

NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
Marion, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements

As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 2024

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Accountant's Compilation Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
Marion, Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund information of Northeast Union Fire District (the "District"), a component unit of Union Parish, 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, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits, and other payments to agency head and board of commissioners and the schedule of prior year findings are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. The information was subject to my compilation engagement, but I have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information, and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule on page 17 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and, although not a required 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. This information is the representation of management. I have not performed an audit, review, or compilation on the required supplementary information, and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

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Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

I am not independent with respect to Northeast Union Fire District for the year ended December 31, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carleen Dumas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Calhoun, Louisiana
June 18, 2025

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
Marion, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2024

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$43,237
Investments - certificates of deposit	78,236
Receivables	99,554
Capital assets, net	<u>750,561</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>971,588</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>580</u>
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Property taxes	<u>99,554</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	750,561
Unrestricted	<u>120,893</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$871,454</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

Statement B**NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT**
Marion, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
Expenses:	
Public safety - fire protection	<u>(\$101,659)</u>
General revenue:	
Property taxes	1,158
State fire insurance rebate	16,359
Interest earnings	<u>6,707</u>
Total general revenue	<u>24,224</u>
Change in net position	(77,435)
Net position - beginning	<u>948,889</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$871,454</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
December 31, 2022

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$43,237
Investments - certificates of deposit	78,236
Receivables	<u>86,839</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$208,312</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$580
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Property taxes	86,839
FUND BALANCE	
Unassigned	<u>120,893</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$208,312</u></u>
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund To the Statement of Net Position:	
Fund balance - unassigned - General Fund	\$120,893
Amount reported for net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund	<u>750,561</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Statement A)	<u><u>\$871,454</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
REVENUE	
Property taxes	\$1,158
Intergovernmental revenue - state fire insurance rebate	16,359
Investment income	<u>6,707</u>
Total revenue	<u>24,224</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Public safety - fire protection:	
Current:	
Operating services	36,876
Materials and supplies	664
Capital outlay	<u>183,368</u>
Total expenditures	<u>220,908</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(196,684)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>317,577</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$120,893</u></u>

(Continued)

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND (Contd.)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities:	
Net change in fund balance - General Fund	(\$196,684)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
The General Fund reports capital outlays 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 expenditures exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.	<u>119,249</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>(\$77,435)</u></u>

(Concluded)

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NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
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Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The Northeast Union Fire District (the “District”) was created by the Union Parish Police Jury on October 7, 1997, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1494. The District is governed by a five member board appointed by the Union Parish Police Jury. Board members serve terms from two to three years without benefit of compensation. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and providing fire protection within the boundaries of the District. The District has no employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, and No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of these statements, the District is considered a component unit of the Union Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements maybe included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the District.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenue. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenue includes 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenue are reported as general revenue.

All individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The District has only one governmental fund.

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NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and
Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available when it is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes associated with a fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following governmental fund:

General Fund

The General fund is the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources.

C. Deposits and Investments

Cash includes the amount in a noninterest-bearing demand deposit. State law limits the District's credit risk by restricting the District's investments to collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. At December 31, 2024, the District's investments consist of a nonnegotiable certificate of deposit with an original maturity that exceeds 90 days that is reported in the accompanying financial statements at cost. The District's interest rate risk is limited by the investment of funds for on longer than one year.

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D. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become due on January 1 of each year. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. The property taxes are collected by the Union Parish Sheriff and remitted to the District on a monthly basis. On April 27, 2024, the voters of the District approved a 10 mill property tax for operating and maintaining fire protection in the District for a period of ten years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings, vehicles, and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All of the District's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost except for donated assets which are recorded at market value on the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	20-40 years
Vehicles	5-15 years
Equipment	5-10 years

F. Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and the governmental fund balance sheet reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement section represents an acquisition of net position/fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. Property taxes that are recorded before the period for which the taxes are levied, are reported as deferred inflows of resources. Only those property taxes that will be collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources in the governmental fund financial statements.

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G. Net Position/Fund Balance

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on net position by either of the following ways:

1. externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
2. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which funds can be spent. Fund balance should be reported as restricted when constraints on the use of the funds meet the same criteria as restricted net position in the government-wide statement of net position as noted in the previous paragraph. Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the board of aldermen are reported as committed fund balance.

Assigned fund balance are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The board of aldermen is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification and represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose.

At December 31, 2024, the District has only unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

H. 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 certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, and revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Budget Information

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NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements

A General Fund budget for the year ended December 31, 2024 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 8, 2024, on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget is established and controlled by the Board of Commissioners at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District. All changes in the budget must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are the original adopted budget amounts. There were no budget amendments.

The General Fund's actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 as follows:

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Unfavorable Variance
General Fund	<u>\$121,050</u>	<u>\$121,050</u>	<u>\$220,908</u>	<u>\$99,858</u>

3. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

At December 31, 2024, the District has cash (book balances) as follows:

Non-interest bearing checking account	\$43,237
Investments - certificate of deposit	<u>78,236</u>
Total	<u>\$121,473</u>

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. Cash and investment (bank balances) at December 31, 2024, are \$120,315, and are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

4. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2024:

Property taxes levied in 2024 for 2025	\$104,092
Less: 2024 taxes received prior to 2025	(1,158)
Less: Pension deductions for 2024	<u>(3,380)</u>
Receivables reported on statement of net position	99,554
Less: property taxes not collected within 60 days of year end	<u>(12,715)</u>
Receivables reported on governmental fund balance sheet	<u>\$86,839</u>

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2024
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$4,500			\$4,500
Construction in progress	65,455	\$168,287		233,742
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	69,955	168,287	NONE	238,242
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	295,761			295,761
Vehicles	992,994	15,080		1,008,074
Equipment	376,961			376,961
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,665,716	15,080	NONE	1,680,796
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	132,765	7,592		140,357
Vehicles	656,999	44,323		701,322
Equipment	314,596	12,202		326,798
Total accumulated depreciation	1,104,360	64,117	NONE	1,168,477
Total assets being depreciated, net	561,356	(49,037)	NONE	512,319
Total capital assets, net	\$631,311	\$119,250	NONE	\$750,561

Depreciation expense of \$64,117 for the year ended December 31, 2024 was charged to the public safety - fire protection governmental function. Construction in progress consists of construction costs for the Haile Fire Station project.

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District purchases commercial insurance to reduce the risk of loss resulting from property damage or liability claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 18, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	BudgetedAmounts.....		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis - GAAP)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUE				
Property taxes	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,158	(\$3,842)
Intergovernmental revenue:				
State - fire insurance rebate	16,000	16,000	16,359	359
Interest earnings	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,707</u>	<u>1,207</u>
Total revenue	<u>26,500</u>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>24,224</u>	<u>(2,276)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety - fire protection:				
Operating services	24,850	24,850	36,876	(12,026)
Materials and supplies	2,000	2,000	664	1,336
Capital outlay	<u>94,200</u>	<u>94,200</u>	<u>183,368</u>	<u>(89,168)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>121,050</u>	<u>121,050</u>	<u>220,908</u>	<u>(99,858)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(94,550)	(94,550)	(196,684)	(102,134)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>317,577</u>	<u>317,577</u>	<u>317,577</u>	
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$223,027</u>	<u>\$223,027</u>	<u>\$120,893</u>	<u>(\$102,134)</u>

There were no budget amendments during the year ended December 31, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

**COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD AND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and Board of Commissioners is presented in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A (3) and House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The board members serve without benefit of compensation.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The follow-up and corrective action taken on all prior year findings is presented in Schedule 3.

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NORTHEAST UNION FIRE DISTRICT
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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

BOARD COMPENSATION

Agency Head - Virgil Brantley - President	NONE
Craig Armstrong	NONE
Bill Love	NONE
Huey Rhodes	NONE
Bill Thurston	NONE

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Status of Finding</u>
2023-001	2023	Noncompliance with Local Government Budget Act	Partially Resolved - see 2024-001 in current year findings.

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CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

2024-001 Noncompliance with Local Government Budget Act

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1311 requires the governing authority of the District to amend its General Fund budget when actual revenue fails to meet budgeted revenue by five percent or more or when actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. R.S. 39:1309 requires that all action necessary to adopt and finalize the General Fund budget be completed prior to January 1 of the ensuing fiscal year.

Condition: General Fund actual revenue failed to meet budgeted revenue by \$2,276 (8%) and actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by \$99,858 (82%). The General Fund budget for 2024 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 8, 2024.

Cause: Oversight.

Effect: Noncompliance with state law.

Recommendation: The District should adopt its General Fund budget prior to January 1 of the ensuing fiscal year and should monitor its revenue and expenditures and adopt a budget amendment when actual revenue plus projected revenue fails to meet budgeted revenue by five percent or more or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

Management's Response: The General Fund budget for 2025 was adopted on December 9, 2024, and will be amended as needed.