

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

December 31, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire
Protection District No. 1
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
Vinton, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the District'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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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. 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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 of as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1**

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The District 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, economical, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Governmental Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2020, on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, and Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Jay C. Williams, Co., P.C.

Lake Charles, Louisiana
June 29, 2020

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2019**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,857,434
Ad valorem tax receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$20,401	690,321
Accrued interest receivable	367
Prepaid insurance	4,765
Land and other capital assets not being depreciated	3,931
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,079,840
Restricted cash	891,293
	<u>6,527,951</u>
Total assets	<u>6,527,951</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	50,701
Payroll taxes payable	725
Ad valorem pension payable	21,209
Accrued interest	25,740
Long-term liabilities:	
Bond payable--	
Portion due within one year	35,000
Portion due after one year	1,185,000
	<u>1,318,375</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,318,375</u>

NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	2,083,771
Restricted	891,293
Unrestricted	2,234,512
	<u>2,234,512</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,209,576</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Governmental Activities - Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants, and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 823,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (823,836)
Total Government Activities	\$ 823,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(823,836)
General revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes					679,881
State revenue sharing					6,814
Fire tax rebate					11,533
Interest					45,333
Gain on sale of capital assets					22,000
Miscellaneous					3,547
					Total general revenues
					769,108
					Change in net position
					(54,728)
					Net position - beginning of year
					5,264,304
					Net position - end of year
					\$ 5,209,576

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2019**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,857,434	\$ -	\$ 2,857,434
Ad valorem tax receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$17,643	603,498	86,823	690,321
Accrued interest receivable	367		367
Prepaid insurance	4,765		4,765
Due from other fund	-	209	209
Restricted cash	-	891,293	891,293
	<u>\$ 3,466,064</u>	<u>\$ 978,325</u>	<u>\$ 4,444,389</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 50,701	\$ -	\$ 50,701
Payroll taxes payable	725	-	725
Ad valorem pension payable	18,443	2,766	21,209
Due to other fund	209	-	209
Total liabilities	<u>70,078</u>	<u>2,766</u>	<u>72,844</u>
Fund balance:			
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	122,397	122,397
Other capital projects	-	853,162	853,162
Unassigned	3,395,986	-	3,395,986
	<u>3,395,986</u>	<u>975,559</u>	<u>4,371,545</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 3,466,064</u>	<u>\$ 978,325</u>	<u>\$ 4,444,389</u>

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**RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2019**

FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$ 4,371,545
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, not reported in the funds.</p>		
Land	\$ 3,931	
Cost of capital assets	4,871,203	
Less - accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,791,363)</u>	<u>2,083,771</u>
<p>Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2019</p>		
Bonds payable	(1,220,000)	
Accrued interest	<u>(25,740)</u>	<u>(1,245,740)</u>
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		<u><u>\$ 5,209,576</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenue:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 591,077	\$ 88,804	\$ 679,881
State revenue sharing	6,814	-	6,814
Fire tax rebate	11,533	-	11,533
Interest	28,854	16,479	45,333
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	22,000	-	22,000
Miscellaneous	3,546	-	3,546
Total revenues	<u>663,824</u>	<u>105,283</u>	<u>769,107</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	579,915	69,231	649,146
Capital outlay	1,041,146	-	1,041,146
Total expenditures	<u>1,621,061</u>	<u>69,231</u>	<u>1,690,292</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(957,237)	36,052	(921,185)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer in	280,493	-	280,493
Transfer out	-	(280,493)	(280,493)
Long-term debt issued	-	1,220,000	1,220,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>280,493</u>	<u>939,507</u>	<u>1,220,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(676,744)	975,559	298,815
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>4,072,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,072,730</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 3,395,986</u>	<u>\$ 975,559</u>	<u>\$ 4,371,545</u>

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2019**

Total net change in fund balance - governmental funds \$ (921,185)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period.

Capital outlays	\$ 1,041,146	
Depreciation expense	<u>(148,950)</u>	892,197

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

(25,740)

Governmental funds report proceeds from the sales of capital assets. However, in the statement of activities, the gain on the disposal of capital assets is reported. The change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the carrying value of capital assets disposed.

Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ 22,000	
Gain on sale of capital assets	<u>22,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (54,728)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY
December 31, 2019
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 (“District”) was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1492-1501, for the purpose of providing fire protection for the people of Ward 7 of Calcasieu Parish. The district is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Calcasieu 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 Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is 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.

Because the police jury financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization were not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

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December 31, 2019
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

A. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by a total column. Fiduciary activities of the District are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the District are reported in three categories: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions.

B. Governmental Fund Financial Statements

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

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual are recognized when due. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the District, are property tax, intergovernmental revenues, rebates, and grants. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus – (Continued)

The General Fund is the District’s operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District.

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

Budget Practices

1. The proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the Advisory Board for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. The proposed budget is made available for public inspection.
3. The budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
5. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Board.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Ad Valorem Tax Receivable

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Receivables are reported net of allowance for uncollectible accounts and revenues net of uncollectibles. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as uncollectible using the allowance method. The allowance for uncollectible accounts at December 31, 2019, was \$20,401.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. As of December 31, 2019, all assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets – (Continued)

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and building improvements	10 – 50 years
Equipment	5 – 20 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 – 7 years

Restricted Cash

Certain debt proceeds of the District, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants and they are maintained in separate bank accounts.

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund statement of fund net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

Equity Classification

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Equity Classification – (Continued)

- b. Restricted net position – Consists of assets with constraints placed on the use by either (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 assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

Fund Balance Classification

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

- a. Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District. The District board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- d. Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed.
- e. Unassigned: includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund.

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

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 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.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences for sick and personal time have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonably estimated. The District policy is to recognize cost when actually paid.

Property Taxes

Property tax millage rates are adopted in July for the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. All taxes are due and collectible when the assessment rolls are filed on or before November 15th of the current year, and become delinquent after December 31. Property taxes not paid by the end of February are subject to lien.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, “Leases.” The statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 87 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The effect of implementation on the District's financial statements has not yet been determined.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2019, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$3,748,726.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. 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.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – (Continued)

At December 31, 2019, the District has \$3,748,726 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$5,417,524 of pledged securities held by the custodial banks in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

NOTE 3 – AD VALOREM TAXES

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America for government prescribe a modified accrual basis to be applied to property tax revenues. An assessment is made to finance the budget of a particular period and the revenue produced from any property tax assessment should be recognized in the fiscal period for which it was provided (budgeted) and for which the collections are reasonably available.

Property tax millage rates are adopted in July for the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. All taxes are due and collectible when the assessment rolls are filed on or before November 15th of the current year, and become delinquent after December 31. Property taxes not paid by the end of February are subject to lien.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, taxes of 11.5 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling approximately \$59,202,727. Total taxes levied for the year ended December 31, 2019 were \$680,831.

Expected collections and collections of the 2019 levy are accrued as receivable and as revenue in the current year (2019). For budget purposes, property taxes collected in 2019 are designated as revenue appropriable in the 2019 budget year.

During the year, the tax assessor made adjustments to decrease previous year taxpayer valuations of \$422 worth of taxes. This amount was net against current year ad valorem taxes along with \$529 worth of prior year tax refunds. The District also made a \$2,759 increase adjustment to their allowance for uncollectible taxes that management deemed necessary.

The parish bills and collects its property taxes using the assessed values determined by the Calcasieu Parish Tax Assessor.

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2019, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 3,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,931
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 3,931</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,931</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	\$ 535,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535,208
Building improvements	128,464	5,600	-	134,064
Furniture & fixtures	10,745	-	-	10,745
Equipment	3,287,121	1,035,546	(131,481)	4,191,186
Total capital assets being depreciated	3,961,538	1,041,146	(131,481)	4,871,203
Less accumulated depreciation				
Building	(311,441)	(10,994)	-	(322,435)
Building improvements	(102,962)	(2,274)	-	(105,236)
Furniture & fixtures	(10,331)	(134)	-	(10,465)
Equipment	(2,349,160)	(135,548)	131,481	(2,353,227)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,773,894)</u>	<u>(148,950)</u>	<u>131,481</u>	<u>(2,791,363)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 1,187,644</u>	<u>\$ 892,196</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,079,840</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2019, was charged to governmental activity in the amount of \$148,950.

NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED CASH

The District maintains a sinking fund reserve bank account with a balance of \$891,293 as of December 31, 2019 which is controlled by Merchant and Farmers Bank. See note 6 for more details.

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NOTE 6 – BOND PAYABLE

The District incurred debt and issued bonds in the amount of \$1,220,000 for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding six (3.4%) percent per annum, for the purpose of purchasing and installing fire hydrants and water lines to be used in giving fire protection to the property within the District, title to which shall be in the public, which said bonds shall be retired with, paid from and secured by ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the limits of Ward Seven Fire Protection District No. One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, sufficient in rate and amount to pay said bonds in principal and interest, with the millage rate to be 1.5 mills in the first year of issue. The following is a recap of the bond payable:

A. Debt Outstanding

The following is a summary of the debt transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 2019:

Bond payable, December 31, 2018	\$	-
Bond repaid		-
Bond issued		<u>1,220,000</u>
Bond payable, December 31, 2019	\$	<u><u>1,220,000</u></u>

Debt payable at December 31, 2019 is comprised of the following:

\$1,220,000 general obligation bond dated April 18, 2019, due in annual installments of \$35,000 - \$80,000 through March 1, 2039, interest at 3.0% - 3.4%	\$	<u><u>1,220,000</u></u>
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B. Debt Service Requirement to Maturity

The annual requirements, including interest, to amortize the bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	\$ 35,000	\$ 49,994
2021	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,090
2022	\$ 50,000	\$ 33,590
2023	\$ 50,000	\$ 32,090
2024	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,715
2025-2039	\$ 980,000	\$ 331,723

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NOTE 6 – BOND PAYABLE – (Continued)

C. Sinking Fund Requirement

The initial bond proceeds were deposited into a sinking fund, all disbursements for the purchase of fire hydrants and water lines are to come out of this account. The balance in the sinking fund pertaining to the bond proceeds at December 31, 2019 was \$853,162.

The Bond also requires the District to make ad valorem tax deposits into this sinking fund. Ad valorem taxes will be levied on property of the District at 1.5 mills. These taxes will be used for the principal and interest payments on the bond payable described above. The balance of the sinking fund at December 31, 2019 for bond repayment is \$38,131.

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENT

As of December 31, 2019, the District has a remaining commitment of \$853,162 to purchase fire hydrants and water lines pertaining to the bond issue described in Note 6.

NOTE 8 – 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; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of these risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 – PER DIEM PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of per diem paid to commissioners was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1498, each commissioner received \$100 per diem for attending regular monthly meetings and special meetings. A summary of paid per diems for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows:

	2019
Guy L. Renfrow	\$ 1,300
Stephen A. Smith	1,400
Jerry C. Nichols	1,400
Kent Ledoux	1,300
Harold Pickett	1,400
	\$ 6,800

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NOTE 10 – STEWARTSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

For the year ended December 31, 2019, expenditures exceeded revenues in the general fund by \$676,744. These excess expenditures were covered by available fund balance in the fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%. State law requires that actual expenditures fall within 5% of budget.

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The recent global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has raised concerns regarding business and the financial markets have recently experienced significant volatility. While District has been immediately impacted by the adverse conditions in the financial markets, the long-term impact on the District's operations are uncertain at this time.

Management of the District has evaluated its December 31, 2019 financial statements for subsequent events through the date of the independent auditors' report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Except for the item above, management is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE (GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenue:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 540,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 591,077	\$ 61,077
State revenue sharing	7,000	6,810	6,814	4
Fire tax rebate	12,000	11,530	11,533	3
Interest	5,000	24,000	28,854	4,854
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	22,000	22,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	3,560	3,546	(14)
Total revenues	<u>566,000</u>	<u>575,900</u>	<u>663,824</u>	<u>87,924</u>
Expenditures:				
Governmental				
General government	251,400	268,000	579,915	(311,915)
Capital outlay	314,600	987,000	1,041,146	(54,146)
Total expenditures	<u>566,000</u>	<u>1,255,000</u>	<u>1,621,061</u>	<u>(366,061)</u>
Transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,493</u>	<u>280,493</u>
Excess expenses over revenues	-	(679,100)	(676,744)	2,356
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>4,072,730</u>	<u>4,072,730</u>	<u>4,072,730</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 4,072,730</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,393,630</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,395,986</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,356</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES - BUDGET
AND ACTUAL (GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - GENERAL FUND**

Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Accounting	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ -
Bad debt	1,000	1,000	987	13
Deductions from ad valorem taxes - retirement	9,000	9,000	18,443	(9,443)
Firemen's fee	35,000	24,400	28,910	(4,510)
Fuel	8,000	7,100	6,861	239
Insurance	56,000	58,000	58,147	(147)
Joint service agreement	-	-	324,277	(324,277)
Maintenance and repairs	15,000	12,800	19,109	(6,309)
Office	6,000	5,400	5,796	(396)
Service	26,000	26,600	20,421	6,179
Payroll taxes	2,440	2,440	2,448	(8)
Per diem paid commissioners	5,600	6,900	6,800	100
Salaries	31,800	31,800	31,800	-
Supplies - operating	35,500	62,760	33,603	29,157
Supplies - housekeeping	460	600	500	100
Utilities and telephone	14,200	13,600	16,213	(2,613)
 Total general governmental expenditures	 <u>\$ 251,400</u>	 <u>\$ 268,000</u>	 <u>\$ 579,915</u>	 <u>\$ (311,915)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Agency Head Name: Jerry Nichols

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 0
Benefits	0
Per Diem	1,400
Travel	0
Other	0
	<u>\$ 1,400</u>



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

Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire
Protection District No. 1
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
Vinton, 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 Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies. The deficiencies are identified as 19-01(IC).

**Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1**

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 one instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, 19-01(C).

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 Response to Findings

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District'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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Handwritten signature in blue ink, likely reading "Douglas Williams & Co., P.C."

Lake Charles, Louisiana
June 29, 2020

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR AUDIT
FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- | | | |
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| a. | Material weakness identified? | NO |
| b. | Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | YES |

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? YES

Federal Awards

Not applicable

CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Ref. No.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Taken	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date
Current year (12/31/2019)						
Internal Control: 19-01 (IC)	Unknown	Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 did not have adequate segregation of duties within the accounting system.	No	The District's management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible. No plan is considered necessary.	John Henderson	NA
Compliance: 19-01 (C)	2019	For the year ending December 31, 2019, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%. State law requires that actual expenditures fall within 5% of budget	Yes	Monitor budget process carefully to account for the differences between actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures.	John Henderson	6/29/2020
Prior year (12/31/2018)						
Internal Control: 18-01 (IC)	Unknown	Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 did not have adequate segregation of duties within the accounting system.	No	The District's management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible. No plan is considered necessary.	John Henderson	NA
18-02 (IC)	2007	Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including related notes.	No	The District's management has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with (GAAP) and determined that it is in the best interest of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.	John Henderson	6/30/2019
Compliance:	There was no matter of compliance that needed to be reported.					



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1
Lake Charles, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 ("District") and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
 - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving
 - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

We obtained a copy of the District's written policies and procedures to ascertain that they addressed each of the categories and subcategories listed above.

Exception: Per our inspection of the policies and procedures of the District, we noted that the District did have written policies and procedures but they were missing some of the subcategories listed under these main categories listed above. Also noted was that the District did not have any policies or procedures for the disaster recovery/business continuity category.

Management's response: Management is in the process of updating their policies and procedures to address the above exceptions.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

The board met on a monthly basis for the fiscal period with a quorum in attendance at all meetings.

- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.

Exception: The minutes obtained from management do not reference or include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund.

Management's response: Management acknowledges that the minutes do not state that they go over monthly financials, but have stated that they indeed go over the financials monthly. Going forward they will make sure that this is stated in the minutes.

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

Per the prior year audit report the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund did not have a negative ending balance; therefore, making this procedure not applicable.

Bank Reconciliations

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

We obtained a list of bank accounts from management and management's representation that the list was complete. Once obtained we randomly selected the month of October for testing for all accounts.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than twelve months from the statement closing date making this procedure not applicable.

Collections

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

Obtained a listing of all deposit sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

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

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Each employee responsible for cash collections does not share cash drawers/registers.

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

Exception: The person responsible for collecting cash is responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, posting collection entries to the general ledger and reconciling cash collections to the general ledger.

Management's response: Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible and the board reviews all financial documents at their monthly board meetings.

6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

All employees who have access to cash are covered by an insurance policy for theft.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

The entity only receives money from ad valorem taxes and other periodic payments; therefore, they will not have a system in place to issue sequentially pre-numbered receipts thus making this procedure not applicable.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

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

Per discussion with management, LWC noted only one location processes payments for the fiscal period.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Exception: The employee responsible for processing payments is responsible for mailing the payments.

Management's response: Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible and the board reviews all financial documents at their monthly board meetings.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

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

We obtained a listing of active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

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

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying these procedures.

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

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

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

There were no travel expenses incurred by the entity during the fiscal period making this procedure not applicable.

Contracts

15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.

No contracts were amended making this procedure not applicable.

- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Payroll and Personnel

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

We obtained a listing of all employees during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

They do not pay leave time, making this procedure not applicable.

18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulative leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.

There were no terminated employees during the fiscal period thus making this procedure not applicable.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Debt Service

21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Other

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

Management has asserted that the entity did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets.

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

The District has posted on its premises the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Langley, Williams & Co., LLC".

Langley, Williams & Co. LLC
Lake Charles, Louisiana
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