

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Ruston, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

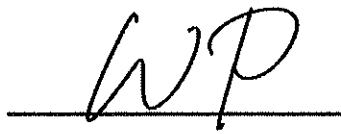
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Independent Accountant's Review Report

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Ruston, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District ("District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Supplementary information

The Schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the

representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information is presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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. The information is the responsibility of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United State 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 Government 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 content.

Other Reporting Requirements

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated July 13, 2026, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Wade & Perry

Ruston, Louisiana
July 13, 2026

Statement A

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and equivalents	\$152,220
Receivables	0
Capital assets (net)	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$152,220</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$0
Withholdings payable	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0</u>

NET POSITION

Prior Period Adjustment	0
Net investment in capital assets	0
Unassigned	<u>152,220</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$152,220</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Statement B

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

General and administrative	\$130,860
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>130,860</u>
General Revenues	
Interest earned	1,460
EDA grant	223,008
Donations	<u>26,500</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>250,968</u>
Change in Net Position	120,108
Prior period adjustment	0
Beginning of Year	<u>32,112</u>
End of Year	<u>\$152,220</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
 Balance Sheet, General Fund
 December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents

\$152,220

Receivables

0

TOTAL ASSETS

\$152,220

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities -

Accounts payable

\$0

Withholdings payable

0

TOTAL LIABILITIES

0

Fund equity - fund balance - unassigned

152,220

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$152,220

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
 Reconciliation of The Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
 to The Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position
 December 31, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund balances, Total governmental funds, Statement C	\$152,220
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources
 and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Governmental capital assets	0	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities, Statement A		<u><u>\$152,220</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

REVENUES

Interest earned	\$1,460
EDA Grant	223,008
Donations	<u>26,500</u>
Total Revenues	250,968

EXPENDITURES

General and administrative:

Personal services	126,800
Operating services	2,132
Materials and supplies	0
Travel and other charges	1,928
Capital outlay	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>130,860</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	120,108
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Fund Balances – beginning	32,112
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Prior period adjustment	<u>0</u>
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Fund Balances – ending	<u><u>\$152,220</u></u>
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See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
 Reconciliation of The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
 and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total governmental funds, Statement E	\$120,108
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay (\$0) exceeded depreciation (\$0) in the current period.

	<u>0</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities, Statement B	<u><u>\$120,108</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Sparta Groundwater Conservation District ("District") was created by the Louisiana legislature in 1999. The district is governed by a 17 member board, appointed by the various towns and approved by the governor. Currently there are 14 members that have been approved and are serving. Board members serve without compensation. The district is responsible for studying ways to put Sparta water "to the highest beneficial use" in terms of public welfare. The mission is to strategically plan with local citizens, the agriculture community, and economic leaders to preserve and protect north Louisiana water resources for generations to come.

The accompanying financial statements of the District 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 accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued in June, 1999.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Claiborne Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or;
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
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.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Notes to the Financial Statements
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B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide

The district's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the district as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the district's major fund). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the district are classified as governmental.

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the district.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position are reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The district first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the district's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the district's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The district reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the district are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the district. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

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Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. The district's current operations require the use of only governmental funds. The governmental fund type used by the district is described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type - General Fund - The General Fund is the principal fund of the district and is used to account for the operations of the district's office. The various fees and charges due to the district's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The governmental type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The district considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

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Interest income on demand deposits is recorded when the interest has been earned and the amount is determinable.

Based on the above criteria, other intergovernmental revenues have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2024, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$152,220.

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, the 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 or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the District's name.

Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2024, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$152,220</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$250,000
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$250,000</u>

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees, if any.

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G. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All 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 is available, management applies unrestricted resources first, unless a determination is made to use restricted resources. 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.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable - represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the District's office or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority.

Assigned - represents balances that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are not restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - represents balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$152,220. If applicable, the District would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Notes to the Financial Statements
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H. 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. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2024, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of; damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

4. DATE OF MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 13, 2026, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Schedule 1

Agency Head Name: Jimmy Hand, Executive Director

The Executive Director receives no compensation.

See independent accountants' review report.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental:				
EDA grant	\$223,008	\$223,008	\$223,008	\$0
Use of money and property	60	60	1,460	1,400
Donations	46,500	46,500	26,500	(20,000)
Total Revenues	<u>269,568</u>	<u>269,568</u>	<u>250,968</u>	<u>(18,600)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General and administrative:				
Personal services	188,617	188,617	126,800	61,817
Operating services	2,533	2,533	2,132	401
Materials and supplies	0	0	0	0
Travel and other charges	5,000	5,000	1,928	3,072
Capital outlay	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>196,150</u>	<u>196,150</u>	<u>130,860</u>	<u>65,290</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	73,418	73,418	120,108	46,690
Prior period adjustment	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	0	0	32,112	32,112
Fund Balance (Deficit) at End of Year	<u>\$73,418</u>	<u>\$73,418</u>	<u>\$152,220</u>	<u>\$78,802</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Ruston, Louisiana

NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

The proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is then legally adopted by the district and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the board of directors at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of directors.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statement include the original adopted budget amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024. There was no budget amendment for the year.

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Independent Accountant's Report
on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Board of Commissioners
Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Ruston, LA

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Sparta Groundwater Conservation District, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to LRS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law) or RS 39:1551-1775 (state procurement code), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no purchases for materials and supplies and public works made during the year within the above scope.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LRS 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the required information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the required information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list provided for agreed-upon procedure (3) appeared on the list for agreed-upon procedure (2).

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

No exceptions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There was no budget amendment.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

We traced the adoption of the original budget to documentation in October, 2023.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenses. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues and other sources did not meet budgeted revenues by 18,600 or 7%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select 6 disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- (a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation;
- (b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account
- (c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

No exceptions.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LRS 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

The District has asserted that it has complied with the open meetings law.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposits slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits appear to be proceeds of banks loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We inspected copies of all bank statements for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advance or gifts.

We found no payments or approval for payments to any individuals which would constitute bonuses, advance or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's report was not submitted to the Legislative Auditor before the statutory due date of June 30, 2025.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The District did not enter into any contracts during the test period.

Prior Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

The prior year report, dated March 18, 2024, did not have any exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagement contain in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope and testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Wade Perry

Ruston, Louisiana

July 13, 2026

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Summary of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

There were no findings in the prior year.

Sparta Groundwater Conservation District
Management's Response
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Procedure #8 Budgeting

Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%. Management will compare actual to budget and amend as necessary.

Procedure #13 Reporting

The report was issued after the statutory due date. Management will have all financial information available to the accountant in order to have the review performed timely.

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

2/11/26 (Date Transmitted)

Wade & Perry CPAs (CPA Firm Name)
116 North Pinecrest Dr (CPA Firm Address)
Ruston LA 71270 (City, State Zip)

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of 12/31/2024 (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes [] No [] N/A [☒]

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [] No [] N/A [☒]

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws

and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

_____, Secretary _____ Date

_____, Treasurer _____ Date

Nicholas A. Cox, President 8/31/2026 Date