

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements
with Independent Auditor's Report

As of and For the Year Ended
June 30, 2023
with Supplemental Information Schedules

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Independent Auditor's Report

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Hodge, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Hodge's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Hodge, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Village of Hodge's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Hodge'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 Village of Hodge'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 Schedule, the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability (MERS, MPERS), and the Schedule of Employer Contributions (MERS, MPERS) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the 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 the 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 Village of Hodge's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, the Schedule of Compensation Paid Aldermen, and the Schedule of Justice System Funding Collecting/Disbursing Entity are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, the Schedule of Compensation Paid Aldermen, and the Schedule of Justice System Funding Collecting/Disbursing Entity are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, the Schedule of Compensation Paid Aldermen, and the Schedule of Justice System Funding Collecting/Disbursing Entity are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 29, 2023 on our consideration of the Village of Hodge's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 the Village of Hodge's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kenneth D. Falden & Co., CPAs, LLC

Jonesboro, Louisiana
December 29, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 140,085	\$ 144,485	\$ 284,570
Accounts receivable	79,623	10,796	90,419
Cash and equivalents - restricted	-	48,053	48,053
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	410,008	1,134,726	1,544,734
Total Assets	<u>629,716</u>	<u>1,338,060</u>	<u>1,967,776</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	293,419	-	293,419
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>293,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,419</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	11,081	6,451	17,532
Payroll liabilities	11,781	-	11,781
Due to Hodge Utility Operating Company	-	178	178
Customer meter deposits	-	44,114	44,114
Long-term liabilities - current	13,562	-	13,562
Long-term liabilities - noncurrent	409,035	-	409,035
Total Liabilities	<u>445,459</u>	<u>50,743</u>	<u>496,202</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pension	16,713	-	16,713
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>16,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,713</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	403,849	1,134,726	1,538,575
Unrestricted	57,114	152,591	209,705
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 460,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,287,317</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,280</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Village of Hodge
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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Expenses	Major Funds			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Functions/Programs							
Primary government							
Governmental activities							
General government	\$ 462,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,880	\$ (459,546)	\$ -	\$ (459,546)
Police	349,100	172,264	-	-	(176,836)	-	(176,836)
Fire	34,505	-	4,676	-	(29,829)	-	(29,829)
Highways and streets	395,991	250	-	-	(395,741)	-	(395,741)
Sanitation	7,046	-	-	-	(7,046)	-	(7,046)
Services to related party	218,513	217,611	-	-	(902)	-	(902)
Total governmental activities	1,467,581	390,125	4,676	2,880	(1,069,900)	-	(1,069,900)
Business-type activities							
Water and sewer	173,971	141,449	81,241	108,549	-	157,268	157,268
Total primary government	\$ 1,641,552	\$ 531,574	\$ 85,917	\$ 111,429	(1,069,900)	157,268	(912,632)
General Revenues							
Taxes:							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				161,796	-		161,796
Sales taxes				584,987	-		584,987
Franchise taxes				2,726	-		2,726
Licenses				37,242	-		37,242
Intergovernmental				26,802	-		26,802
Investment earnings				104	57		161
LWCC Dividend				28,605	-		28,605
Rent, royalties, and commissions				8,000	-		8,000
Other revenue				19,848	6,627		26,475
Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets				2,475	-		2,475
Operating transfers				15,617	(15,617)		-
Total general revenues and transfers				888,202	(8,933)		879,269
Change in net position				(181,698)	148,335		(33,363)
Net position - June 30, 2022				642,662	1,138,981		1,781,643
Net position - June 30, 2023				\$ 460,964	\$ 1,287,316		\$ 1,748,280

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Hodge
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2023

	Governmental Funds
Assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 140,085
Accounts receivable	49,123
Total Assets	<u>189,208</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balances	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 11,081
Payroll liabilities	11,781
Capital lease - current liability	13,562
Total Liabilities	<u>36,424</u>
Fund balances:	
Assigned, reported in:	
General fund	-
Unassigned	152,784
Total Fund Balances	<u>152,784</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 189,208</u>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2023 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)	\$	152,784
Total Net Position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds, net of depreciation.		410,008
Long-term assets are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Lease receivable		30,500
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Net pension liability	\$402,095	(409,035)
Lease payable	6,940	
Deferred outflows of resources		293,419
Deferred inflows of resources		(16,713)
Net Position at June 30, 2023	\$	<u>460,963</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		General Fund
Revenues		
Taxes:		
Ad valorem tax	\$	161,796
Franchise tax		2,726
Sales tax		584,987
Licenses and permits		37,242
Capital grant		2,880
Intergovernmental:		
Fire insurance rebate		8,773
Police supplemental pay and witness fees		21,560
Streets maintenance		1,145
Fines, forfeitures, and court costs		172,264
Rent, royalty, and commission		8,000
Charges for services		217,861
Miscellaneous		9,032
Total revenues		1,228,266
Expenditures		
Current:		
General government		345,718
Public safety		
Police		322,533
Fire		29,855
Streets		339,097
Sanitation		7,046
Services to related party		217,704
Capital outlay		19,587
Total expenditures		1,281,540
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(53,274)
Other financing sources (uses)		
Interest earnings		104
LWCC Dividend		28,605
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets		2,475
Lease payment		(13,562)
Lease interest		(893)
Operating transfers		15,617
Total other financing sources (uses)		32,346
Net changes in fund balances		(20,928)
Fund balances - June 30, 2022		173,711
Fund balances - June 30, 2023	\$	152,783

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Funds Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total net change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Statement E)	\$	(20,927)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay differs from depreciation for the period.		
Depreciation		(95,327)
Capital outlay		19,587
Difference between proceeds from the sale of capital assets and gain (loss) on the sale of capital assets		-
Lease principal expense, which is considered an other financing use on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Statement E), is a reduction of the lease payable on the Government-Wide Statements. Lease proceeds, which is considered an other financing sources on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Statement E), is an increase in assets on the Government-Wide Statements.		
Lease principal expense		12,782
Lease proceeds		-
Net pension liability increase		(97,814)
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	\$	<u>(181,699)</u>

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Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund
As of June 30, 2023

	Utility Fund
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 144,485
Accounts receivable	10,796
Due from other funds	-
Total Current Assets	<u>155,281</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Cash and equivalents - restricted	48,053
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	1,134,726
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,182,779</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,338,060</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	6,451
Due to Hodge Utility Operating Company	178
Due to other funds	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,629</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Customer meter deposits	<u>44,114</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>50,743</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,134,726
Unrestricted	<u>152,591</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,287,317</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Utility Fund
Operating Revenues	
Water sales	\$ 74,741
Sewer fees	35,439
Sanitation fees	31,270
Operating grant	81,241
Miscellaneous income	6,627
Total operating revenues	229,318
Operating Expenses	
Personnel services	8,799
Supplies	52,719
Repairs and maintenance	21,880
Contractual services	6,861
Miscellaneous	25,543
Depreciation	58,170
Total operating expenses	173,972
Operating Income (Loss)	55,346
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest earnings	57
Capital grant	108,549
Gain (loss) on sale of fixed asset	-
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	108,606
Income (loss) before transfers	163,952
Transfers	(15,617)
Change in net position	148,335
Total Net Position - June 30, 2022	1,138,981
Total Net Position - June 30, 2023	\$ 1,287,316

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Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Utility Fund
Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash received from customers	\$ 138,545
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(17,937)
Cash payments to employees for services	(8,799)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	111,809
Cash flows from non-capital financing	
Transfers to and from other funds	(15,617)
Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital financing activities	(15,617)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Capital grant	108,549
Acquisition of capital assets	(109,549)
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	(1,000)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest earnings	57
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	57
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	95,249
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2022	97,288
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2023	\$ 192,537
Reconciliation of operating income to net provided by operating activities	
Operating income	\$ 55,346
Adjustments	
Depreciation	58,170
Net changes in assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	1,219
Customers' meter deposits	(2,645)
Accounts payable	2,892
Due to HUOC	(3,173)
Net cash provided for (used for) operating activities	\$ 111,809

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Hodge
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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INTRODUCTION

The Village of Hodge, Louisiana (Village), was incorporated January 31, 1928, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under the Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government with three aldermen. Services provided by the Village include police protection, fire protection, sanitation, services to others, and street maintenance. The Village also operates a water distribution system and sewer system for approximately 275 customers. The Village is located in Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Village have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Village applies all relevant GASB pronouncements, as applicable to governmental entities. Also, the Village's financial statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 24:513, the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and to the industry guide, Audits of State and Local Government Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

B. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Village is considered a primary government, since it is a general purpose local government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the Village may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt.

GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, establishes criteria for determining which, if any, component units should be considered part of the Village for financial reporting purposes. GASB Statement No. 61 provides additional criteria for classifying entities as component units. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability, which includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - i. The ability of the government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - ii. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the government
2. Organizations for which the government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the government and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or a jointly appointed board.

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

Based on the above criteria, no component units were identified for the Village of Hodge.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Village's government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of the governmental activities and the business-type activities for the Village. Fiduciary activities of the Village are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the Village's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in Net Position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Village of Hodge's governmental activities.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the Village's taxpayers or citizenry, including (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Village's general revenues.

Direct Expenses - The Village reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function

Indirect Expenses - The Village reports all indirect expenses separately on the Statement of Activities (Statement B) Indirect expenses are those expenses that are not clearly identifiable with a function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense.

General revenues are taxes and other items that are not properly included among program revenues. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements

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D. Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Village of Hodge are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses, as appropriate, additions, and deductions. 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 maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Funds of the Village are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide financial statements. The Village has presented all major funds.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Balance Sheets. Amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. Long-term debts are reported as an other financing source, and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in fund balance.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash and when collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

The Village of Hodge reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The primary operating fund of the Village, the General Fund, accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Village policy.

Revenues

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues:

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise taxes, and charges for services. Fines and permit and license revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

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Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded as unrestricted grants-in-aid at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible-to-accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred, all other grant requirements have been met, and the susceptible-to-accrual criteria have been met.

Interest earnings are recorded when the investments have matured and the interest is available

Expenditures

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording expenditures:

Salaries are recorded as expenditures when earned by employees.

Purchases of various operating supplies, etc. are recorded as expenditures when the related fund liability is incurred.

Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or when employees, or their heirs, are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death

Principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized when due.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording other financing sources (uses):

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid, sales of fixed assets, and long-term debt proceeds and payments, are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur

Proprietary Funds

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (net total position) is segregated into three components-net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position. The proprietary funds use the accrual basis of accounting, where revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

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

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The Enterprise Fund of the Village of Hodge is the Water and Sewer Fund, which accounts for the operations of the waterworks and sewerage systems. The intent of the Village for these facilities is (a) that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or (b) that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes

Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues in the proprietary fund are those that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses

E. Equity Classifications

The Village of Hodge has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements and the Proprietary Fund Financial Statements, the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is classified as net position and reported in three components:

Net investment in capital assets: This classification 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 these assets.

Restricted net position: This classification consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position: Any other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net position. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

The Governmental Fund Financial Statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Village is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Village did not have any nonspendable funds for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Village did not have any restricted funds for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Aldermen. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Aldermen removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Board typically establishes commitments through the adoption and amendment of the budget. The Village did not have any committed funds for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Village's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Aldermen or through the Board delegating this responsibility to a body or official (Mayor) for specific purposes. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund. The Village has no assigned funds for year ended June 30, 2023.

Unassigned: This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts. The Village has unassigned funds of \$152,784 for year ended June 30, 2023.

The Village would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

F. Budgets

The Mayor prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. 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. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing. 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 an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted. The budget ordinance is structured such that revenues are budgeted by source and appropriations are budgeted by department and by principal object of expenditure. The Board of Aldermen may revise or amend the budget at its discretion during legally convened sessions. Management may amend the budget only below the department level. The Village utilizes formal budgetary integration as a management control device for all funds.

The 2022-2023 general fund budget was published in the official journal and made available for public inspection. A public hearing for the proposed budget was held on June 7, 2022, and the budget was adopted by the Board of Aldermen. A public hearing for the amended budget was held on March 21, 2023, and the budget was adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

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G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Village of Hodge may deposit funds in demand deposits in stock-owned federally insured depository institutions organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana or of any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. The Village may invest in certificates and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity date of 90 days or less when purchased.

Under state law, the Village may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Those with maturities of 90 days or less would be classified as cash equivalents and all other reported as investments.

The Village reports restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position (Statement A), which includes restricted cash (customer deposits) that is collected by the Water and Sewer Department.

H. Investments

The Village of Hodge's investments comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. Under state law, the Village may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Village may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or government-backed agency securities or certificates, and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. These deposits are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at fair value except for those which are permitted under GASB Statement No. 31 to use a different valuation measurement.

In accordance with paragraph 69 of GASB Statement No. 72, the Village reports at amortized cost money market investments and participating interest-bearing investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations.

I. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that is representative of lending or borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds" on the fund financial statements balance sheets, as well as all other outstanding balances between funds. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

J. Inventories

Inventories of supplies in the Proprietary Fund are not material and are charged to operations as purchased.

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K. Capital Assets

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

Improvements and replacements of property and equipment are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the lives of property and equipment are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold or retired, their cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable assets and is computed using the straight-line method. Depreciation is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. The estimated useful life for classes of assets are as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Water and Sewer Systems	10-40 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-15 years
Improvements other than Buildings	20 year
Infrastructure - Asphalt Streets	20 years

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, general infrastructure capital assets consisting of streets, bridges, sidewalks, and drainage systems acquired before July 1, 2003, are excluded from capital assets.

L. Deferred Outflows of Resources

The Village reports decreases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The Village reported \$293,419 in deferred outflows of resources due to the net pension liability.

M. Compensated Absences

Employees earn either one, two, or three weeks of vacation time each year, depending upon years of service. Employees earn seven days to six weeks of sick leave each year. Vacation and sick leave cannot be accumulated.

N. Deferred Inflows of Resources

The Village reports increases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred inflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The Village will not recognize the related revenues until a future event occurs. The Village reported \$16,713 of deferred inflows of resources due to the net pension liability.

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O. Interfund Transactions

Interfund activity is reported as loans, services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Reimbursements are when a fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or enterprise funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

Resources belonging to particular funds are commonly shared with other funds that need access to additional resources. When resources are provided without the expectation of repayment, the transaction is reported as a transfer and is treated as a source of income by the recipient fund and as an expenditure by the providing fund.

Activity between funds that is representative of lending or borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the Fund Financial Statements Balance Sheet (Statement C), as well as all other outstanding balances between funds.

In the process of aggregating data for the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B), some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

P. Estimates

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

2. Ad Valorem Tax

All ad valorem tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account. Ad valorem taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become delinquent on December 31. The Village bills and collects its own ad valorem taxes. For the 2022 ad valorem taxes, one rate of tax was levied on property within the corporate limits, as follows:

6.620 mills for the general maintenance of the Village

This millage was approved by the Board of Aldermen on July 12, 2022. This millage is the maximum millage that can be assessed without the approval of the voters of the Village.

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The following entities are the principal taxpayers and related ad valorem tax revenue for the Village:

WestRock	\$	138,817
Hodge Bank and Trust		4,554
De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc		4,144
Kansas City Southern Railroad		2,459
Barksdale Federal Credit Union		489
Total	\$	<u>150,463</u>

3. Sales Tax

The qualified electors of the Village of Hodge, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 47:338.1, authorized a one percent sales and use tax levy to be dedicated and used for the purpose of providing funding for any lawful corporate purpose of the Village for an undefined period of time. The tax was first levied on December 1, 1983.

4. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

At June 30, 2023, the Village had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$332,623, including \$350 cash on hand. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

At June 30, 2023, the Village had \$345,330 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$255,099 federal deposit insurance and \$192,562 in pledged securities. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 30:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Louisiana R.S. 39:1224 requires bonds, or other such instruments furnished as security, to be deposited with the depositing authority or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company, Federal Reserve Bank, or any Federal Home Loan Bank or its successor. This security is deemed to be under the control and in the possession of the public entity and deemed to be held in its name. The Village of Hodge has complied with these requirements of state law.

Cash and investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at June 30, 2023. Deposits are considered to be exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are (a) uncollateralized, (b) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or (c) collateralized with securities held by the the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name. The Village of Hodge has cash and cash equivalents that are covered by \$227,973 of federal depository insurance.

At June 30, 2023, the Village had no investments.

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5. Receivables

The receivables of \$90,419 at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Fund		
	General	Enterprise	Total
Services	\$ -	\$ 10,796	\$ 10,796
Franchise fees	422	-	422
2% Fire Insurance Rebate	4,097	-	4,097
Hodge Utility Operating Company	6,671	-	6,671
State - DOTD	1,145	-	1,145
Sales taxes	36,101	-	36,101
Employee receivable	687	-	687
Lease receivable	30,500	-	30,500
Total	<u>\$ 79,623</u>	<u>\$ 10,796</u>	<u>\$ 90,419</u>

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6. Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

A. Capital Assets - Governmental Funds

	Balance, July 01, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance, June 30, 2023
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 43,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,291
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>43,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,291</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	249,497	1,779	-	251,276
Improvements other than buildings	945,444	-	-	945,444
Furniture	39,724	-	-	39,724
Equipment	323,395	17,807	-	341,202
Vehicles	439,240	-	-	439,240
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 1,997,300</u>	<u>\$ 19,586</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,886</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	\$ 207,226	\$ 2,678	\$ -	\$ 209,904
Improvements other than buildings	742,472	43,989	-	786,461
Furniture	39,724	-	-	39,724
Equipment	207,802	27,333	-	235,135
Vehicles	357,618	21,326	-	378,944
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,554,842</u>	<u>95,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650,168</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 442,458</u>	<u>\$ (75,740)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 366,718</u>
Governmental capital assets - net	<u>\$ 485,749</u>	<u>\$ (75,740)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 410,009</u>

Functional Allocation of Depreciation Expense

General government	\$ 7,298
Fire	4,650
Police	25,675
Highways and streets	56,894
Services to others	810
Total	<u>\$ 95,327</u>

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B. Capital Assets - Proprietary Funds

	Balance, July 01, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance, June 30, 2023
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction in Progress	587,825	109,549	697,374	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>587,825</u>	<u>109,549</u>	<u>697,374</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Water System	\$ 463,721	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,721
Sewer System	625,632	697,374	-	1,323,006
Machinery and equipment	167,234	-	-	167,234
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 1,256,587</u>	<u>\$ 697,374</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,953,961</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Water System	\$ 267,622	\$ 16,079	\$ -	\$ 283,701
Sewer System	372,469	34,528	-	406,997
Machinery and equipment	120,975	7,562	-	128,537
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 761,066</u>	<u>\$ 58,169</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 819,235</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,083,346</u>	<u>\$ 748,754</u>	<u>\$ 697,374</u>	<u>\$ 1,134,726</u>

Functional Allocation of Depreciation Expense

Water	\$ 16,079
Sewer	34,528
Machinery and equipment	7,562
Total	<u>\$ 58,169</u>

7. Payables

The payables of \$29,313 at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Fund		
	General	Enterprise	Total
Accounts	\$ 11,081	\$ 6,451	\$ 17,532
Payroll liabilities	11,781	-	11,781
Total	<u>\$ 22,862</u>	<u>\$ 6,451</u>	<u>\$ 29,313</u>

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8. Retirement Systems

A. Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description

The Village of Hodge contributes to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the municipality are members of Plan B.

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System.

Any member of Plan B who was hired before January 1, 2013, can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with 30 years of creditable service.
2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten or more years of creditable service.
3. Any age with ten years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits
4. Survivor's benefits require five years creditable service at death of member.

Eligibility for retirement for Plan B members hired on or after January 1, 2013 is as follows:

1. Age 67 with seven or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten or more years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty or more years of creditable service
4. Any age with twenty five years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused side leave, with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement shall consist of an amount equal to 2% of the employee's final compensation multiplied by his or her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge's total payroll for all employees was \$598,190. Total covered payroll was \$185,332. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Village of Hodge to active employees covered by the Plan.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 925-4810, or by visiting the System's website www.mersla.com.

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Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the actual employer contribution rate was 15.50% for Plan B, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the System 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. The Village of Hodge's contributions to the System under Plan B for the year ending June 30, 2023 were \$28,727.

Under Plan B, members are required by state statute to contribute 5.00% of their annual covered salary. The contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the Village of Hodge to the System monthly.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the Village reported a liability of \$182,143 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Village of Hodge's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Village of Hodge's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Village of Hodge's proportion was 0.207456%, which was an increase of 0.094739% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge recognized the system pension expense of \$28,200 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which was \$9,079. Total pension expense for the Village was \$37,279.

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At June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 2,318
Changes in assumption	1,948	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan	33,494	-
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning net pension liability	59,176	-
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	-	4,544
Contributions after the measurement period	<u>28,727</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 123,345</u>	<u>\$ 6,862</u>

The \$28,727 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Village of Hodge contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of Net Pension Liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
2024	\$ 39,348
2025	29,776
2026	3,611
2027	15,024

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Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Valuation Date	06/30/22
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.85%
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Projected Salary Increases (including inflation and merit increases)	-1 to 4 years of service 7.4% -More than 4 years of service 4.9%
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Employee mortality	PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Disabled lives mortality	PubG-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years for Plan B

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing diversification.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public equity	53%	2.31%
Public fixed income	38%	1.65%
Alternatives	9%	0.39%
Totals	100%	4.35%
Inflation		2.60%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		6.95%

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85% for the year ended June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System'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 payment to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Village of Hodge's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Village of Hodge's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the Village of Hodge's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.85%) or one percentage-point higher (7.85%) than the current discount rate (assuming all other assumptions remain unchanged):

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 248,295	\$ 182,143	\$ 126,194

System Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the System's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Audit Report at www.mersla.com

B. Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description

The Village of Hodge contributes to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for all full-time police officers employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria.

Any member of the Plan who was hired before January 1, 2013, can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with 25 years of creditable service.
2. Age 50 with a minimum of twenty or more years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with a minimum of twelve years of creditable service.
4. After 20 years of creditable service at any age, with actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

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The monthly amount of benefits are 3 1.3% of their average final compensation (employee's average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Eligibility for retirement for members hired on or after January 1, 2013 is as follows:

Hazardous Duty

1. Any age with 25 years of creditable service
2. Age 55 with twelve or more years of creditable service.
3. After 20 years of creditable service at any age, with actuarially reduced benefit from age 55

Non Hazardous Duty

1. Any age with 30 years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 with twenty-five or more years of creditable service
3. Age 60 with ten or more years of creditable service.
4. After 20 years of creditable service at any age, with actuarially reduced benefit from age 55

The benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary

The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge's total payroll for all employees was \$598,190. Total covered payroll was \$17,255. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Village of Hodge to active employees covered by the Plan

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 929-7411, or by visiting the System's website www.lampers.org.

Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the actual employer contribution rate was 29.75%, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the System 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. The Village of Hodge's contributions to the System for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$5,392.

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Members are required by state statute to contribute 10.00% of their annual covered salary. The contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the Village of Hodge to the System monthly.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the Employer reported a liability of \$219,952 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Village of Hodge's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Village of Hodge's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Village of Hodge's proportion was 0.021518%, which was an increase of 0.017941% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge recognized pension expense of \$37,656 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share, differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, contributions made after the measurement date, which was \$33,695. Total pension expense was \$71,351.

At June 30, 2023, the Village of Hodge reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,085	1,793
Changes in assumptions	7,587	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan	39,268	1,636
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning net pension liability	116,741	4,355
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	-	2,068
Contributions after the measurement period	5,392	-
Total	<u>\$ 170,073</u>	<u>\$ 9,852</u>

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The \$5,392 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Village contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of Net Pension Liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:

2024	\$	46,766
2025		51,191
2026		36,275
2027		20,597

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Valuation Date	06/30/22	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost	
Actuarial Assumptions		
Investment Rate of Return	6.750%, net of investment expense	
Inflation Rate	2.50%	
Mortality	<p>For annuitants and beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.</p> <p>For disabled lives, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.</p> <p>For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.</p>	
Projected Salary Increases	Years of Service	Salary Growth Rate
	1-2	12.30%
	Above 2	4.70%
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	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.	

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The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed by the prior actuary on plan data for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, and review of similar law enforcement mortality. A change was made full generational mortality which combines the use of a base mortality table with appropriate mortality improvement scales. In order to set the base mortality table, actual plan mortality experience was assigned a credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. The best estimates of the arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	56%	3.60%
Fixed income	31%	0.85%
Alternatives	14%	0.95%
Totals	101%	5.40%
Inflation		2.66%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		8.06%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.750%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System'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 payment to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Village of Hodge's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Village of Hodge's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.750%, as well as what the Village of Hodge's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.750%) or one percentage-point higher (7.750%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 307,891	\$ 219,952	\$ 146,494

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Audit Report at www.lampers.org.

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9. Long-Term Obligations

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Village entered into a capital lease-purchase agreement with Governmental Capital to finance a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle for five years at a 4.39% interest rate and a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle for five years at 4.39% interest rate.

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Long-term obligation	Balance, July 01, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance, June 30, 2023
Net pension liability	\$ 84,365	\$ 317,730	\$ -	\$ 402,095
Capital lease purchase - 2020 Ford Police Interceptor	13,581	-	6,644	6,937
Capital lease purchase - 2021 Ford Police Interceptor	19,892	-	6,326	13,566
Total	<u>\$ 117,838</u>	<u>\$ 317,730</u>	<u>\$ 12,970</u>	<u>\$ 422,598</u>

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of the year ended June 30, 2023:

Long-term obligation	Current portion	Long-term portion	Total
Net pension liability	\$ -	\$ 402,095	\$ 402,095
Capital lease purchase - 2020 Ford Police Interceptor	6,936	-	6,936
Capital lease purchase - 2021 Ford Police Interceptor	6,626	6,940	13,566
Total	<u>\$ 13,562</u>	<u>\$ 409,035</u>	<u>\$ 422,597</u>

The following is a summary of the present value of the net minimum lease payments:

	2020 Ford Police Interceptor	2021 Ford Police Interceptor
January 21, 2024	7,241	7,269
January 21, 2025	-	7,269
Total minimum lease payments	7,241	14,537
Less amounts representing interest	303	971
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 6,938</u>	<u>\$ 13,566</u>

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10. Related Party Transactions

The Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem serve on the Board of Directors of the Hodge Utility Operating Company (HUOC) along with six members appointed by WestRock. HUOC operates and manages the water, sewerage, and electric generating facilities owned by the Village of Hodge Combined Utility System (another related party). HUOC is considered to be a related party, and during the year ended June 30, 2023, fees for services rendered were received in the Village's General Fund from HUOC in the amount of \$217,611 and expenses paid from the Village's General Fund to HUOC were \$218,513. Expenses paid to HUOC for the Village's utilities were \$2,550.

The Village provides various services to HUOC during the year, including the billing and collecting of electricity generated by HUOC for the Village's water and sewer customers. The amounts collected by the Village for HUOC are remitted to HUOC once a week. At June 30, 2023, there was \$178 due to HUOC.

11. Grants

A summary of grant revenues for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows.

Entity	Department	Operating Amount	Capital Amount	Description of Use
Parish Fire Grant	Fire	4,676		Operating supplies
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Water	482		Administration fees
Louisiana Government Assistance Program	General		2,880	Grappler
American Rescue Plan	Water	80,759		Lost revenues
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant	Sewer		108,549	FY2019 Sewer Project
Total		<u>\$ 85,917</u>	<u>\$ 111,429</u>	

12. Risk Management and Economic Dependency

The Village is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the Village maintains commercial insurance policies covering automobile liability and uninsured motorist, surety bond coverage, flood insurance, and property insurance. In addition to the above policies, the Village maintains a general liability policy and an errors and omissions policy. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years, which exceeded the policies' coverage amount.

The Village is economically dependent upon WestRock Company, which provides the majority of property tax and sales and use tax revenue for the Village. There were no receivables at June 30, 2023, due from WestRock Company.

13. Litigation and Claims

At June 30, 2023, the Village was not involved in any lawsuits nor is aware of any outstanding claims, which are not covered by insurance.

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14. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, December 29, 2023, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget - Original	Budget - Final	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 161,796	\$ (8,204)
Franchise tax	2,500	2,500	2,726	226
Sales tax	425,000	675,000	584,987	(90,013)
Licenses and permits	26,000	26,000	37,242	11,242
Capital grant	106,000	106,000	2,880	(103,120)
Intergovernmental	24,110	24,110	31,478	7,368
Fines, forfeitures, and court costs	135,000	135,000	172,264	37,264
Rent, royalty, and commission	12,000	12,000	8,000	(4,000)
Charges for services	246,000	246,000	217,861	(28,139)
Miscellaneous	4,500	4,500	9,032	4,532
Total revenues	<u>1,151,110</u>	<u>1,401,110</u>	<u>1,228,266</u>	<u>(172,844)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	304,500	306,500	345,718	(39,218)
Public safety				
Police	317,850	321,850	322,533	(683)
Fire	28,600	34,600	29,855	4,745
Streets	319,788	327,788	339,097	(11,309)
Sanitation	-	-	7,046	(7,046)
Services to related party	240,000	240,000	217,704	22,296
Capital outlay	26,000	76,000	19,587	56,413
Total expenditures	<u>1,236,738</u>	<u>1,306,738</u>	<u>1,281,540</u>	<u>25,198</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(85,628)</u>	<u>94,372</u>	<u>(53,274)</u>	<u>(147,646)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Interest earnings	100	100	104	4
LWCC Dividend	-	-	28,605	28,605
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	-	-	2,475	2,475
Capital lease payments	(15,000)	(15,000)	(13,562)	1,438
Capital lease interest	-	-	(893)	(893)
Operating transfers	20,000	20,000	15,617	(4,383)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>5,100</u>	<u>5,100</u>	<u>32,346</u>	<u>27,246</u>
Net changes in fund balances	<u>(80,528)</u>	<u>99,472</u>	<u>(20,928)</u>	<u>(120,400)</u>
Fund balances - June 30, 2022	<u>173,711</u>	<u>173,711</u>	<u>173,711</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 93,183</u>	<u>\$ 273,183</u>	<u>\$ 152,783</u>	<u>\$ (120,400)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Municipal Employees Retirement System
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.207460%	0.112720%	0.064910%	0.030610%	0.067200%	0.066870%	0.062150%	0.068120%	0.068790%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	182,143	65,298	58,820	26,778	56,844	57,860	51,518	46,295	32,298
Employer's covered employee payroll	166,788	86,627	50,302	23,400	49,800	49,632	45,663	47,260	46,662
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	109.21 %	75.38 %	116.93 %	114.44 %	114.14 %	116.58 %	112.82 %	97.96 %	69.22 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	69.56 %	79.14 %	66.26 %	66.14 %	65.60 %	63.49 %	63.34 %	66.18 %	73.99 %

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

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

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Municipal Police Employees Retirement System
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.021520%	0.003580%	-	0.002110%	0.000330%	-	-	0.002090%	0.010700%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	219,952	19,067	-	19,199	2,773	-	-	16,365	66,947
Employer's covered employee payroll	65,505	10,912	-	6,644	-	-	-	5,586	12,814
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	335.78%	174.73%	-	288.97%	-	-	-	292.96%	522.45%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	70.80%	84.09%	70.94%	71.01%	71.89%	70.08%	66.04%	70.73%	75.10%

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

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

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Schedule of Employer Contributions
Municipal Employees Retirement System
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 28,727	\$ 25,852	\$ 13,427	\$ 7,042	\$ 3,276	\$ 6,599	\$ 5,460	\$ 4,338	\$ 4,490
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	28,727	25,852	13,427	7,042	3,276	6,599	5,460	4,338	4,490
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 185,332	\$ 166,788	\$ 86,627	\$ 50,302	\$ 23,400	\$ 49,800	\$ 49,632	\$ 45,663	\$ 47,260
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	15.50 %	15.50 %	15.50 %	14.00 %	14.00 %	13.25 %	11.00 %	9.50 %	9.50 %

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

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Schedule of Employer Contributions
Municipal Police Employees Retirement System
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,392	\$ 19,488	\$ 3,683	\$ -	\$ 2,143	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,760
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	5,392	19,488	3,683	-	2,143	-	-	-	1,760
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 17,255	\$ 65,505	\$ 10,912	\$ -	\$ 6,644	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,586
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	31.25 %	29.75 %	33.75 %	- %	32.25 %	- %	- %	- %	31.50 %

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



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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**

Village of Hodge
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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, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Hodge, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Hodge's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village of Hodge'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 Village of Hodge's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Hodge's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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 have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Hodge'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 statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one 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 findings and questioned costs as Finding 2023-001.

Village of Hodge's Response to Findings

The Village of Hodge's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Village of Hodge's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of 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 result 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 Village of Hodge's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kenneth D. Fadden & Co., CPAs, LLC

Jonesboro, Louisiana
December 29, 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended June 30, 2023

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Village of Hodge as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2023. 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 Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2023 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

A. Summary of Auditor's Report

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

Current Year

Finding 2022-001 Compliance with Local Government Budget Act

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1311 requires that a public entity whose actual revenues are less than budgeted revenues by 5% amend the budget in the same manner the budget was first adopted

Condition: The Village of Hodge's actual revenues were less than budgeted revenues by more than 5%.

Cause: None.

Effect: The Village of Hodge is not in compliance with the state law concerning budgeting.

Recommendation: The Village of Hodge should implement procedures to ensure that state law is followed with respect to budgetary procedures.

Management Response: See attached management response.

Prior Year

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1311 requires that a public entity whose actual expenditures are above budgeted expenditures by 5% amend the budget in the same manner the budget was first adopted

Condition: The Village of Hodge's actual expenditures were more than budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

Cause: None.

Effect: The Village of Hodge is not in compliance with the state law concerning budgeting.

Recommendation: The Village of Hodge should implement procedures to ensure that state law is followed with respect to budgetary procedures.

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Management Response: The Village of Hodge will implement procedures to ensure that state law is followed with respect to budgetary procedures. See Finding 2023-001.

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December 28, 2023

To Whom It Might Concern:

On March 8, 2022, the Village of Hodge had a tornado, and it destroyed the entire shopping center. We collected sales tax from those businesses. Due to the storm those sales taxes were lost that would have been paid to the Village.

The budget for operating grants was carried over from the previous year and included an LGAP grant and ARPA grant. The LGAP grant was not received, in the Utility Fund. The operating grant budget should have been reduced to zero.

Sincerely,



Gerald T. Palmer

Mayor

GERALD T. PALMER
MAYOR
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Village of Hodge
Hodge, LouisianaSchedule of Compensation Paid Aldermen
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	2023
Martha Buchan	\$ 6,600
Steve H. Fox	6,600
Willard Willis	6,600
	\$ 19,800

Village of Hodge
Hodge, LouisianaSchedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Gerald Palmer Mayor	
Salary	\$ 40,000
Benefits - Retirement	<u>6,200</u>
	<u>\$ 46,200</u>

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
For the year ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/22	Second Six Month Period Ended 06/30/23
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ 1,638	\$ 544
Add: Collections (Please enter zeros if no activity within a certain collection type)		
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits)	-	-
Bond Fees	-	-
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	15,879	15,116
Criminal Fines - Contempt	-	-
Criminal Fines - Other	74,145	59,192
Restitution	-	-
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	-	-
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)	-	-
Subtotal Collections	90,024	74,308
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits: (Must include one agency name and one collection type on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency if more than one collection type is applicable. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)		
CMIS	274	222
LCLE	537	435
LDH-THSCI Trust Fund	1,020	645
Louisiana Supreme Court	127	114
North Louisiana Crime Lab	885	550
Police Chief Association	2,228	1,960
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection (enter zero if no activity to report here)	-	-
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount (enter zero if no activity to report here)	-	-
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency (must include a separate line for each collection type, as applicable) - Example: Criminal Fines - Other (To be reported as a separate line per collection type under this heading, multiple rows may be needed)	-	-
Village of Hodge, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	10,902	11,191

Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Village of Hodge, Criminal Fines - Other	75,145	59,197
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies (Please enter zeros if no activity within a certain line item)		
Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
Restitution Payments to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	-	-
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	91,118	74,314
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ 544	\$ 538
Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed (only applies if collecting agency does not disburse partial payments until fully collected) - This balance is included in the Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained above.	-	-
Other Information:		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected (i.e. receivable balance)	-	-
Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period (i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service)	-	-

Village of Hodge
Hodge, LouisianaSchedule of Net Position
LCDBG Public Facilities Program, Sewer Rehabilitation (Contract 2000509376)
As of June 30, 2023**Assets**

Cash and equivalents	\$	-
Accounts receivable		-
Total Assets		-

Liabilities

Due to Utility Fund - Water		-
Total Liabilities		-

Net Position

	\$	-
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Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
LCDBG Public Facilities Program, Sewer Rehabilitation (Contract 2000509376)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues

LCDBG Program Income	\$	108,549
Other revenue		-
Total revenues		<u>108,549</u>

Expenses

Administration		-
Acquisition		-
Engineering		-
Construction		108,549
Laboratory Services		-
Construction Inspection		-
Construction Contingencies		-
Total expenses		<u>108,549</u>

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses -

Other financing sources (uses)

Operating transfers in (out)		-
Total other financing sources (uses)		<u>-</u>

Excess revenues and other sources over (under) expenses and other uses -

Net Position - June 30, 2022 -

Net Position - June 30, 2023 \$ -



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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board Members of Village of Hodge
Hodge, Louisiana
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 July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Village of Hodge's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Village of Hodge 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 July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

i. Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Response: Written policy.

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

Response: Written policy excluding compliance with the Public Bid Law and documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

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

Response: Written policy excluding reviewing and approving.

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

Response: Written policy excluding actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions

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

Response: Written policy excluding approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

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

Response: Written policy.

vii Travel and expense reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

Response: Written policy excluding dollar thresholds

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

Response: Written policy excluding allowable business uses.

ix Ethics, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Response: Written policy.

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

Response: Written policy.

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

Response: Written policy excluding testing of backups

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

Response: Written policy excluding agency responsibilities and prohibitions, annual employee training, and annual reporting.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: Management will amend policies and procedures as listed in the responses

2) Board or Finance Committee

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

1. 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.

Response: Board met monthly.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternately, 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.

Response: Minutes mention budget-to-actual comparisons.

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

Response: No negative unassigned fund balance.

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

Response: No mention of written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding or a correction action plan.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: Management will review any audit findings and corrective actions in the monthly Board of Aldermen meeting and note the action in the meeting minutes.

3) Bank Reconciliations

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

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

Response: All bank reconciliations reviewed included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date

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

Response: All bank reconciliations reviewed included evidence that they were reviewed by a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks

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

Response: No documentation that management has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: Management will research all outstanding items and update bank reconciliations.

4) Collections

A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Response: Management provided listing of all deposit sites.

B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers registers:

Response: The town clerk and assistant town clerk share a general cash drawer. The assistant clerk is primarily responsible for taking collections.

ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit:

Response: The clerk/assistant clerk collects cash as well as prepares and makes the bank deposits.

iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

Response: The clerk/assistant clerk collects cash and posts collection entries to the general ledger.

iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Response: The clerk/assistant clerk collects cash and reconciles cash collections to the general ledger.

C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

Response: Employees that have access to the cash are covered by liability insurance bonds.

D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3a (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). 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:

i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Response: Sequentially pre-numbered receipts were not used.

ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Response: Reports and other collection documentation except for two deposits were traced to the deposit slip.

iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

Response: All deposits slips except for two deposits were traced to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer)

Response: All collections were made within one business day of receipt.

v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Response: All deposits were traced to the general ledger.

Management's Response: The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will not share the same cash drawer.

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

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

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

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

Response: All employees can make purchase requests, and the mayor approves purchase requests/orders. The mayor cannot initiate a purchase request, and no other employee can approve a purchase request order.

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

Response: Payments to vendors are processed by the town clerk/assistant clerk through QuickBooks and the mayor approves payments to vendors. The board members review and approve all payments to vendors at the monthly meetings.

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

Response: The clerk adds vendors and processes payments; however the mayor and an alderman must approve the purchase order form and confirm by signature that the vendor has been approved

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

Response: The clerk or the assistant clerk processes and mails payments.

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

Response: The mayor approves all electronic disbursements.

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

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

Response: All disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice; however, only one disbursement did not indicate it was received by the entity.

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

Response: The disbursement documentation included written evidence of segregation of duties.

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

Response: The Village has no non-payroll-related electronic disbursements.

Exception: See responses

Management's Response: None.

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

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

B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and

i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder

Response: Management provided statements for two credit cards, that did not show evidence they were reviewed and approved. No statements were provided for the other two credit cards.

ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements

Response: No finance charges and late fees were observed on the statements provided.

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

Response: The two credit card statements provided did not include evidence of documentation for business/public purpose.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: Management will document the business/public purpose of credit card transactions

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

A Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);

Response: None

ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

Response: One reimbursement did not have an itemized receipt.

iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policy and Procedures procedure #1a(vii); and

Response: Both reimbursements reviewed did not have documentation of individuals participating in meals.

iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement

Response: One reimbursement did not show evidence it was reviewed and approved by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: Management will include information about individuals participating in meals and review all reimbursements.

8) Contracts

A Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. 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

Response: No new contracts.

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Management's Response: None.

9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #9a above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

- i. Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);

Response: All employees selected for review documented their attendance and leave.

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

Response: All attendance and leave was approved by a supervisor

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

Response: Leave taken is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Response: The rate paid to employees agrees with the authorized salary or pay rate.

C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates in 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.

Response: The authorized pay rates for the terminated employees agree with management's termination payment calculations.

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

Response: Management provided representation that all third-party payroll related amounts have been paid and required forms have been filed.

Exception: See responses.

Management's Response: None.

10) Ethics

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9a obtain ethics documentation from management, and

i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

Response: One official out of the eight employees/officials selected did not complete one hour of ethics training

ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Response: No changes in policy.

B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Response: The clerk is the ethics designee.

Exception: See responses

Management's Response: None.

11) Debt Service

A. Obtain a listing of bonds notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution

Response: No new debt was issued.

B. Obtain a listing of bonds notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Response: None.

Management's Response: None.

12) Fraud Notice

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

Response: Management representation there were no misappropriation of funds.

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

Response: Notice observed on premises.

Management's Response: None.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

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

Response: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backing up restoration) 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.
- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months
- iii Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

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

Response: Mangement provided representation that terminated employees have been removed from network

Management's Response: None.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

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

Response: Two of the officials out of the eight employees, officials selected did not complete one hour of sexual harassment training.

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

Response: Sexual harassment policy was observed on the entity's premises.

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

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Response: The Village completed the annual sexual harassment report by February 1

Management's Response: None.

We were engaged by Village of Hodge 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 Village of Hodge and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to certain control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Up on Procedures (SAUPs), for the fiscal period July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023, we confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your engagement.

1. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, including written policies and procedures; board or finance committee; bank reconciliations; collections; non-payroll disbursements; credit/debit/fuel/purchasing cards; travel and travel related expense reimbursement; contracts; payroll and personnel; ethics; debt service; and other areas (as applicable).
Yes No
2. For the fiscal period July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the C/C areas were administered in accordance with the best practice criteria presented in the SAUPs.
Yes No
3. We are responsible for selecting the criteria and procedures and for determining that such criteria and procedures are appropriate for our purposes.
Yes No
4. We have provided you with access to all records that we believe are relevant to the C/C areas and the agreed-upon procedures.
Yes No
5. We have disclosed to you all known matters contradicting the results of the procedures performed in C/C areas.
Yes No
6. We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others affecting the C/C areas, including communications received between June 30, 2023, and December 23, 2022.
Yes No

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MAYOR

7. We represent that the listing of bank accounts for the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete. We also represent that we have identified and disclosed to you our main operating account.
- Yes No
8. We represent that the listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
9. We represent that the listing of collection locations for the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
10. We represent that the listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
11. We represent that the non-payroll disbursement transaction population for each location that processes payments for the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
12. We represent that the listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards, that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
13. We represent that the listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
14. We represent that the listing of all agreements/contracts (or active vendors) for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
15. We represent that the listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
16. We represent that the listing of employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No
17. We represent that the employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines during the fiscal period.
- Yes No
18. We represent that the listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.
- Yes No

19. We represent that the listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.

Yes No

20. We represent that the listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period that we provided to you is complete.

Yes No

21. We are not aware of any material misstatements in the C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Yes No

22. We have disclosed to you any other matters as we have deemed appropriate.

Yes No

23. We have responded fully to all inquiries made by you during the engagement.

Yes No

24. We have disclosed to you all known events that have occurred subsequent to June 30, 2023, that would have a material effect on the C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, or would require adjustment to or modification of the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes No

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

Signature *John Palmer* Date December 29, 2023

Title Mayor

Signature *Marta E. Suchan* Date December 29, 2023

Title Alderman