,346	12,746,241
-	-	-	3,081,481
-	-	-	133,500
-	-	-	545,417
-	-	749,823	1,817,392
-	24,750	184,322	1,305,601
4,100	-	789,199	793,299
-	-	-	157,962
-	195,653	106,521	3,782,893
920,000	-	86,894	1,156,894
74,767	-	10,252	150,863
998,867	220,403	1,927,011	12,925,302
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
1,754,672	(195,653)	(832,665)	(179,061)
_	_	_	10,594
_	_	1,125,000	3,175,000
(1,275,000)	_	-	(1,825,000)
(1,275,000)		1,125,000	1,360,594
	(105 652)		
479,672	(195,653)	292,335	1,181,533
1,145,070	192,691	1,172,582	8,924,001
\$ 1,624,742	\$ (2,962)	\$ 1,464,917	\$ 10,105,534

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Net change in fund balances per Statement of Revenues,		
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$1,181,533
Capital assets:		
Capital outlay	\$3,782,893	
Depreciation expense	(1,959,435)	
Amortization expense	(49,119)	1,774,339
Transactions involving capital assets:		
Proceeds on disposal of assets	(10,160)	
Gain on disposal	10,160	-
Long-Term debt:		
Principal payments	1,090,000	
Financing lease payments	66,894	
Right-to-use lease asset payments	46,522	
Change in compensated absences payable	(34,824)	1,168,592
Decrease in accrued interest payable		6,410
The effect of recording net pension and OPEB liability/asset, and the related		
deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources:		
Changes in pension expense	399,235	
Change in OPEB expense	(102,479)	
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue recognized	34,438	331,194
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$4,462,068

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds December 31, 2022

	Natural Gas System	Solid Waste	Multi-Use Center	Animal and Pest Control	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,754,064	\$1,349,254	\$ 79,841	\$ 165,100	\$3,348,259
Accounts receivable, net	611,657	161,198	-	27,460	800,315
Taxes receivable	-	77,327	-	-	77,327
Due from other governments	-	72,731	-	-	72,731
Other receivables	-	104,656	-	21,054	125,710
Other assets	68		1,300		1,368
Total current assets	2,365,789	1,765,166	81,141	213,614	4,425,710
Noncurrent assets: Restricted assets - Cash and cash equivalents Capital assets - Non-depreciable Depreciable, net Net pension asset Total noncurrent assets	915,711 45,233 726,913 <u>168,829</u> 1,856,686	87,493 	955,273 26,953 982,226	- 108,637 <u>66,650</u> 175,287	1,003,204 45,233 1,803,869 <u>301,405</u> 3,153,711
Total assets	4,222,475	1,904,678	1,063,367	388,901	7,579,421
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension liability	53,061	12,249	8,471	20,947	94,728
Other post employment benefits	339,202	99,984	47,331	135,328	621,845
Total deferred outflows of					
resources	392,263	112,233	55,802	156,275	716,573
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Statement of Net Position (Continued) Proprietary Funds December 31, 2022

	Natural Gas System	Solid Waste	Multi-Use Center	Animal and Pest Control	Total
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities: Accounts payable	361,671	230,873	2,728	3,376	598,648
Noncurrent liabilities: Customer meter deposits payable Other post-employment benefits Total noncurrent liabilities Total liabilities	910,284 542,802 1,453,086 1,814,757	78,225 159,998 238,223 469,096	75,741 75,741 78,469	216,555 216,555 219,931	988,509 995,096 1,983,605 2,582,253
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,814,737	409,090	/8,409		2,382,235
Pension liability Other post employment benefits Total deferred inflows of resources	160,379 264,019 424,398	37,023 77,823 114,846	25,604 36,840 62,444	63,314 105,333 168,647	286,320 484,015 770,335
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for pension obligation Unrestricted (deficit) Total net position	772,146 168,829 <u>1,434,608</u> <u>\$2,375,583</u>	13,046 38,973 <u>1,380,950</u> <u>\$1,432,969</u>	955,273 26,953 (3,970) \$ 978,256	$ \begin{array}{r} 108,637\\66,650\\(18,689)\\\underline{\$ 156,598}\end{array} $	1,849,102 301,405 2,792,899 \$4,943,406

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Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Natural Gas System	Solid Waste	Multi-Use Center	Animal and Pest Control	Total
Operating revenues:					
Charges for services	\$3,199,332	\$1,714,559	\$ 61,908	\$ 353,757	\$ 5,329,556
Penalties and other	16,635	6,757			23,392
Total operating revenues	3,215,967	1,721,316	61,908	353,757	5,352,948
Operating expenses:					
Solid waste disposal fee	-	1,598,112	-	-	1,598,112
Salaries and benefits	362,125	97,491	45,882	174,305	679,803
Natural gas purchases	944,608	-	-	-	944,608
Depreciation	100,803	1,507	60,198	13,496	176,004
Professional and technical services	20,550	20,000	-	26,947	67,497
Repairs, maintenance and supplies	854,827	3,246	27,492	193,666	1,079,231
Administrative costs	70,138	41,254	600	24,670	136,662
Utilities	23,748	-	23,568	11,129	58,445
Supplies and chemicals	-	832	-	24,886	25,718
Miscellaneous	22,038	7	2,773	875	25,693
Total operating expenses	2,398,837	1,762,449	160,513	469,974	4,791,773
Operating income (loss)	817,130	(41,133)	(98,605)	(116,217)	561,175
Nonoperating revenues and (expenses)	•				
Sales taxes, net	-	949,184	-	-	949,184
Payment in lieu of taxes	-	152,233	-	-	152,233
Other income		50,000	4,250	53,879	108,129
Total nonoperating					
revenues (expenses)	-	1,151,417	4,250	53,879	1,209,546
Income (loss) before transfers	817,130	1,110,284	(94,355)	(62,338)	1,770,721
Transfers in	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Transfers out	(850,000)	(750,000)	-		(1,600,000)
Change in net position	(32,870)	360,284	155,645	(62,338)	420,721
Net position, beginning	2,408,453	1,072,685	822,611	218,936	4,522,685
Net position, ending	\$2,375,583	\$1,432,969	\$ 978,256	\$ 156,598	\$ 4,943,406

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Natural Gas System	Solid Waste	Multi-Use Center	Animal and Pest Control	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Receipts from customers	\$3,051,976	\$1,665,268	\$ 60,608	\$ 352,641	\$ 5,130,493
Payments to suppliers	(1,597,483)	(1,577,046)	(48,824)	(245,664)	(3,469,017)
Payments to employees	(421,913)	(111,191)	(55,394)	(197,923)	(786,421)
Net cash provided (used)					
by operating activities	1,032,580	(22,969)	(43,610)	(90,946)	875,055
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:					
Sales taxes revenues	_	949,184	_	_	949,184
Payments in lieu of taxes	_	152,233	_	_	152,233
Transfers in from other funds	_	-	250,000	_	250,000
Transfers out to other funds	(850,000)	(750,000)		-	(1,600,000)
Grants and contributions	-	50,000	4,250	68,257	122,507
Cash received (paid) from other funds	-	_	(42,671)	_	(42,671)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital					
financing activities	(850,000)	401,417	211,579	68,257	(168,747)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Capital asset additions	(78.027)		(00 120)		(167.065)
Capital asset additions	(78,937)		(88,128)		(167,065)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	103,643	378,448	79,841	(22,689)	539,243
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,566,132	1,058,299		187,789	3,812,220
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$2,669,775	\$1,436,747	<u>\$ 79,841</u>	<u>\$ 165,100</u>	\$ 4,351,463

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued) Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Natural Gas System	Solid Waste	Multi-Use Center	Animal and Pest Control	Total
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	\$ 817,130	\$ (41,133)	\$ (98,605)	\$ (116,217)	\$ 561,175
Depreciation	100,803	1,507	60,198	13,496	176,004
Provision for net pension liability, net	(59,788)	(13,700)	(9,512)	(23,618)	(106,618)
Provision for OPEB liability, net (Increase) decrease current assets:	69,381	7,817	5,670	56,712	139,580
Accounts receivable, net	(183,522)	(11,585)	-	(1,116)	(196,223)
Other receivables	-	(50,063)	-	-	(50,063)
Other assets	32	-	(1,300)	-	(1,268)
Increase (decrease) current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	269,045	78,588	(61)	(20,203)	327,369
Meter deposits payable	19,499	5,600			25,099
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$1,032,580	<u>\$ (22,969)</u>	\$ (43,610)	\$ (90,946)	\$ 875,055

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds December 31, 2022

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Due from other governmental units Other assets	\$ 329,117 57,864 22,848 10,912
Total assets	420,741
LIABILITIES	
Amounts held under protest Accounts payable	99,876 164,879
Total liabilities	264,755
NET POSITION	
Net position held for others	\$ 155,986

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds December 31, 2022

	Custodial Funds
Additions: Sales tax collection fees Payments in lieu of taxes	\$ 108,413 114,478
Total additions	222,891
Deductions:	
Salaries and related benefits	101,990
Legal and professional services Other	14,471 9,032
Total deductions	125,493
Change in net position	97,398
Net position, beginning	58,588
Net position, ending	\$ 155,986

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The accompanying financial statements of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government (Parish) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

The Parish, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1271-1285, enacts ordinances, sets policy and establishes programs in such fields as social welfare, transportation, drainage, industrial inducement, and health services.

Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1236 gives the Parish various powers in regulating and directing the affairs of the parish and its citizens. The more notable of those are the power to make regulations for its own government; to regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and drainage; to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages; and to provide for the health and welfare of the poor, disadvantaged and unemployed in the parish. Funding to accomplish these tasks is provided by ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, beer and alcoholic beverage permits, state revenue sharing and various state and federal grants.

In accomplishing its objectives, the Parish also has the authority to create special districts (component units) within the parish. The districts perform specialized functions, such as fire protection, library facilities, health care facilities, and utility operation.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity should consist of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the 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. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. These financial statements include the primary government and one component unit as follows:

Primary government:

The Pointe Coupee Parish Government is the governing authority for Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Parish is governed by eight council members representing the various districts within the parish.

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Individual component units:

Blended component unit -

Pointe Coupee Parish Natural Gas System - The Pointe Coupee Parish Natural Gas System provides natural gas services to the constituents of the Parish. The governing board of the Pointe Coupee Parish Natural Gas System has the same members as the governing board of the Parish.

The following entities were established pursuant to state statutes for various public purposes within the Parish. The Parish appoints and removes the Board members of each respective agency. Each agency is fiscally independent from the Parish, issues its debt, approves its budgets, and sets its rates and charges. The primary government has no authority to designate management or approve or modify rates. The Parish is not obligated for debt issues of these agencies. The component units which would be required to be included, based on current standards, issue separate financial statements, which have not been included in these financial statements, and can be obtained from the individual entities. The exclusion of these component units is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles. Those entities are as follows along with their fiscal year end:

Legonnier Sewer System	December 31
Mandela Sewer System	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 1	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 3A	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 4	December 31
Fire Protection Districts No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	December 31
Pointe Coupee Tourist Commission	December 31
Bonne Sante Chemical and Wellness Center	June 30
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff	June 30
Pointe Coupee Parish Clerk of Court	June 30
Pointe Coupee Parish Coroner's Office	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Health Service District No. 1	October 31
False River Air Park Commission	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1	December 31
Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2	December 31

B. Basis of Presentation

The Parish's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements which include all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and the fund financial statements (individual major fund and combined nonmajor funds). The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

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Government-wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Parish'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, fines, 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, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The Parish's various funds are classified as governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The fund financial statements provide information about the Parish's funds. Separate financial statements are presented for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The emphasis on fund financial statements are on major governmental funds and major proprietary funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Parish or meets the following criteria:

a. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expense of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and

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b. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expense of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the Parish are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund -

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Parish. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Parishwide Drainage Fund -

The Parishwide Drainage Fund accounts for routine maintenance of parish drainage facilities. Financing is provided by transfers from the General Fund and proceeds from sales tax collections.

Road Construction Fund -

The Road Construction Fund accounts for funds designated by the Parish for the ongoing construction of Parish maintained roads.

Parishwide Recreation Fund -

The Parishwide Recreation Fund accounts for a dedicated tax levy for recreational parks around the parish.

Debt Service Road Improvement Fund -

The Debt Service Road Improvement Fund accounts for sales tax revenue used for the payment of interest and principal on \$6,600,000 Road Improvement Bonds, dated September 1, 1997 and excess sales tax collected for the construction or overlay of parish streets and roads.

Grants and Capital Outlay Fund –

The Grants and Capital Outlay Fund accounts for funds in connection with capital outlay expenditures and associated grant revenue.

Proprietary Funds -

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (1) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs and expenses, including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the

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general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (2) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. Enterprise funds are presented in the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The major enterprise funds are:

Pointe Coupee Parish Natural Gas System -

The Natural Gas System was originally established to provide gas services to residents in the Sixth, Seventh, and portions of the Fifth, Eight, and Ninth Wards of Pointe Coupee Parish on May 7, 1952. The System is governed by a board consisting of Parish Council members.

Pointe Coupee Parish Solid Waste Fund -

The Solid Waste Fund was established by the Parish to provide solid waste disposal for all residents of the parish. It is funded through user charges and a special sales tax levy for garbage collection and disposal.

Multi-Use Center -

The Multi-Use Center Fund accounts for the funds generated by the activities of the parish cultural center.

Animal and Pest Control -

The Animal and Pest Control Fund accounts for the funds generated by the activities of the parish to regulate and control animals and pests within the parish.

In addition, the Parish reports the following:

Fiduciary Fund – The Parish's fiduciary funds are considered custodial funds and are presented in the fiduciary funds financial statements. The Parish administers a Sale Tax Escrow, whose purpose is to account for funds from prior sales tax ordinance dedicated for contingencies. In addition, the Parish also administers PILOT payments, which represent sales tax that would have been collected on the construction materials from the Ventress Solar Farm being constructed in the parish.

C. <u>Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting</u>

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

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental activities and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources

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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. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary funds 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), financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, 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, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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 as soon as 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.

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

Program revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the Parish's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Parish's general revenues.

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Allocation of indirect expenses

The Parish reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15th of each year, and become delinquent after December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the following year. The taxes are collected by the Sheriff and are remitted to the Parish net of deductions for Pension Fund contributions. Ad valorem tax revenues are accrued at fiscal year-end to the extent that they have been collected but not received by the Pointe Coupee Parish Tax Collector's Office. Such amounts are measurable and available to finance current operations. Any taxes collected after February are recorded as deferred revenue.

Sales taxes are recorded when in the possession of the intermediary collecting agent and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Federal and state aid and grants are recorded as revenue when the Parish is entitled to the funds, generally corresponding to when grant related costs are incurred by the Parish.

Interest income on the interest-bearing deposits are accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for (1) unmatured interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due, and (2) claims and judgments, and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund type when paid with expendable financial resources. The Parish's primary expenditures include salaries and insurance, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. Allocations of costs such as depreciation and amortization are not recognized in the governmental funds.

Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) when the transfer is authorized by the Parish President.

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D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows 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 Parish. For purposes of statements of cash flows, all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with an original maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include ad valorem and sales and use taxes. Business-type activities report customer's utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts using the direct write-off method at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide or financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Parish maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Prior to September 1, 2003, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets have been valued at estimated historical cost. In accordance with GASB 34, the Parish is a Phase 3 government and retroactive infrastructure reporting is optional. As such, the Parish has capitalized infrastructure improvements on a prospective basis. Infrastructure assets purchased or constructed after 2002 by the primary government are depreciated accordingly on the straight-line method.

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Depreciation on all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statements of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets useful lives using the straight-line method.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5 - 50 years
Infrastructure	15 - 40 years
Equipment	3 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 years
Furniture	5 years

In the fund financial statement, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are recorded as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund types when purchased or constructed. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same manner as in the government-wide statements.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and cash equivalents of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to customer meter deposits.

In addition, on January 1, 2021 the Parish entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission (GBRPC) where the Port of Pointe Coupee was merged into the GBRPC. The Parish has held funds for the account of the Port of Pointe Coupee and currently holds \$113,312 of such funds which is due to the GBRPC. These funds are reported as restricted assets in the General Fund related to the obligation due the GBRPC as follows:

2023	\$ 40,000
2024	40,000
2025	33,312
Total	\$113,312

Long-term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of public improvement and special assessment bonds, and certificates of indebtedness.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal

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and interest are reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary fund debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Compensated absences

All Parish primary government regular employees earn vacation leave in varying amounts according to the employee's number of years of continuous service with no maximum carry-over. Vacation is payable upon resignation or retirement at the employee's current rate of pay.

All Parish primary government employees earn varying days of sick leave per year. Sick leave is forfeited upon termination, resignation, retirement or death.

GASB Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, requires governments to accrue compensated absences only to the extent it is probable that the employer will compensate employees for benefits through cash payments conditioned on the employees' termination or retirement.

The Parish has recorded the following liabilities as of December 31, 2022, for certain salary-related benefits associated with the payment of compensated absences:

- a. Compensated absences payable for each employee is valued at the employee's current rate of pay.
- b. No sick leave is recorded in the financial statements for active employees since the amount applicable under GASB Statement No. 16 is immaterial.

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long-term debt in the government-wide statements. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources, while the proprietary funds report the liability as it is incurred.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate element, deferred inflows of resources, represents acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Parish has two items that qualifies for reporting in this category. The amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available or grant expenditures are incurred. The governmental funds report deferred revenues from grants of \$4,219,843.

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Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be 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.
- a. Unrestricted Net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

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

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable—Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted—Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed—Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Parish. The Council are the highest level of decision-making authority for the Parish. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by council members.

Assigned—Amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Parish's adopted policy, the council or the Parish's finance committee may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned—All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

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As of December 31, 2022, except for unassigned, fund balances are composed of the following:

	Nor	nspendable	Re	stricted	Con	nmitted
Major Funds -						
General	\$	138,066	\$	-	\$	-
Parishwide Drainage		-		-	7	765,623
Parishwide Recreation		2,952		-	1,0)43,931
Debt Service Road Improvement		-	1	,624,742		-
Nonmajor Funds						
Motor Vehicle Handling		-		-	1	18,148
Roads and Bridges		-		-	2	343,161
Drainage and Road Equipment		-		-	4	547,527
Criminal Court		-		-		44,910
Detention Center		-		-		411,171
Totals	\$	141,018	<u>\$ 1</u>	,624,742	\$ 3,2	274,471

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Parish considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Parish considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the jurors or the finance committee has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

E. <u>Revenue Restrictions</u>

The Parish has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue source includes:

Revenue Source

Legal Restrictions of Use

Sales taxes

See Note 7

The Parish uses unrestricted resources only when restricted resources are fully depleted.

F. Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocation of resources between funds of the primary government are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

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G. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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. Estimates are used primarily when accounting for depreciation, allowance for doubtful accounts, prepaid insurance, and deferred revenue.

H. <u>Pensions</u>

The net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources management focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

I. <u>Postemployment Benefits Other than pensions (OPEB)</u>

The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

J. Leases

The Parish recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Parish initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

The Parish uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate, if provided. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Parish uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal periods that management considers reasonably certain to be exercised.

The Parish monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

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(2) <u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>

Under state law, the Parish may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Parish may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Parish's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Parish does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, 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 pledging financial institution. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the financial institution. These securities are held in the name of the pledging financial institution in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 17,562,793</u>
Deposits are secured as follows:	
Insured deposits	\$ 250,000
Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank,	
not in the Parish Government's name	17,312,793
Total	\$ 17,562,793

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(3) <u>Receivables</u>

Receivables consisted of the following at December 31, 2022:

Fund	 ccounts cceivable	Ad Valorem Taxes	 Sales Taxes	 Other	Total
General	\$ 2,920	\$ 1,471,060	\$ -	\$ 70,144	\$ 1,544,124
Parishwide Drainage	33,315	-	77,327	83,510	194,152
Parishwide Recreation	802	-	54,129	91,223	146,154
Debt Service Road					
Improvement	-	-	193,317	61,637	254,954
Natural Gas System	611,657	-	-	-	611,657
Solid Waste	161,198	-	77,327	104,656	343,181
Animal and Pest Control	27,460	-	-	21,054	48,514
Nonmajor Funds	 -		 42,530	 53,461	95,991
Total	\$ 837,352	\$ 1,471,060	\$ 444,630	\$ 485,685	\$3,238,727

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(4) <u>Capital assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the year ended December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 749,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 749,009
Construction in progress	6,593,015	1,346,551	-	7,939,566
Total capital assets, not				
being depreciated	7,342,024	1,346,551		8,688,575
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	9,345,381	87,502	-	9,432,883
Equipment, furnishings, and vehicles	8,397,446	558,506	288,246	8,667,706
Infrastructure	27,146,033	1,790,334		28,936,367
Total capital assets, being				
depreciated	44,888,860	2,436,342	288,246	47,036,956
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building and improvements	4,717,128	271,100	-	4,988,228
Equipment, furnishings, and vehicles	6,912,264	369,769	79,347	7,202,686
Infrastructure	9,596,218	1,318,566	-	10,914,784
Total accumulated depreciation	21,225,610	1,959,435	79,347	23,105,698
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	23,663,250	476,907	208,899	23,931,258
Lease assets being amortized:				
Vehicles	154,055	229,718	-	383,773
Less accumulated amortization:				
Vehicles	18,006	49,119	-	67,125
Total lease assets being amortized, net	136,049	180,599		316,648
Governmental activities,				
capital assets, net	\$ 31,141,323	\$ 2,004,057	\$208,899	\$ 32,936,481

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	Begin Bala	•	Ad	ditions	Dele	etions		Ending Balance
Business-type activities:								
Capital assets not being depreciated:								
Land	<u>\$</u> 4	5,233	\$	-	\$	-	\$	45,233
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Utility systems and related equipment	8,92	0,371		167,066		-	ç	9,087,437
Animal and Pest Control equipment	35	8,111		-		-		358,111
Total capital assets being depreciated	9,27	8,482		167,066		-	ç	9,445,548
Less accumulated depreciation:								
Utility systems and related equipment	7,22	9,695		162,510		-	7	7,392,205
Animal and Pest Control equipment	23	5,978		13,496		-		249,474
Total accumulated depreciation	7,46	5,673		176,006		-	7	7,641,679
Total capital assets being								
depreciated, net	1,81	2,809		(8,940)		-	1	1,803,869
Business-type activities,								
capital assets, net	\$ 1,85	8,042	\$	(8,940)	\$	-	\$ 1	1,849,102

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

	Depreciation Expense	Amortization Expense
General government	\$ 311,855	\$ -
Public safety	46,251	-
Public works	1,567,851	49,119
Culture and recreation	33,478	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,959,435	\$ 49,119

Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:

	Depreciation Expense
Natural Gas system	\$ 100,803
Solid waste	1,508
Multi-Use Center	60,199
Animal and pest control	13,496
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 176,006</u>

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(5) <u>Long-term liabilities</u>

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the Parish for the year ended December 31, 2022:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Blance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Direct borrowings and					
Direct Placements -					
Sales Tax Bonds,					
Series 2016	\$2,330,000	\$ -	\$ 445,000	\$1,885,000	\$ 455,000
Certificate of					
Indebtedness,					
Series 2004	65,000	-	20,000	45,000	20,000
Limited Tax Bonds,					
Series 2019	2,307,000	-	150,000	2,157,000	155,000
Sales Tax Refunding					
Bonds, Series 2021	2,500,000	-	475,000	2,025,000	490,000
Right-to-use lease					
asset liabilities	137,233	229,718	46,520	320,431	86,365
Financing leases payable	163,214		66,894	96,320	37,581
	\$7,502,447	\$ 229,718	\$ 1,203,414	\$6,528,751	\$ 1,243,946

Leases have typically been liquidated by the Drainage and Road Equipment Fund.

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Governmental activities -	
Direct borrowings and direct placements: Sales Tax Bonds:	
\$2,500,000 Sales Tax Refundingt Bonds, Series 2021, dated July, 2021, principal due in annual installments of \$475,000 to \$525,000 through September 1, 2026 at interest rate of .910%.	\$ 2,025,000
\$4,500,000 Sales Tax Road Improvement Bonds, Series 2016, dated May, 2016, principal due in annual installments of \$120,000 to \$490,000 through September 1, 2026 at interest rate of 2.2325%.	1,885,000
Certificates of Indebtedness:	
\$480,000 Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2004, dated April, 2004, principal due in annual installments of \$20,000 to \$50,000 through May 1, 2024 at interest rate of 3% - 5%.	45,000
Ad Valorem Tax Bond:	
\$2,500,000 Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019, dated November 2019, principal due in annual installments of \$94,000 to \$207,000 through March 1, 2034 at	
interest rate of 2.95%.	2,157,000
Total long-term debt - governmental activities	\$ 6,112,000

Long-term debt is due as follows:

	Governmental Activities - Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements					
Year Ending December 31,	Principal payments	Interest payments	Total			
2023	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 123,606	\$ 1,243,606			
2024	1,149,000	103,231	1,252,231			
2025	1,148,000	82,926	1,230,926			
2026	1,182,000	62,815	1,244,815			
2027	172,000	42,097	214,097			
2028 - 2032	932,000	130,539	1,062,539			
2033 - 2036	409,000	12,137	421,137			
Totals	\$ 6,112,000	\$ 557,351	\$ 6,669,351			

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Default Provisions

In the event of default on direct borrowings and direct placements, the bondholder may take actions as deemed necessary and appropriate as permitted by law to cause the Parish to comply with its obligations under the debt and compel performance.

Bond Restrictions -

Sales Tax Bonds

Under the terms of the indenture authorizing the issuance of Sales Tax Bonds – Series 2012, general revenues of the Parish are pledged and dedicated for the establishment and maintenance of the following bond funds:

Sales Tax Bonds – Road Improvement Refunding Bonds - Series 2021 - Sinking Fund to be used for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds as they become due and payable. Monthly payments are to be equal to the sum of one-sixth of interest falling due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth of principal falling due on the next principal payment date.

Sales Tax Bonds – Road Improvement Refunding Bonds - Series 2021 - Reserve Fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying principal and interest on bonds payable from the Bond Sinking Fund, as to which there would otherwise be default. No funds have been accumulated.

Sales Tax Bonds – Road Improvement Refunding Bonds - Series 2016 - Sinking Fund to be used for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds as they become due and payable. Monthly payments are to be equal to the sum of one-sixth of interest falling due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth of principal falling due on the next principal payment date.

Sales Tax Bonds – Road Improvement Refunding Bonds - Series 2016 - Reserve Fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying principal and interest on bonds payable from the Bond Sinking Fund, as to which there would otherwise be default. No funds have been accumulated.

Certificate of Indebtedness

In accordance with the terms of the indenture authorizing the issuance of the certificates of indebtedness, excess revenues are used for the establishment of the 2004 Certificates of Indebtedness Sinking Fund. The sinking fund is used for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt as it becomes due and payable. Monthly payments are equal to the sum of one-sixth of interest becoming due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth of principal becoming due on the next principal payment date.

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(6) <u>Leases</u>

A. Right-to-use lease assets –

The Parish, as a lessee, has entered into various vehicle lease agreements. The total of the Parish's lease assets are recorded at a cost of \$383,773, less accumulated amortization of \$67,125. The Parish recognizes right-to-use lease assets and right-to-use lease asset liability in the government wide financial statements. The leased assets will be amortized over the lease terms. Unamortized lease asset costs to be amortized in future periods are as follows:

Years Ended	
December 31	
2023	\$ 92,577
2024	92,577
2025	74,572
2026	47,670
2027	9,252
Total	\$ 316,648

At commencement of the leases, the Parish initially measured the lease liabilities at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease terms. For purposes of discounting future payments on the leases, the Parish used the interest rates provided by the lessor or its estimated incremental borrowing rate. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its useful life or the lease terms.

The future lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

	Gove	Governmental Activities -			
	Ri	Right-to-use Leases			
Year Ending	Principal	Principal Interest			
December 31,	payments	payments	Total		
2023	\$ 86,365	\$ 19,542	\$ 105,907		
2024	92,001	13,903	105,904		
2025	78,389	8,034	86,423		
2026	52,810	2,958	55,768		
2027	10,866	337	11,203		
Totals	\$ 320,431	\$ 44,774	\$ 365,205		

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B. Financing leases –

The Parish has acquired equipment under a financing lease obligations. The lease payments relating to the equipment have been capitalized, and therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The future minimum lease obligation and the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2022 were as follows:

2023	\$ 42,080
2024	42,080
2025	 19,244
Net minimum lease payments	103,404
Less: interest	 (7,084)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 96,320

At December 31, 2022, the leased equipment is included in capital assets with a cost of \$365,593 and accumulated depreciation of \$275,342. Depreciation expense of \$67,051 was recorded for the assets as of December 31, 2022.

(7) <u>Dedication of Proceeds – Sales and use tax</u>

The Parish has a one per cent sales and use tax approved for an indefinite term by the voters on September 19, 1984. The tax, after all necessary costs for collection and administration, is to be used for purposes in the percentages assigned, as follows:

- a. Not less than 35% is dedicated and used for capital improvements, maintenance, and operation of Pointe Coupee Parish Government Hospital District No. 1, including, but not limited to, the Pointe Coupee General Hospital and other medical complexes adjacent thereto and throughout the Parish;
- b. Not less than 20% is dedicated and used for the construction, maintenance, and operations of a comprehensive parish-wide solid waste and non-hazardous waste disposal program;
- c. Not less than 20% is dedicated and used for the construction and maintenance of public roads, highways. bridges and drainage facilities throughout the unincorporated areas of the Parish.
- d. Not less than 14% is dedicated and used for capital improvements, maintenance and operations of a parish-wide recreational program, including, but not limited to, a senior citizens and youth services program;
- e. The remaining 11% shall be appropriated by the Parish for lawful Parish purposes, by ordinance or resolution of the Parish.

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An additional ½ cent sales and use tax was approved by the voters on May 3, 1997, for 15 years for the purpose of constructing, improving and resurfacing the public roads and bridges in the Parish. This sales and use tax was renewed on November 2, 2010 for an additional 15 years.

(8) <u>Deficit fund balance</u>

The Road Construction Fund and the Grants and Capital Outlay Fund had a deficit fund balance at December 31, 2022 of \$34,101 and \$2,962, respectively. The deficits will be financed through future revenues of the funds.

(9) <u>Employee Retirement</u>

The Parish is a participating employer in several cost-sharing defined benefit pension plans. These plans are administered by three public employee retirement systems, the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS), the Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS), and the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS). Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of these plans to the State Legislature. Each system is administered by a separate board of trustees.

Each of the Systems issues an annually publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. These reports may be obtained by writing, calling, or downloading the reports as follows:

PERS:	ROVERS:	DARS:
7905 Wrenwood Blvd.	P.O. Box 57	1645 Nicholson Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809	Jennings, LA 70546	Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 928-1361	(800) 510-8515	(225) 383-2227
www.persla.org	www.larovers.com	www.ladars.org

Plan Descriptions:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS)

Substantially all employees of the Parish are members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System), a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the State of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish. Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan." Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. The Retirement System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 11, Sections 1901 through 2025, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana. All employees of the Parish are members of Plan A only.

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<u>Eligibility Requirements:</u> All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche, and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

<u>Retirement Benefits:</u> Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- 1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
- 2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
- 3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

<u>Survivor Benefits:</u> Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

<u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan:</u> Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

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Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in DROP will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of DROP must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that any returns and other rights of DROP are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than 15, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age 60 for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

<u>Cost of Living Increases</u>: The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age 65 equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS)

The Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with Act 215 of 1954, under Revised Statute 11:2032 to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters, their deputies, and their permanent employees in each parish of the State of Louisiana.

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<u>Retirement Benefits</u>: Any member hired prior to January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he has 20 years of creditable service and is age 55 or has 10 years of creditable service and is age 60. Any member with 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, may retire. Regular retirement benefits for members hired prior to January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member hired on or after January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he has attained 30 years of creditable service and is age 55; has attained 20 years of creditable service and is age 60; or has attained 10 years of creditable service and is age 62. Regular retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.00% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation. Retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, that have attained 30 years of creditable service with at least 20 years of creditable service in the System, are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member whose withdrawal from service occurs prior to attaining the age of 60 years, who shall have completed 10 or more years of creditable service and shall not have received a refund of his accumulated contributions, shall become eligible for a deferred allowance beginning upon his attaining the age of 60 years.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: Disability benefits are provided to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service established in the System and who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disabled member who has attained the age of 60 years shall be entitled to a regular retirement allowance.

The disabled member who has not yet attained age 60 shall be entitled to a disability benefit equal to the lesser of 3.00% of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of creditable years of service (not to be less than 15 years) or 3.33% of average final compensation multiplied by the years of service assuming continued service to age 60. Disability benefits may not exceed two-thirds of earnable compensation.

Survivor Benefits: If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies due to any cause other than injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service and is not eligible to retire, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with Option 2 factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse and the member has five or more years of creditable service, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid 80% of the accrued retirement benefit in equal shares until the age of majority or for the duration of the handicap for a handicapped child. Upon the death of any former member with 10 or more years of service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

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Deferred Retirement Option Plan: In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member with 10 or more years of service at age 60, 20 or more years of service at age 55, or 30 or more years of service at any age may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, membership in the System terminates. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the person elected to cease employment and received a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. This fund does not earn interest. In addition, no cost of living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the plan may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan fund will begin to be paid to the retiree. If the participant dies during participation in the plan, a lump sum equal to his account balance in the plan fund shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the plan fund cease, and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

<u>Cost of Living Increases</u>: Cost of living provisions for the System allows the Board of Trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.0% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment once they have reached the age of 60 and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS)

The District Attorneys' Retirement System is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan that was created on August 1, 1956, by Act 56 of the 1956 session of the Louisiana Legislature, for the purpose of providing allowances and other benefits for district attorneys and their assistants in each parish. The fund is administered by a Board of Trustees. Benefits, including normal retirement, early retirement, disability retirement, and death benefit, are provided as specified in the plan.

All persons who are district attorneys of the State of Louisiana, assistant district attorneys in any parish of the State of Louisiana, or employed by this retirement system and the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association, except for elected or appointed officials who have retired from service under any publicly funded retirement system within the state and who are currently receiving benefits, shall become members as a condition of their employment; provided, however, that in the case of assistant district attorneys, they must be paid an amount not less than the minimum salary specified by the Louisiana District Attorneys' Retirement System's Board of Trustees. The projection of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in

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accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

<u>Retirement Benefits</u>: Members who joined the System before July 1, 1990, and who have elected not to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit if they have 10 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 62, or if they have 18 or more years of service and are at least age 60, or if they have 23 or more years of service and are at least age 55, or if they have 30 years of service regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3% of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service. Members are eligible for early retirement at age 60 if they have at least 10 years of creditable service or at age 55 with at least 18 years of creditable service. Members who retire prior to age 60 with less than 23 years of service credit, receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 60. Members who retire prior to age 62 who have less than 18 years of service receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 62. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

Members who joined the System after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive normal retirement benefits if they are age 60 and have 10 years of service credit, are age 55 and have 24 years of service credit, or have 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3.5% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by years of membership service. A member is eligible for an early retirement benefit if he is age 55 and has 18 years of service credit. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year the member retires in advance of normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100% of average final compensation.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: Disability benefits are awarded to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service who are found to be totally disabled as a result of injuries incurred while in active service. The member receives a benefit equal to 3% (3.5% for members covered under the new retirement benefit provisions) of his average final compensation multiplied by the lesser of his actual service (not to be less than 15 years) or projected continued service to age 60.

<u>Survivor Benefits</u>: Upon the death of a member with less than five years of creditable service, his accumulated contributions and interest thereon are paid to his surviving spouse, if he is married, or to his designated beneficiary, if he is not married. Upon the death of any active, contributing member with five or more years of service or any member with 23 years of service who has not retired, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with the option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children are paid 80% of the member's accrued retirement benefit divided into equal shares. If a member has no surviving spouse or children, his accumulated contributions and interest are paid to his designated beneficiary. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions with interest.

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Upon withdrawal from service, members not entitled to a retirement allowance are paid a refund of accumulated contributions upon request. Receipt of such a refund cancels all accrued rights in the System.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired members and surviving beneficiaries of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of 3% of their original benefit, (not to exceed \$60 per month) and all retired members and surviving beneficiaries who are 65 years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. In lieu of other cost of living increases the Board may grant an increase to retirees in the form of "Xx(A&B)" where "A" is equal to the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or death of the member or retiree and "B" is equal to the number of years since death of the member or retiree to June 30 of the initial year of increase and "X" is equal to any amount available for funding such increase up to a maximum of \$1.00. In order for the Board to grant any of these increases, the System must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings.

<u>Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program</u>: In lieu of receiving an actual service retirement allowance, any member who has more years of service than are required for a normal retirement may elect to receive a Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program (Back-DROP) benefit.

The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of 36 months or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation, and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to a reduced monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In lieu of receiving the lump-sum payment, the member may leave the funds on deposit with the system in an interest-bearing account.

Deferred Retirement Option Program: Prior to January 1, 2009, eligible members could elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for up to 36 months in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service benefit. During participation in the DROP, employer contributions were payable and employee contributions were reduced to ½ of 1%. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable to the member were paid into a DROP account, which did not earn interest while the member was participating in the DROP. Upon termination of participation, the participant in the plan received, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account or systematic disbursements from his account in any manner approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the DROP would then be paid to the retiree. All amounts which remain credited to the individual's sub-account after termination of participation in the plan were invested in liquid money market funds. Interest was credited thereon as actually earned.

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Funding Policy

Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC).

Employer contribution rates to the plans are required and actuarially determined for PERS, ROVERS, and DARS. The contribution rates in effect for the year ended, for the Parish were as follows:

Parocial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	12.25%
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	18.00%
District Attorneys' Retirement System	9.50%

In accordance with state statute, the System also receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Parish recognized non-employer contributions as follows:

Parocial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	\$ 26,867
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	6,329
District Attorneys' Retirement System	1,242
	\$ 34,438

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: The following schedule lists the Parish's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability allocated by each of the pension plans based on the measurement dates. The Parish uses this measurement to record its net pension liability and associated amounts as of December 31, 2022 in accordance with GASB Statement 68. The schedule also includes the proportionate share allocation rate used at the measurement date for each plan, along with the change compared prior year rates. The Parish's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Agency's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

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Net Pension Liability (Asset)							
		at Measurement Date		Measurer			
		Governmental Activities		siness- Type Activities	Current	Previous	Increase (Decrease)
PERS (Plan A)	*	\$ (1,228,483)	\$	(301,405)	0.324787%	0.306861%	0.017926%
Rovers	**	48,413		-	0.197442%	0.204560%	-0.007118%
DARS	**	12,932		-	0.012005%	0.012444%	-0.000439%
Total		\$ (1,167,138)	\$	(301,405)			

* December 31, 2021 measurement date

** June 30, 2022 measurement date

The following schedule lists each pension plan's recognized pension expense (benefit) of the Parish for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Parocial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	\$ (240,899)
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	9,331
District Attorneys' Retirement System	3,829
	\$(227,739)

At December 31, 2022, the Parish reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS): Governmental Activities

Parochial Employees' Retirement Sys	stem of	Louisiana	(PEK	5):					
	(Governmental Activities			Business-Type Activities				
	Γ	Deferred		Deferred Deferred		Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows	
	0	utflows	Inflows						
Difference between expected									
and actual experience	\$	74,225	\$	89,037	\$	18,209	\$	21,844	
Change of assumptions		64,069		-		15,718		-	
Change in proportion and									
differences between the									
employer's contributions and									
the employer's proportionate									
share of contributions		28,440		15,345		6,977		3,764	
Net differences between									
projected and actual earnings									
on plan investments		-	1	,062,616		-		260,712	
Contributions subsequent to the									
measurement date		219,362		-		53,824		-	
Total	\$	386,096	\$1	,166,998	\$	94,728	\$	286,320	
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Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS):

	Governmental Activities		
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	
	of Resources	of Resources	
Difference between expected and			
actual experience	\$ 2,165	\$ 3,618	
Change of assumptions	4,039	-	
Change in proportion and			
differences between the employer's			
contributions and the employer's			
proportionate share of contributions	938	2,940	
Net differences between projected and			
actual earnings on plan investments	16,789	-	
Contributions subsequent to the			
measurement date	1,965	-	
Total	\$ 25,896	\$ 6,558	

District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS):

	Governmental Activities		
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	
	of Resources	of Resources	
Difference between expected and			
actual experience	\$ 915	\$ 405	
Change of assumptions	2,805	-	
Change in proportion and			
differences between the employer's			
contributions and the employer's			
proportionate share of contributions	52	220	
Net differences between projected and			
actual earnings on plan investments	3,861	-	
Contributions subsequent to the			
measurement date	369	-	
Total	\$ 8,002	\$ 625	

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The table below reports deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Parish's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2023.

Parocial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	\$273,186
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	1,965
District Attorneys' Retirement System	369
	\$275,520

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended				
December 31:	PERS	ROVERS	DARS	Total
2023	\$ (230,841)	\$ 2,637	\$ 2,093	\$ (226,111)
2024	(527,235)	3,758	1,485	(521,992)
2025	(345,762)	1,674	1,295	(342,793)
2026	(141,842)	9,304	2,135	(130,403)
	\$ (1,245,680)	\$ 17,373	\$ 7,008	\$(1,221,299)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability are as follows:

	PERS	ROVERS	DARS
Valuation Date Actuarial Cost Method	December 31, 2021 Entry Age Normal	June 30, 2022 Entry Age Normal	June 30, 2022 Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.4%, net of investment expense, including inflation	6.25%, net of investment expense	6.10%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%	5.25%	5.00% (2.20% inflation, 2.80% merit)
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	5 years	5 years

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Mortality:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana -

RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System -

RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for general employees multiplied by 120% for males and 120% for females each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale - Employees, Annuitant and Beneficiaries.

RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for general disabled retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 120% for females each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale - Employees, Annuitant and Beneficiaries.

District Attorneys' Retirement System -

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and females for current employees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

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Cost of Living Adjustments:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana -

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System -

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

District Attorneys' Retirement System -

Only those previously granted.

The following table provides a summary of the best estimates of arithmetic/ geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in each of the Retirement Systems' target asset allocations as of each pension plans respective measurement date:

	Long-term	Long-term Target Asset Allocation			
Asset Class	PERS	ROVERS	DARS		
Fixed income	33.00%	22.50%	30.19%		
Equity	51.00%	57.50%	57.11%		
Alternatives	14.00%	10.00%	12.67%		
Other	2.00%	10.00%	0.03%		
Totals	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

	Po	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return		
Asset Class	PERS	ROVERS	DAR	S
Fixed income	0.85%	0.66%	2.95%	
Equity	3.23%	4.51%	10.57%	
Alternatives	0.71%	0.63%	6.00%	
Other	<u>0.11%</u>	<u>0.45%</u>	0.00%	
Totals	4.90%	6.25%		5.01%
Inflation	2.10%	2.50%		2.68%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return	7.00%	8.75%		7.69%

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Discount Rate:

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, each of the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rates used for each respective plan is displayed in the Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate table.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the Parish's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the Parish's proportionate share of the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate used by each of the Retirement Systems:

	1%	Decrease	Cu	rrent Rate	1	% Increase
PERS						
Discount Rates		5.40%		6.40%		7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	272,750	\$ (1,529,888)	\$	(3,039,927)
ROVERS						
Discount Rates		5.25%		6.25%		7.25%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	78,272	\$	48,413	\$	23,016
DARS						
Discount Rates		5.10%		6.10%		7.10%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	21,688	\$	12,932	\$	5,587

(10) Deferred Compensation Plan

The Parish offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Plan is administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. (Nationwide). The Plan, available to all Parish employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the Plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency. In accordance with the amended provisions of Internal Revenue Code, all amounts deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are solely the property and rights of the participants and their beneficiaries. As required, the Parish established a custodial account with a third party administrator who will hold the assets and income of the plan. Assets totaling \$389,480 are held by Nationwide under agreement with the Parish.

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The Parish has implemented GASB Statement No. 32, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans. Under this statement, governments who have no responsibility for the plan and are not formally considered the plan's trustee are not required to report the plan in its financial statements. Since the Parish plan is held in a custodial account with a third party administrator, the assets and liabilities are not presented in the Parish's financial statements.

(11) <u>Post-Retirement Health Care Insurance Benefits</u>

Plan description - The Parish provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Parish's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Parish. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Parish. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Substantially all of the Parish's employees become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Parish. Those benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the retirees and by the Parish.

The Parish's medical and life insurance benefits are provided through a comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees are covered by Plan A of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; age 60 and 10 years of service; or, age 65 and 7 years of service. For employees hired on and after January 1, 2007 retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: age 55 and 30 years of service; age 62 and 10 years of service; or, age 67 and 7 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the rate is paid by the employer for the amount \$10,000.

Employees covered by benefit terms – At December 31, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	47
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	40

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Total OPEB Liability

The Parish's total OPEB liability of \$4,876,729 was measured as of December 31, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.0%
Salary increases	4.75%, including inflation
Discount rate	2.06% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)
	3.72%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	Getzen model
Mortality	PubG.H-2010

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2022, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2022.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Total OPEB obligation - beginning of year	<u>\$ 5,548,258</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	195,807
Interest	116,176
Difference between expected and actual experience	2,011,922
Changes in assumptions	(2,785,455)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(209,979)
Net changes	(671,529)
Total OPEB obligation - end of year	<u>\$ 4,876,729</u>

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Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish, as well as what the Parish's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.72%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.72%) than the current discount rate:

	Current				
	1.0% Decrease Discount Rate 1.0% Increas				
	2.72%	3.72%	4.72%		
Total OPEB liability	\$5,578,351	\$4,876,729	\$4,303,245		

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish, as well as what the Parish's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

Current				
1.0% Decrease Trend Rate 1.0%				
4.50%	5.50%	6.50%		
\$4,248,533	\$4,876,729	\$5,653,263		
		1.0% Decrease Trend Rate 4.50% 5.50%		

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

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Parish recognized OPEB expense of \$452,037. At December 31, 2022, the Parish reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between expected and actual experience	\$1,639,481	\$ 198,812
Changes of assumptions	1,408,038	2,173,233
Total	\$3,047,519	\$2,372,045

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year	
Ended	
2023	\$
2024	
2025	
2026	_
Total	\$

(12) <u>Sales Tax remitted to other Taxing Authorities</u>

Act 711 of the 2011 Louisiana Legislative Session amended LRS 24:51 (B) to provide required footnote disclosure in the financial statements for local governments that collect tax for other taxing jurisdictions. Listed below are sales tax collections and distributions to other parish governmental agencies during calendar year 2022.

	Total	Collection	Final
	Collections	Cost	Distribution
Pointe Coupee Parish School Board	\$ 8,803,050	\$ 220,076	\$ 8,582,974
City of New Roads	1,795,382	44,885	1,750,497
Town of Livonia	350,121	5,252	344,869
Village of Morganza	52,378	786	51,592
Town of Fordoche	47,115	707	46,408
Total	\$ 11,048,046	\$ 271,706	\$ 10,776,340

(13) <u>Tax Abatements</u>

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program (Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 5) is a state incentive program which abates, up to ten years, local ad valorem taxes on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. Applications to exempt qualified property for five years are approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry. The exemption may be renewed for an additional five years. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, \$112,298 in Parish ad valorem tax revenues were abated by the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program.

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(14) Interfund Transactions

A. Receivables and payables

A summary of interfund receivables and payables of the primary government at December 31, 2022 follows:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables	
	Receivables	Payables	
General Fund	\$ 34,101	\$ -	
Road Construction		34,101	
Total major governmental funds	\$ 34,101	\$ 34,101	

The above amounts are for reimbursements owed for expenditures paid for those funds.

B. Transfers

Transfers consisted of the following at December 31, 2022:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	¢ 1 250 000	\$ 200,000
	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 200,000
Parishwide Drainage	-	175,000
Road Construction	700,000	-
Parishwide Recreation	-	175,000
Debt Service Road Improvement	-	1,275,000
Natural Gas System	-	850,000
Solid Waste	-	750,000
Multi-Use Center	250,000	
Total major funds	2,300,000	3,425,000
Other governmental funds	1,125,000	
Total	\$ 3,425,000	\$ 3,425,000

(15) <u>Federal Compliance Contingencies</u>

The Parish receives Federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by governmental agencies. Such audits could result in requests for reimbursement by the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. It is the opinion of Parish management that such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(16) <u>Risk Management</u>

The Parish is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee health and life; and natural disasters for which the Parish carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year.

(17) Litigation and Claims

The Parish is subject to various lawsuits and claims, many of which arise in the normal course of business. The Parish's legal counsel has reviewed the claims and lawsuits, in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the Parish and to arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the Parish not covered by insurance. As a result of the review, there are no claims and lawsuits that an unfavorable outcome would materially affect the financial statements. Also, the Parish may be exposed to losses for which the amounts cannot be determined at this time.

In accordance with Paragraph (B) (1) of Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the Parish entered into an agreement on May 20, 1992 with all of the sales and use taxing authorities of the Parish of Pointe Coupee designating the Sales Tax Department of the Parish as the single tax collection agency. The agreement is effective as of July 1, 1992.

(18) <u>New Accounting Pronouncement</u>

In May 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*. This standard requires governments to report SBITAs as either a capital asset or an intangible asset and to disclose information about the terms of the arrangement, the costs, and any significant impacts on operations. This standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Parish will include the requirements of this standard, as applicable, in its December 31, 2023, financial statements. All of the Parish's SBITA agreements will need to be evaluated to determine the impact of implementing this standard; however, the effect of this standard or its applicability to the Parish are unknown at this time.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, Leases. The statement increased 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. The Parish adopted this standard during the year which had the following effect on beginning balances of net position:

	Governmental Activities
January 1, 2022 net position, as reported	\$ 28,844,188
Prior period adjustment: Change in accounting principle:	
Net effect of GASB 87 implementation	(9,984)
January 1, 2022 net position, as restated	\$ 28,834,204

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

				Variance with Final Budget
	Bud	lget		Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$1,421,860	\$1,401,860	\$ 1,654,109	\$ 252,249
Intergovernmental				
Federal grants	560,000	560,000	547,598	(12,402)
State funds -				
Grants	1,947,881	1,307,881	1,729,314	421,433
Other	463,400	519,624	1,210,449	690,825
Charges for services	155,929	155,929	222,428	66,499
Licenses and permits	417,900	357,900	391,725	33,825
Investment income	100	100	1,325	1,225
Miscellaneous	51,363	22,685	83,291	60,606
Total revenues	5,018,433	4,325,979	5,840,239	1,514,260
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	2,527,443	2,683,338	3,081,481	(398,143)
Health and welfare	146,525	186,525	133,500	53,025
Culture and recreation	123,340	123,340	97,716	25,624
Public safety	1,122,100	1,243,873	1,067,569	176,304
Economic development	146,200	126,200	157,962	(31,762)
Capital outlay	3,849,500	1,002,500	1,423,455	(420,955)
Debt service -				
Principal	264,609	264,609	150,000	114,609
Interest		_	65,844	(65,844)
Total expenditures	8,179,717	5,630,385	6,177,527	(547,142)
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(3,161,284)	(1,304,406)	(337,288)	967,118
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	10,594	10,594
Transfer in	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	-
Transfer out	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,160,594	10,594
Net change in fund balance	(2,011,284)	(154,406)	823,306	977,712
Fund balance, beginning	4,417,126	4,417,126	4,417,126	
Fund balance, ending	\$2,405,842	\$4,262,720	\$ 5,240,432	\$ 977,712

Parishwide Drainage Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Buc	ę		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:	• • • • • • •	• · · · · · · · · · ·	.	
Taxes	\$ 670,480	\$ 670,480	\$ 949,184	\$ 278,704
Charges for services	552,000	552,000	548,249	(3,751)
Investment income	-	-	11,430	11,430
Miscellaneous	355,020	140,000	152,233	12,233
Total revenues	1,577,500	1,362,480	1,661,096	298,616
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Drainage	1,101,911	1,199,836	1,096,529	103,307
Capital outlay	350,000	354,015	360,460	(6,445)
Total expenditures	1,451,911	1,553,851	1,456,989	96,862
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	125,589	(191,371)	204,107	395,478
Other financing uses:				
Transfer out	(175,000)	(175,000)	(175,000)	
Net change in fund balance	(49,411)	(366,371)	29,107	395,478
Fund balance, beginning	736,516	736,516	736,516	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 687,105	\$ 370,145	\$ 765,623	\$ 395,478

POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY New Roads, Louisiana

Road Construction Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Buc	<u> </u>		Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Expenditures: Capital outlay	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,609,297	(109,297)	
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,609,297)	(109,297)	
Other financing sources: Transfer in	700,000	700,000	700,000		
Net change in fund balance	(800,000)	(800,000)	(909,297)	(109,297)	
Fund balance, beginning	875,196	875,196	875,196		
Fund balance, ending	\$ 75,196	<u>\$ 75,196</u>	<u>\$ (34,101)</u>	<u>\$ (109,297)</u>	

POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY New Roads, Louisiana

Parishwide Recreation Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Buc	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues Taxes	\$ 471,431	\$ 471,431	\$ 664,429	\$ 192,998
State funds -				
Grants	750,000	-	11,599	11,599
Charges for services	102,300	100,800	130,646	29,846
Miscellaneous	1,313,574	665,874	565,597	(100,277)
Total revenues	2,637,305	1,238,105	1,372,271	134,166
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Culture and recreation	445,854	481,354	447,701	33,653
Capital outlay	1,000,000	100,000	87,507	12,493
Total expenditures	1,445,854	581,354	535,208	46,146
Excess of revenues				
over expenditures	1,191,451	656,751	837,063	180,312
Other financing uses:				
Transfer out	(175,000)	(175,000)	(175,000)	
Net change in fund balance	1,016,451	481,751	662,063	180,312
Fund balance, beginning	384,820	384,820	384,820	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$1,401,271</u>	<u>\$ 866,571</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,883</u>	<u>\$ 180,312</u>

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021	2021 2020		2018
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 195,807	\$ 153,788	\$ 133,876	\$ 42,205	\$ 48,611
Interest	116,176	116,014	97,982	111,434	102,486
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected					
and actual experience	2,011,922	(42,677)	(260,578)	304,593	(57,225)
Changes of assumptions	(2,785,455)	52,973	2,035,756	488,681	(224,380)
Benefit payments	(209,979)	(127,282)	(120,646)	(134,651)	(127,631)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(671,529)	152,816	1,886,390	812,262	(258,139)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	5,548,258	5,395,442	3,509,052	2,696,790	2,954,929
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$4,876,729	\$5,548,258	<u>\$ 5,395,442</u>	\$3,509,052	\$2,696,790
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,317,305	\$2,320,639	\$ 2,253,048	\$1,531,788	\$1,487,173
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	210.45%	239.08%	239.47%	229.08%	181.34%
Notes to Schedule:					
Benefit Changes	None	None	None	None	None
Changes of Assumptions:					
Discount rate	3.72%	2.06%	2.12%	2.74%	4.10%
Mortality	PubG H-2010	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2000	RP-2000
Trend	Getzen model	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	5.5%	5.5%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

* Year	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension	Employer's	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total
Ended	Liability	Liability	Covered	Percentage of its	Pension Liability
December 31	(Asset)	(Asset)	Payroll	Covered Payroll	(Asset)
2015 2016	0.389700% 0.383400%	\$ 106,533 \$ 1,011,730	\$ 2,181,782 \$ 2,203,729	4.88% 45.91%	99.15% 92.23%
2017	0.330600%	\$ 680,878	\$ 1,863,077	36.55%	94.15%
2018	0.265600%	\$ (197,148)	\$ 1,487,173	13.26%	101.98%
2019	0.267035%	\$ 1,185,197	\$ 1,641,622	72.20%	88.86%
2020	0.331117%	\$ 15,587	\$ 2,099,538	0.74%	99.89%
2021	0.306861%	\$ (538,054)	\$ 2,049,535	26.25%	104.00%
2022	0.324787%	\$ 266,940	\$ 2,179,106	12.25%	110.46%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

			Con	tributions in					
			R	elation to					Contributions
Year	Cor	ntractually	Co	ontractual	Cont	ribution	E	Employer's	as a % of
Ended	R	Lequired	F	Required Deficiency C		Covered	Covered		
December 31	Co	ntribution	Co	ontribution	(E	xcess)		Payroll	Payroll
2015	\$	319,541	\$	319,541	\$	-	\$	2,203,729	14.50%
2016	\$	242,200	\$	242,200	\$	-	\$	1,863,077	13.00%
2017	\$	206,750	\$	206,750	\$	-	\$	1,580,656	13.08%
2018	\$	187,067	\$	187,067	\$	-	\$	1,626,668	11.50%
2019	\$	241,366	\$	241,366	\$	-	\$	2,099,538	11.50%
2020	\$	251,068	\$	251,068	\$	-	\$	2,049,535	12.25%
2021	\$	266,941	\$	266,941	\$	-	\$	2,179,106	12.25%
2022	\$	273,185	\$	273,185	\$	-	\$	2,339,513	11.68%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

* Year Ended December 31	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Proj Sha Ne L	mployer portionate are of the t Pension iability Asset)	C	nployer's 'overed Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)
2015	0.199300%	\$	48,809	\$	27,036	180.53%	76.86%
2016	0.202600%	\$	57,509	\$	27,840	206.57%	73.98%
2017	0.206300%	\$	45,278	\$	28,248	160.29%	80.51%
2018	0.206100%	\$	48,657	\$	28,248	172.25%	80.57%
2019	0.214910%	\$	40,189	\$	29,088	138.16%	84.83%
2020	0.221245%	\$	47,662	\$	29,888	159.5%	83.32%
2021	0.204560%	\$	6,489	\$	30,642	21.2%	97.68%
2022	0.197442%	\$	48,413	\$	28,257	171.3%	82.46%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

		Contr	ibutions in					
		Re	lation to					Contributions
Con	tractually	Co	ntractual	Contribution		En	nployer's	as a % of
Re	equired	Re	equired	Def	ficiency	Covered		Covered
Con	tribution	Con	Contribution		(Excess)		Payroll	Payroll
\$	6,435	\$	6,435	\$	-	\$	27,529	23.38%
\$	6,003	\$	6,003	\$	-	\$	28,044	21.41%
\$	5,952	\$	5,952	\$	-	\$	28,248	21.07%
\$	4,872	\$	4,872	\$	-	\$	29,088	17.25%
\$	5,206	\$	5,206	\$	-	\$	29,488	17.65%
\$	5,436	\$	5,436	\$	-	\$	30,198	18.00%
\$	5,639	\$	5,639	\$	-	\$	31,327	18.00%
\$	4,190	\$	4,190	\$	-	\$	23,277	18.00%
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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset District Attorneys' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

* Year Ended December 31	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Prop Sha Net L	nployer portionate are of the Pension iability Asset)	С	ployer's overed 'ayroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)
2015	0.013300%	\$	714	\$	7,764	9.20%	98.56%
2016	0.012800%	\$	2,458	\$	7,767	31.65%	95.09%
2017	0.012800%	\$	3,445	\$	7,800	44.17%	93.57%
2018	0.012500%	\$	4,018	\$	7,800	51.51%	92.92%
2019	0.013198%	\$	4,246	\$	7,767	54.67%	93.13%
2020	0.012533%	\$	9,930	\$	7,767	127.8%	84.86%
2021	0.012444%	\$	2,215	\$	7,788	28.4%	96.79%
2022	0.012005%	\$	12,932	\$	7,767	166.5%	81.65%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

Schedule of Employer Contributions District Attorneys' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Year Ended December 31	Re	ractually quired ribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution		Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		Employer's Covered Payroll		Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2015	\$	385	\$	385	\$	-	\$	7,764	4.96%
2016	\$	136	\$	136	\$	-	\$	7,767	1.75%
2017	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%
2018	\$	49	\$	49	\$	-	\$	3,883	1.26%
2019	\$	204	\$	204	\$	-	\$	7,767	2.63%
2020	\$	311	\$	311	\$	-	\$	7,767	4.00%
2021	\$	525	\$	525	\$	-	\$	7,788	6.74%
2022		738		738	\$	-		7,767	9.50%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

(1) <u>Budgetary Practices</u>

The Parish follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. Prior to December 15, the Director of Finance prepares a proposed operating budget which is submitted to the budget committee who in turn submits the proposed budget to the Members of the Parish Council no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of a resolution prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Members of the Parish.
- f. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- g. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Parish. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

At December 31, 2022, the General Fund and the Road Construction Fund reported expenditures in excess of appropriations.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

(2) <u>Retirement Systems</u>

A. <u>Parochial Employees' Retirement System</u>

Changes of benefit terms -

There were no changes of benefit terms.

Changes of assumptions -

* Year ended	Discount	Investment Rate	Inflation	Expected Remaining	Projected Salary
December 31,	Rate	of Return	Rate	Service Lives	Increase
2015	7.25%	7.25%	3.00%	4	5.75%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2017	7.00%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.75%
2020	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.75%
2021	6.40%	6.40%	2.40%	4	4.75%
2022	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.75%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

B. <u>Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System</u>

Changes of benefit terms -

There were no changes of benefit terms.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Changes of assumptions -

* Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
2015	7.000/	7.000/	2.500/	5	6.000/
2015	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2017	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2018	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	5	6.00%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	5	6.00%
2020	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	5	5.25%
2021	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	5	5.25%
2022	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	5	5.25%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

C. <u>District Attorneys' Retirement System</u>

Changes in benefit terms -

There were no changes of benefit terms.

Changes of assumption -

Discount Rate	Investment Rate	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
Trate	or rectain	Rute	Service Lives	mereuse
7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	6	5.50%
7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	7	5.50%
6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	7	5.50%
6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	5.50%
6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	5.50%
6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	6	5.00%
6.10%	6.10%	2.20%	5	5.00%
6.10%	6.10%	2.20%	5	5.00%
	Rate 7.00% 7.00% 6.75% 6.50% 6.50% 6.25% 6.10%	Discount Rate Rate of Return 7.00% 7.00% 7.00% 7.00% 6.75% 6.75% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.25% 6.25% 6.10% 6.10%	Discount Rate Inflation Rate of Return Rate 7.00% 7.00% 2.50% 7.00% 7.00% 2.50% 6.75% 6.75% 2.50% 6.50% 6.50% 2.40% 6.50% 6.25% 2.30% 6.10% 6.10% 2.20%	Discount RateRate of ReturnInflation RateRemaining Service Lives7.00%7.00%2.50%67.00%7.00%2.50%76.75%6.75%2.50%76.75%6.75%2.50%76.50%6.50%2.40%66.50%6.25%2.30%66.10%6.10%2.20%5

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Criminal C	Court Fund
	First Six	Second Six
	Month	Month
	Period	Period
	Ended	Ended
Cash Basis Presentation	06/30/2022	12/31/2022
Receipts From:		
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff - Court fines	\$ 42,862	\$ 43,802
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff - Costs/fees	21,105	14,225
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff - Coroner fees	340	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 64,307</u>	\$ 58,027

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head Joseph "Major" Thibaut, Jr., Parish President Year Ended December 31, 2022

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$131,880
Benefits - insurance	7,440
Benefits - retirement	15,166
Medicare tax benefits	2,043
Vehicle allowance	9,000
	\$ 165,529

Schedule of Compensation Council Year Ended December 31, 2022

Dustin Boudreaux	\$ 15,600
Stephen P. Bergeron, Jr.	14,400
Jimmie M. Gaspard	14,400
Sidney Lacoste, II	14,400
Edwin Soulier	14,400
Edward W. Bazile	14,400
Kurt Jarreau	14,400
Charles G. Watkins	14,400
	\$116,400

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Motor Vehicle Handling Fund

To account for the expenditure of funds used to maintain the building used for the state department of motor vehicles.

Roads and Bridges Fund

To account for the construction of new roads and bridges, and the maintenance of existing roads and bridges. The major sources of financing are provided by the State of Louisiana Parish Road Fund, Parish Royalty Fund and grants from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Use of the funds is restricted by Louisiana Revised Statute 48:753.

Drainage and Road Equipment Fund

To account for designated revenues and the expenditures to purchase equipment.

Detention Center

To account for a dedicated tax levy for the construction, maintenance and operations of the parish jail facility.

Criminal Court Fund

To account for the receipts of court fees and fines and the disbursements of court costs of the 18th Judicial District.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT New Roads, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2022

	Motor Vehicles Handling	Roads and Bridges	Drainage and Road Equipment	Criminal Court	Detention Center	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable Due from other governments Other receivables	\$114,459 2,115 2,354	\$327,874 	\$ 522,031 19,332 - 6,164	\$30,154 - - 14,806	\$421,257 23,198 - 7,626	\$1,415,775 42,530 2,115 53,461
Total assets	\$118,928	\$350,385	\$ 547,527	\$44,960	\$452,081	\$1,513,881
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 780	\$ 7,224	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 40,910	\$ 48,964
Fund balance: Committed Total liabilities and	118,148	343,161	547,527	44,910	411,171	1,464,917
fund balance	\$118,928	\$350,385	\$ 547,527	\$44,960	\$452,081	\$1,513,881

POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT New Roads, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Motor Vehicles Handling	Roads and Bridges	Drainage and Road Equipment	Criminal Court	Detention Center	Total
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$237,296	\$ -	\$ 284,755	\$ 522,051
Intergovernmental						
State funds -						
Grants	-	271,059	-	-	-	271,059
Charges for services	27,464	-	-	67,270	-	94,734
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	119,235	-	119,235
Licenses and permits	-	3,540	-	-	-	3,540
Miscellaneous			38,058	-	45,669	83,727
Total revenues	27,464	274,599	275,354	186,505	330,424	1,094,346
Expenditures:						
Current -						
Public safety	11,659	-	-	180,785	557,379	749,823
Drainage	-	-	184,322	-	-	184,322
Public works	-	789,199	-	-	-	789,199
Capital outlay	-	-	101,372	-	5,149	106,521
Debt service						
Principal	20,000	-	66,894	-	-	86,894
Interest	2,750	_	7,502	_		10,252
Total expenditures	34,409	789,199	360,090	180,785	562,528	1,927,011
Excess (deficiency) of						
revenues over expenditures	(6,945)	(514,600)	(84,736)	5,720	(232,104)	(832,665)
revenues over experiatures	(0,943)	(314,000)	(84,730)	5,720	(232,104)	(832,003)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in		625,000	125,000		375,000	1,125,000
Net change in fund balance	(6,945)	110,400	40,264	5,720	142,896	292,335
Fund balance, beginning	125,093	232,761	507,263	39,190	268,275	1,172,582
Fund balance, ending	\$118,148	\$343,161	\$547,527	\$44,910	\$ 411,171	\$1,464,917

Schedule of Insurance in Force December 31, 2022 (Without Audit)

			Insurance	
Issuer	Kind of Insurance	Property Covered/Address	Coverage	Expiration Date
United Fire Group	Commercial property	Listed property	\$16,765,900	July 3, 2023
Landmaark Insurance Co.	Commercial property	Multi-Use and Detention Center	\$ 9,415,000	June 8, 2023
LA Parish Risk Management Agency	Worker's Compensation	Eligible employees	\$ 1,000,000	January 1, 2023
AmGuard Insurance	Commercial General Liability	General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000	April 15, 2023
	Crime	Products and completed ops Personal and Property damage Personal and Advertising injury Rented property damage Sexual abuse Failure to supply Auto Liability and Public Official Liability Employee theft Forgery or alteration Inside the premises - theft of money & securities	\$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000 \$ 1,000,000 \$ 1,000,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000 \$ 250,000 \$ 250,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 25,000	April 15, 2023 April 15, 2023
Underwriters at Lloyde's Travelers	Commerial Property Crime	Inside the premises - robbery or safe burglary Outside the premises Computer fraud Money orders & counterfeit paper currency Scott Recreation Park Employee theft	\$ 25,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 250,000 \$ 250,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 435,000 \$ 20,000	April 15, 2023 April 15, 2023 April 15, 2023 April 15, 2023 June 8, 2023 January 31, 2023
Hartford	Boiler & Machinery	Courthouse	\$14,800,340	September 8, 2023

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

To Major Thibaut, Parish President, and the Parish Council of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government New Roads, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pointe Coupee Parish Government (Parish), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Parish's, basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Parish's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish'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 Parish'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 the 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 may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Parish's financial statements are free of 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 statements. 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 matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as item 2022-001.

The Parish's Response to Findings

The Parish's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The Parish's response was not subjected to the 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 Parish'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.

> *Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC* Certified Public Accountants

Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 27, 2023

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan Year Ended December 31, 2022

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

A. <u>Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u>

There were no internal control findings reported.

B. <u>Compliance and Other Matters</u>

2022-001 Budget noncompliance

CONDITION: The General Fund's and Road Construction Fund's actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

CRITERIA: Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1311 requires governments to amend general and special revenue fund budgets when actual expenditures plus expected expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more or when actual revenues plus expected revenues will fall short of budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

CAUSE: The condition is a result of failure to properly monitor the expenditures of the General Fund and the Road Construction Fund.

EFFECT: The Parish may not prevent and/or detect compliance violations due to revenue falling short of budgeted amounts, over expenditure of the appropriated budget, and/or errors or irregularities on a timely basis.

RECOMMENDATION: The Parish should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary to comply with state statute.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Management of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and its Finance Department will monitor its budget continuously during each fiscal year to properly manage finances, along with maintaining compliance with Louisiana budget laws. Management of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and its Finance Department will continue to monitor budgets of all funds, comparing actual activity to budgeted amounts and amend its budget in accordance with state statutes to ensure fiscal responsibility and compliance.

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2022

Part II: Prior Year Findings:

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no internal control findings reported.

B. <u>Compliance</u>

There were no compliance or other matters reported.

Pointe Coupee Parish Government

New Roads, Louisiana

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Mrs. Tonilyn R. Guidry, CPA, Director of Finance and Members of the Parish Council 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, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Pointe Coupee Parish Government's (the Parish) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Parish 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, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 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:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. 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:
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) *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.
 - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) *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

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billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) *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.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards), 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).
- *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.
- j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) 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.
- 1) *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.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. 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:
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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.*
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. 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:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) 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
 - c) 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.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4. 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).
- 5. 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
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - b) 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. prenumbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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
 - d) 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.
- 6. 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 forced during the fiscal period.
- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedures #3 (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). Alternately, 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:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

- d) 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).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

- 8. 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).
- 9. For each location selected under procedure #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with nonpayroll 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
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - c) 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;
 - d) 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
 - e) 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.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); should not be reported.)]

- 10. For each location selected under #8 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
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper of electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, 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.

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

- 12. 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.
- 13. 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
 - a) 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
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 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.

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

- 15. 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:
 - a) 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 (<u>www.gsa.gov</u>);
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - c) 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 #1g); and
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

- 16. 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. *Alternately, 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
 - a) 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;

- b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- c) 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
- *d)* 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.

Payroll and Personnel

- 17. 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.
- 18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.);
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials;
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. 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 or official's cumulate 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.
- 20. 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.

Ethics

- 21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17 obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a. 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
 - b. 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.
- 22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Debt Service

- 23. 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.
- 24. 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).

Fraud Notice

- 25. 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 ss required by R.S. 24:523.
- 26. 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.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 27. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
- 28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, 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.

- 30. 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).
- 31. 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:
 - a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Findings:

No exceptions were found as a result of procedures listed above.

We were engaged by the Parish 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 Parish 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana June 27, 2023