

**WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSION NO. 1 OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Water and Sewer Commission No. 1
of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana
Amelia, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana ("Commission"), a component unit of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Commission, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The schedule of number of utility customers, schedule of insurance policies in force, and schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the board of commissioners are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the board of commissioners is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. 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 the board of commissioners is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of number of utility customers and schedule of insurance policies in force have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 17, 2021, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the

effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Morgan City, Louisiana

June 17, 2021

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,876,306
Investments		140,884
Receivables:		
Accounts		74,229
Ad valorem taxes		643,291
Inventories		74,947
Prepaid expenses		<u>35,294</u>
Total current assets		5,844,951
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted assets:		
Customer deposits		86,421
Capital assets:		
Nondepreciable		511,040
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation		<u>4,501,283</u>
Total capital assets		<u>5,012,323</u>
Total assets	\$	<u>10,943,695</u>

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

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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable - trade	\$ 61,291
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	94,744
Due to St. Mary Parish Council	<u>37,433</u>
Total current liabilities	193,468
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets -	
Customers' meter deposits	<u>86,421</u>
Total liabilities	279,889

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	5,012,323
Restricted for maintenance	4,373,818
Unrestricted	<u>1,277,665</u>
Total net position	<u>10,663,806</u>

Total liabilities and net position \$ 10,943,695

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Operating revenues:	
Water sales	\$ 412,481
Sewer fees	299,874
Delinquent charges	7,830
Reconnect charges	5,275
Transfer fees	3,520
Garbage collection commissions	6,497
Miscellaneous	<u>24,263</u>
Total operating revenues	759,740
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and payroll taxes	431,911
Installation and repair of lines, hydrants, pumps and meters	42,872
Plant maintenance	146,955
Sewer maintenance	162,090
Field maintenance	16,999
Repairs and maintenance of buildings and towers	19,183
Depreciation	366,677
Commissioners' fees	3,360
Utilities	78,729
Insurance	80,880
Miscellaneous	20,935
Employee medical insurance	137,171
Postage	5,434
Professional services	16,881
Contract labor	15,480
Printing and office supplies	21,773
Telephone	12,133
Vehicle	17,147
Parish pension deduction	25,404
Pension expense	31,450
Chemicals	168,749
Plant supplies	19,970
Pond testing fees	36,356
Permit fees	<u>2,471</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,881,010</u>
Operating loss	(1,121,270)
Nonoperating revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	703,829
Interest	<u>7,464</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>711,293</u>
Change in net position	(409,977)
Net position, beginning	<u>11,073,783</u>
Net position, ending	<u><u>\$ 10,663,806</u></u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2020

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 762,395
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,116,781)
Payments to employees	<u>(419,960)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	(774,346)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Ad valorem taxes	<u>732,323</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	732,323
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	<u>(507,762)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(507,762)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of investments	(907)
Interest received	<u>7,464</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>6,557</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(543,228)
Cash and cash equivalents - January 1, 2020	<u>5,505,955</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 4,962,727</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$(1,121,270)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	366,677
Decrease in accounts receivable	1,155
Decrease in inventories	12,302
Increase in prepaid expenses	(8,944)
Decrease in accounts payable	(37,717)
Increase in payroll related liabilities	11,951
Increase in due to other governments	450
Increase in customers' meter deposits	<u>1,050</u>
Total adjustments	<u>346,924</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (774,346)</u>
Reconciliation of total cash:	
Current assets - cash	\$ 4,876,306
Restricted assets - cash	<u>86,421</u>
Total cash	<u>\$ 4,962,727</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1281 adopted by the St. Mary Parish Council on October 27, 1995, the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the Commission) was created on January 24, 1996 to provide water and sewerage services to the customers of the former Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, the former Sewerage District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and that area of Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, outside the corporate limits of Morgan City, Louisiana. Effective July 1, 1996, the operations of Waterworks District No. 3 and Sewerage District No. 4 were incorporated into the Commission Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary merged into Commission in October 1999. The Commission is a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary. The Commission is an integral part of the Parish of St. Mary for financial reporting purposes. The more significant of the Commission's accounting policies are described below.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of certain significant policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, has established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity and other reporting relationships. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

1. Appointment of a voting majority of the governing board.
 - a. The ability of the reporting entity to impose its will on the organization.
 - b. The potential of the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the reporting entity.
2. Organizations which are fiscally dependent.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature of significance of the relationship.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

For financial reporting purposes in conformance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, the Commission is a component unit of the St. Mary Parish Council, the reporting entity (the Oversight Unit). The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Commission and do not present information on the St. Mary Parish Council.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Commission are organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts that comprise assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

The proprietary fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Proprietary Fund financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The proprietary fund is accounted for using the “economic resources” measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total 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.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Commission are water and sewer user fees. The operating cost of the proprietary fund is all costs associated with the operation of the water and sewer distribution system. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Restricted Resources

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

Inventories

Proprietary fund inventories consist of chemicals and parts. Inventory is valued at lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method (FIFO).

Capital Assets

All capital assets of the proprietary fund purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000 or more for furniture and \$5,500 or more for equipment are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed capital assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. The costs of maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred; significant renewals and betterments are capitalized. Reductions are made for retirements resulting from renewals or betterments. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 50 years
Equipment and furniture	5 - 10 years
Improvements other than building	25 years

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against operations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less when purchased.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments

Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Commission may invest in the United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. All of the Commission's investments are in LAMP, which are stated at fair value.

Ad Valorem Tax

The Commission levies an ad valorem tax based on property values determined by the Parish Tax Assessor's Office. The levy is effective and becomes an enforceable lien on the property upon mailing of the tax bills to property owners (usually between November 1 and November 15). Tax payment is due by December 31 and becomes delinquent on January 1 at which time interest begins to accrue. The taxes are billed and collected by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. The Commission is a proprietary fund and recognizes the taxes as non-operating revenues in the year in which they are levied.

Bad Debts

The Commission charges any uncollectible accounts directly to current operations. All accounts at December 31, 2020 are considered to be collectible.

Equity Classifications

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported in three categories, as follows:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net position items 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.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- c. Unrestricted net position – consists of the net amount of assets and liabilities that do not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the Commission.

Use of Estimates

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

Vacation and Sick Leave

Vacation and sick leave are accrued as an expense of the period in which incurred. Accrued vacation pay and sick leave for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$86,545.

Subsequent Events

The Commission has evaluated subsequent events through June 17, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

The carrying value of the Commission's cash and interest-bearing deposits with financial institutions at December 31, 2020 totaled \$4,962,727 and the bank balance was \$4,967,311. Federal deposit insurance covered \$254,107 of the deposits while the remaining deposits were covered by collateral held by the pledging bank's agent in the amount of \$5,635,969. Cash and interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Louisiana R.S. 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 Commission that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

Investments held at December 31, 2020 consist of \$140,884 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invest in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

Credit risk – LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s.

Custodial credit risk – LAMP participants’ investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity’s investment is with the pool, not with the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk – Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

Interest rate risk – LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP’s total investments is 88 days as of December 31, 2020.

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Foreign currency risk – Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

NOTE 4 AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Commission levied taxes of 9.99 mills for maintenance and operation on property within the Commission's boundaries. The total assessed valuation on these properties was \$81,071,615 and total taxes levied were \$809,905. Taxes receivable at December 31, 2020 were \$643,291.

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2020
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and improvements	\$ 205,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,726
Construction in progress	<u>34,570</u>	<u>270,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,314</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>240,296</u>	<u>270,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>511,040</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	4,177,392	-	-	4,177,392
Equipment and furniture	785,153	-	-	785,153
Improvements other than buildings	<u>12,342,732</u>	<u>237,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,579,750</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>17,305,277</u>	<u>237,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,542,295</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	(2,791,376)	(85,807)	-	(2,877,183)
Equipment and furniture	(458,283)	(69,416)	-	(527,699)
Improvements other than buildings	<u>(9,424,676)</u>	<u>(211,454)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,636,130)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,674,335)</u>	<u>(366,677)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,041,012)</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>4,630,942</u>	<u>(129,659)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,501,283</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,871,238</u>	<u>\$ 141,085</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,012,323</u>

Depreciation charged to expense was \$366,677 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOTE 6 RESTRICTED ASSETS

The Commission's restricted assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2020:

Customers' meter deposits	
Cash	<u>\$ 86,421</u>

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NOTE 7 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Federal regulations require that all state and local government employees not covered by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act be covered by some alternate retirement plan after June 30, 1991. The Commission chose to establish a simplified employee-retirement plan (SEP) whereby the Commission deposits an amount equal to 7.50% of total wages. Under a SEP, an individual retirement account (IRA) is set up for each participating employee and contributions are made directly into that IRA.

All employees 18 years of age or older are immediately covered and fully vested under the plan.

Total pension expense recorded by the Commission for contributions to the retirement plan for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$31,450, \$29,995, and \$28,650, respectively.

NOTE 8 NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

A portion of net position has been restricted for future operations and maintenance of the Commission. The restricted amount at December 31, 2020 was \$4,373,818.

NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission 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. The Commission has elected to purchase insurance coverage through the commercial insurance market to cover its exposure to loss. The Commission is insured up to policy limits for each of the above risks. There were no significant changes in coverages, retentions or limits during the year ended December 31, 2020. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the previous five fiscal years.

NOTE 10 CONTINGENCIES

The Commission operates a sewerage collection and transport system, which is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. In the opinion of management, all applicable regulations have received full compliance. However, due to the complexity of the regulations, differing interpretations of the regulations by DEQ and/or the EPA may result in instances of noncompliance.

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NOTE 11 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) was reported to have surfaced in China. The World Health Organization has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. The COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting supply chains and affecting production and sales across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on our operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on our customers, taxpayers, employees and vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact our financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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Schedule of Number of Utility Customers
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2020 and 2019

Records maintained by the Commission indicated the following number of water customers were being served during the month of December:

2020	1,145
2019	1,135

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Schedule of Insurance Policies in Force
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Property and office building	April 30, 2021	\$ 6,293,998
General liability coverage:		
General aggregate	April 30, 2021	3,000,000
Products aggregate	April 30, 2021	3,000,000
Personal and advertising injury	April 30, 2021	1,000,000
Each occurrence	April 30, 2021	1,000,000
Damage to rented premises	April 30, 2021	1,000,000
Medical expenses	April 30, 2021	10,000
Cyber liability and privacy crisis	April 30, 2021	1,050,000
Business auto		
Commercial auto	April 30, 2021	1,000,000
Uninsured motorists	April 30, 2021	100,000
Underinsured motorists	April 30, 2021	100,000
Crime	April 30, 2021	10,000
Umbrella		
Each occurrence	April 30, 2021	2,000,000

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Board of Commissioners
Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Number of Meetings Attended	Total Compensation
Carlo Gagliano, Jr., President	13	\$ 780
Leroy Trim, Vice President	13	780
Kenneth Mire, Commissioner	12	720
Mark Rogers, Commissioner	12	720
Ray Mayon, Former Commissioner	4	240
Theodore Bailey, Commissioner	2	120
		\$ 3,360

Act 706 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session amended R.S. 24:513 requiring additional disclosure of total compensation, reimbursements, benefits, or other payments made to an agency head or chief officer. With the exception of per diem, no other payments which would require disclosure were made to the Commission's president. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Commission's president, Carlo Gagliano, Jr., received \$780 in per diem payments.

**INTERNAL CONTROL
AND
COMPLIANCE**



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

To the Board of Commissioners
Water and Sewer Commission No. 1
of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana
Amelia, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana ("Commission"), a component unit of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Commission's Response to Finding

The Commission's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Commission's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Morgan City, Louisiana
June 17, 2021

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

2019-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Condition: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Recommendation: Based upon the size of the operation and the cost-benefit consideration of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2020-001.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

At December 31, 2019, Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana did not meet the requirements to have a single audit in accordance with *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*; therefore, this section is not applicable.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2019.

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Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Part 1: Summary of Auditor's Reports

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditor's Report – Financial Statements

An unmodified opinion has been issued on Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Deficiencies in Internal Control – Financial Reporting

One deficiency in internal control over financial reporting was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements and is shown as item 2020-001 in Part 2. Item 2020-001 is considered to be a material weakness.

Material Noncompliance – Financial Reporting

There were no material instances of noncompliance noted during the audit of the financial statements.

FEDERAL AWARDS

This section is not applicable for the year ended December 31, 2020.

MANAGEMENT LETTER

A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Part 2: Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

2020-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Criteria: Best practices for internal controls over accounting functions require that adequate segregation of accounting functions be maintained.

Condition: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Cause: The failure to design and implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control led to this condition.

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(continued)

Effect: The likelihood that a material misstatement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis is increased. The perpetration of fraudulent activity is easier to achieve under this condition.

Recommendation: An analysis of the benefits that would be obtained by adequately segregating functions within the accounting system and the costs to employ additional individuals to achieve adequate segregation should be performed.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: This information is reported in a separate schedule titled "Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings".

Part 3: Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Programs

At December 31, 2020, Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana did not meet the requirements to have a single audit in accordance with *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*; therefore this section is not applicable.

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Management's Corrective Action Plan For Current Year Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Response to Finding 2020-001:

Management is aware of the condition and has determined that based upon the size of the Commission and the cost-benefit consideration of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Name and Title of Contact Person: Carlo Gagliano, Jr., President