

**Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana**

**Financial Statement with Auditors' Report**

**As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana

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## Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Jim Galambos, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council  
Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Blanchard, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Blanchard's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Blanchard, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Blanchard's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Blanchard's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Blanchard's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 – 11 and 47, the schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability on page 48, and the schedule of contributions on page 49 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, 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.

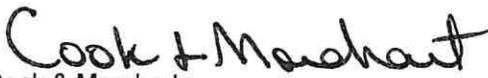
### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Blanchard's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information listed in the table of contents and shown on pages 50 - 54 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, shown on pages 55, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. As disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Town of Blanchard prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The other supplementary information schedule, Justice System Funding Schedule, shown on pages 56 - 57, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is presented to satisfy the requirements of Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session (R.S. 24:515.2) and must be presented on the cash basis of accounting which differs significantly from those principles used to present financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 GAAS. In our opinion the Justice System Funding Schedule, shown on pages 56 - 57, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2025, on our consideration of the Town of Blanchard's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Blanchard's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Blanchard's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
Cook & Morehart  
Certified Public Accountants  
December 22, 2025

## TOWN OF BLANCHARD

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Blanchard's financial performance provides an overview of the Town of Blanchard's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which begin on page 12.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town of Blanchard's net position of our governmental activities increased by \$247,247 or 21%. The Town of Blanchard's net position of our business-type activities increased by \$2,684,468 or 19%.
- In the Town's governmental activities, total general and program revenues were \$2,231,972 in 2025 compared to \$2,093,337 in 2024. Total expenses, excluding depreciation, totaled \$1,932,607 for the year ended June 30, 2025, compared to \$1,650,356 for 2024.
- In the Town's business-type activities, revenues increased by \$2,023,802, while expenses increased by \$840,525.

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 12 and 13) provide information about the activities of the Town of Blanchard as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 14. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town of Blanchard's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Town of Blanchard's most significant funds.

#### Reporting the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana as a Whole

Our analysis of the Town of Blanchard as a whole begins on page 12. One of the most important questions asked about the Town of Blanchard's finances is "Is the Town of Blanchard as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town of Blanchard's *net position* and changes in it. You can think of the Town of Blanchard's net position – as the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the Town of Blanchard's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases* or *decreases* in the Town of Blanchard's net position is one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base, to assess the overall health of the Town.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the Town into two kinds of activities:

**Governmental activities** – Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, public works, and general administration. Property taxes, franchise fees, sales taxes, and police department fines, and various other revenues finance most of these activities.

**Business-type activities** – The Town charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Town's water and sewer system are reported here.

### **Reporting the Town's Most Significant Funds**

Our analysis of the major funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard begins on page 14. The fund financial statements begin on page 14 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard – not the Town of Blanchard as a whole. The Town of Blanchard's two kinds of funds – *governmental* and *proprietary* – use different accounting approaches.

**Governmental funds** – Most of the Town of Blanchard's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the Town of Blanchard's general government operations and the expenses paid from those funds. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance certain Town of Blanchard's expenses. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

**Proprietary funds** – When the Town charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the Town's enterprise funds (a component of proprietary funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

**THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AS A WHOLE**

The Town of Blanchard's combined net position changed from a year ago, increasing from \$15,230,695 to \$18,162,410. A comparative analysis of the funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard is presented below.

**Table 1  
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Current and other assets	\$ 1,797,202	\$ 1,438,335	\$ 8,376,006	\$ 7,869,846	\$ 10,173,208	\$ 9,308,181
Capital assets	331,612	338,092	20,882,769	19,913,409	21,214,381	20,251,501
Total assets	<u>2,128,814</u>	<u>1,776,427</u>	<u>29,258,775</u>	<u>27,783,255</u>	<u>31,387,589</u>	<u>29,559,682</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>364,301</u>	<u>502,422</u>			<u>364,301</u>	<u>502,422</u>
Current Liabilities	99,895	94,916	2,216,689	2,305,413	2,316,584	2,400,329
Long-term liabilities	<u>943,059</u>	<u>1,007,834</u>	<u>10,302,615</u>	<u>11,422,839</u>	<u>11,245,674</u>	<u>12,430,673</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,042,954</u>	<u>1,102,750</u>	<u>12,519,304</u>	<u>13,728,252</u>	<u>13,562,258</u>	<u>14,831,002</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>27,222</u>	<u>407</u>			<u>27,222</u>	<u>407</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	331,612	338,021	9,947,385	8,490,670	10,278,997	8,828,691
Restricted			606,865	606,821	606,865	606,821
Unrestricted	<u>1,091,327</u>	<u>837,671</u>	<u>6,185,221</u>	<u>4,957,512</u>	<u>7,276,548</u>	<u>5,795,183</u>
Total net position:	<u>\$ 1,422,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,692</u>	<u>\$ 16,739,471</u>	<u>\$ 14,055,003</u>	<u>\$ 18,162,410</u>	<u>\$ 15,230,695</u>

Net position of the Town of Blanchard's governmental activities increased by \$247,247 or 21%. Net position of the Town of Blanchard's business-type activities increased by \$2,684,468 or 19%.

**Table 2**  
**Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 831,868	\$ 779,384	\$ 6,197,530	\$ 5,951,623	\$ 7,029,398	\$ 6,731,007
Capital grants and contributions		31,675	2,079,813	495,908	2,079,813	527,583
Operating grants and contributions	82,503	66,673			82,503	66,673
General revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	213,825	183,160	148,591	124,569	362,416	307,729
Sales taxes	843,748	784,833			843,748	784,833
Franchise taxes	230,179	224,956			230,179	224,956
Investment earnings			191,566	85,863	191,566	85,863
Miscellaneous	29,849	22,656	92,526	28,261	122,375	50,917
Total Revenues	<u>2,231,972</u>	<u>2,093,337</u>	<u>8,710,026</u>	<u>6,686,224</u>	<u>10,941,998</u>	<u>8,779,561</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
General government	144,599	111,110			144,599	111,110
Public safety	1,329,401	1,210,966			1,329,401	1,210,966
Public works	495,206	354,349			495,206	354,349
Culture and recreation	15,519	33,726			15,519	33,726
Water and sewer utility			6,025,558	5,185,033	6,025,558	5,185,033
Total expenses	<u>1,984,725</u>	<u>1,710,151</u>	<u>6,025,558</u>	<u>5,185,033</u>	<u>8,010,283</u>	<u>6,895,184</u>
<b>Increases in net position</b>	<u>\$ 247,247</u>	<u>\$ 383,186</u>	<u>\$ 2,684,468</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,191</u>	<u>\$ 2,931,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,884,377</u>

The Town's total revenues increased by 25% or \$2,162,437. The Town's total expenditures increased by 16% or \$1,115,099. Our analysis below separately considers the operations of the governmental and business-type activities.

### **Governmental Activities**

Total revenues for the governmental activities increased \$138,635, from total revenues in the year ended June 30, 2024 of \$2,093,337 to total revenues of \$2,231,972, in the year ended June 30, 2025, due in large part to increased charges for services and increased ad valorem and sales taxes.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$1,984,725. These costs were covered by \$914,371 of program revenues, with the remaining costs covered by property taxes, sales taxes, and other general revenues.

### **Business-type Activities**

Total revenues for the business-type activities increased \$2,023,802, from total revenues in the year ended June 30, 2024 of \$6,686,224 to total revenues of \$8,710,026, in the year ended June 30, 2025, due to an increase in capital grants and contributions from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery and Water Sector Program grant funds.

The cost of all business-type activities this year was \$6,025,558. These costs were covered largely by program revenues of \$6,197,530 consisting of charges for services assessed to users.

## **THE TOWN'S FUNDS**

As the Town completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 14) reported a *combined* fund balance of \$1,692,798, which is more than last year's fund balance of \$1,303,454.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Town adopted a budget for its General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2025. There was one amendment to the budget during the year. The Town's budgetary comparison is presented as required supplementary information and shown on page 47. Highlights for the year are as follows:

- Final actual revenues were more than budgeted revenues in the amount of \$1,686.
- Actual expenditures were more than final budget expenditures in the amount of \$27,597.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At the end of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Town of Blanchard had invested \$21,214,381 and \$20,251,501, respectively, in capital assets. (see table 3 below)

**Table 3**  
**Capital Assets At Year End**  
**(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Construction in Progress	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,550	\$ 1,610,202	\$ 129,200	\$ 1,612,752	\$ 131,750
Land	49,426	49,426	145,049	145,049	194,475	194,475
Buildings	33,191	42,420			33,191	42,420
Improvements	83,224	92,657			83,224	92,657
Vehicles and equipment	163,221	151,000			163,221	151,000
Leased assets		39	47,644	48,204	47,644	48,243
Administration			428,691	280,470	428,691	280,470
Water equipment			17,237,859	17,757,886	17,237,859	17,757,886
Sewer equipment			1,413,324	1,552,600	1,413,324	1,552,600
Total assets (net)	<u>\$ 331,612</u>	<u>\$ 338,092</u>	<u>\$ 20,882,769</u>	<u>\$ 19,913,409</u>	<u>\$ 21,214,381</u>	<u>\$ 20,251,501</u>

This year's major additions included:

Construction in progress	\$	\$ 1,376,402
Water equipment		538,921
Administration		216,214
Vehicles and Equipment	45,638	
	<u>\$ 45,638</u>	<u>\$ 2,131,537</u>

More detailed information about the capital assets are presented in Note 8 to the financial statements.

## Debt

At year-end, the Town had \$11,245,673 in bonds, notes, and other long-term liabilities outstanding, versus \$12,547,523 last year, as described below.

**Table 4**  
**Outstanding Debt At Year End**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	Total
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Water Revenue Bonds	\$	\$	\$ 9,284,246	\$ 10,360,495	\$ 9,284,246	\$ 10,360,495
Sewer Revenue Bonds			903,162	999,162	903,162	999,162
Net Pension Liability	899,889	971,206			899,889	971,206
Compensated absences	43,170	36,774	66,151	23,103	109,321	59,877
Leased assets		71	49,055	49,267	49,055	49,338
URAF Agreement				107,445		107,445
Totals	<u>\$ 943,059</u>	<u>\$1,008,051</u>	<u>\$ 10,302,614</u>	<u>\$ 11,539,472</u>	<u>\$ 11,245,673</u>	<u>\$ 12,547,523</u>

More detailed information about the debt is presented in Note 12 to the financial statements.

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS**

The Town of Blanchard's management considered many factors when setting a fiscal year June 30, 2026 budget. Amounts available for appropriation in the governmental funds are expected to remain substantially the same. Expenditures for 2026 are expected to remain substantially the same.

## **CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the finances for those funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard and to show the Town of Blanchard's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Mayor at P.O. Box 428, Blanchard, LA 71009.

Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,638,446	\$ 1,639,854	\$ 3,278,300
Investments		3,618,972	3,618,972
Receivables	210,469	1,578,701	1,789,170
Prepaid expenses	4,509	9,711	14,220
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		681,775	681,775
Restricted investments		790,771	790,771
Capital assets not being depreciated	51,976	1,755,251	1,807,227
Capital assets, net	279,636	19,127,518	19,407,154
Internal balances	(56,222)	56,222	
Total assets	<u>2,128,814</u>	<u>29,258,775</u>	<u>31,387,589</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension related	<u>364,301</u>		<u>364,301</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	99,895	1,083,798	1,183,693
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits		865,681	865,681
Unearned revenue		267,210	267,210
Non-current liabilities:			
Due within one year	14,531	1,198,468	1,212,999
Due in more than one year	928,528	9,104,147	10,032,675
Total liabilities	<u>1,042,954</u>	<u>12,519,304</u>	<u>13,562,258</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Pension related	<u>27,222</u>		<u>27,222</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	331,612	9,947,385	10,278,997
Restricted:			
Debt service		606,865	606,865
Unrestricted	1,091,327	6,185,221	7,276,548
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,422,939</u>	<u>\$ 16,739,471</u>	<u>\$ 18,162,410</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Functions / Programs:	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities</b>							
General government	\$ 144,599	\$ 126,399	\$	\$	\$ (18,200)	\$	\$ (18,200)
Public safety	1,329,401	285,649	71,853		(971,899)		(971,899)
Public works	495,206	419,820			(75,386)		(75,386)
Culture and recreation	15,519		10,650		(4,869)		(4,869)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>1,984,725</b>	<b>831,868</b>	<b>82,503</b>		<b>(1,070,354)</b>		<b>(1,070,354)</b>
<b>Business-type Activities</b>							
Water	5,539,767	5,805,545		2,079,813		2,345,591	2,345,591
Sewer	485,791	391,985				(93,806)	(93,806)
<b>Total business-type activities</b>	<b>6,025,558</b>	<b>6,197,530</b>		<b>2,079,813</b>		<b>2,251,785</b>	<b>2,251,785</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>\$ 8,010,283</b>	<b>\$ 7,029,398</b>	<b>\$ 82,503</b>	<b>\$ 2,079,813</b>	<b>(1,070,354)</b>	<b>2,251,785</b>	<b>1,181,431</b>
			General revenues:				
					213,825	148,591	362,416
					843,748		843,748
					230,179		230,179
						191,566	191,566
					29,849	92,526	122,375
					<u>1,317,601</u>	<u>432,683</u>	<u>1,750,284</u>
					247,247	2,684,468	2,931,715
					<u>1,175,692</u>	<u>14,055,003</u>	<u>15,230,695</u>
					<u>\$ 1,422,939</u>	<u>\$ 16,739,471</u>	<u>\$ 18,162,410</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Blanchard  
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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,638,446
Receivables	210,469
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,848,915</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 99,895
Due to other funds	56,222
Total liabilities	<u>156,117</u>
 Fund balance:	
Unassigned	<u>1,692,798</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,692,798</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,848,915</u>

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Town of Blanchard  
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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025

Fund balance - total governmental fund	\$	1,692,798
<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 are not reported in the funds</p>		331,612
<p>Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are unavailable in the funds</p>		
Prepaid insurance		4,509
Deferred outflows - pension related		364,301
<p>Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Net pension liability		(899,889)
Accrued leave		(43,170)
Deferred inflows - pension related		(27,222)
		(970,281)
Net position of governmental activities	\$	1,422,939

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Town of Blanchard  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 213,825
Sales taxes	843,748
Licenses and permits	126,399
Charges for services	419,820
Fines and forfeitures	285,649
Franchise taxes	230,179
Intergovernmental	56,667
Miscellaneous	29,849
Total revenues	2,206,136
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General government	124,388
Public safety	1,135,969
Public works	495,206
Culture and recreation	15,519
Debt service:	
Principal	71
Interest and other charges	1
Capital Outlay	45,638
Total expenditures	1,816,792
Net change in fund balance	389,344
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,303,454
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,692,798

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Town of Blanchard  
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$	389,344
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p>		
<p>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 depreciation/amortization (\$52,118) exceeded capital outlays (\$45,638) in the current period.</p>		(6,480)
<p>The repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental funds.</p>		71
<p>Revenues that are not available to pay current obligations are not reported in the fund financial statements, but they are presented as revenues in the statement of activities</p>		
Non-employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan		25,836
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.</p>		
Pension expense		(119,455)
Prepaid insurance		(35,456)
Accrued leave		(6,613)
		(165,920)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	247,247

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Town of Blanchard  
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Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2025

	<u>Business-Type Activities- Enterprise Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,639,854
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	74,910
Investments	3,618,972
Restricted investment	790,771
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	1,578,701
Prepaid expenses	9,711
Due from other funds	56,222
Total current assets	<u>7,769,141</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	606,865
Capital assets:	
Land	145,049
Construction in progress	1,610,202
Plant and equipment	39,117,442
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,989,924)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>21,489,634</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 29,258,775</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,083,798
Water revenue bonds	1,101,249
Sewer revenue bonds	97,000
Current portion of other long term debt	219
Unearned revenue	267,210
Payable from restricted assets:	
Customer deposits	865,681
Total current liabilities	<u>3,415,157</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	66,151
Water revenue bonds	8,182,997
Sewer revenue bonds	806,162
Other long-term debt	48,837
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>9,104,147</u>
Total liabilities	<u>12,519,304</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	9,947,385
Restricted for debt service	606,865
Unrestricted	6,185,221
Total net position	<u>\$ 16,739,471</u>

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Town of Blanchard  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Business-type Activities- Enterprise Fund</u>
Operating revenues:	
Water sales	\$ 5,805,545
Sewerage service charges	391,985
Miscellaneous revenues	92,526
Total operating revenues	<u>6,290,056</u>
Operating expenses:	
Water department expenses	4,273,510
Sewer department expenses	341,458
Depreciation expense	1,233,740
Total operating expenses	<u>5,848,708</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>441,348</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Ad valorem taxes	148,591
Interest income	191,566
Interest expense	(176,850)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>163,307</u>
Change in net position before contributions	604,655
Capital contributions	<u>2,079,813</u>
Change in net position	2,684,468
Net position - beginning of year, restated	<u>14,055,003</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 16,739,471</u>

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Town of Blanchard  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Business-type Activities- Enterprise Fund</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 6,154,775
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,628,394)
Cash payments to employees for services	(1,991,478)
Other receipts (payments)	92,526
Net Cash from Operating Activities	<u>1,627,429</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities	
Ad valorem taxes	148,591
Net Cash from Non-capital Financing Activities	<u>148,591</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Acquisition/construction of capital assets	(2,238,235)
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,279,906)
Interest paid on capital debt	(180,431)
Capital contributions	516,667
Net Cash (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(3,181,905)</u>
Cash Flow From Investing Activities	
Interest income	191,566
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	31,662
Purchase of investments	(3,618,972)
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,983,325
Net Cash from Investing Activities	<u>587,581</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(818,304)
Cash, Beginning of year	<u>3,139,933</u>
Cash, End of year	<u>\$ 2,321,629</u>
Cash and cash equivalents are reflected on the Statement of Net Position as follows:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,639,854
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted meter deposits	74,910
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted debt service	606,865
Total	<u>\$ 2,321,629</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Operating income	\$ 441,348
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	1,233,740
Loss on disposal of asset	33,037
Accounts receivable	(206,101)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	79,401
Due to and from other funds	(91,047)
Prepaid expenses	66,230
Customer deposits	70,821
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,627,429</u>
Noncash Capital Financing Activities:	
Acquisition of property	
Acquisition/construction of capital assets	\$ 2,131,537
Accounts payable	(684,820)
Unearned revenue used for capital assets	791,518
Cash used to acquire/construct capital assets	<u>\$ 2,238,235</u>

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## INTRODUCTION

The Town of Blanchard was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor–Board of Aldermen form of government.

### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Blanchard’s financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town of Blanchard are discussed below.

#### A. Reporting Entity

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Town of Blanchard is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the Town of Blanchard), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the Town of Blanchard are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Town of Blanchard for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the Town 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 Town.
2. Organizations for which the Town does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Town.
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.

In addition, the GASB states that a legally separate, tax-exempt organization should be reported as a component unit of a reporting entity if *all* of the following criteria are met:

1. The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents.

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2. The primary government is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization.
3. The economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government.

In addition, other organizations should be evaluated as potential component units if they are closely related to, or financially integrated with, the primary government. There were no entities that were determined to be component units of the Town of Blanchard.

**B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements**

The Town of Blanchard's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the funds maintained by the Town of Blanchard as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town of Blanchard's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The Town's general fund is classified as governmental activities, and the Town's utility fund is classified as business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental activities and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables, as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town of Blanchard's net position is reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town of Blanchard's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating, and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function.

Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants. Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations of providing water and sewer services. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

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This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town of Blanchard as an entity and the change in the Town of Blanchard's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town of Blanchard are recorded in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town of Blanchard:

1. Governmental Funds – the focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the Town of Blanchard:
  - a. General fund is the general operating fund of the Town of Blanchard. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
2. Proprietary Funds – the focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary fund of the Town:
  - a. Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges, or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Non-major funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of fund category) for the determination of major funds.

The following major funds are presented in the fund financial statements:

General Fund – accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Enterprise Fund – accounts for the provision of water and sewer services of the Town.

There are no non-major funds for the Town.

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D. Basis of Accounting

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

1. Accrual:

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

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual: i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

E. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. The Mayor prepares a proposed budget and submits to the Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another, or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated, require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

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7. The budget for the General fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts in the accompanying statements are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Aldermen. There was one amendment to the budget for the year ended June 30, 2025.

F. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash includes amounts in petty cash, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Town may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the Town's investment policy. 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.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Lease assets are measured at the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability, plus any payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term and certain direct costs.

Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings & improvements	15–30 years
Equipment	5–30 years
Water and sewer systems	10–50 years

Lease assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. As of June 30, 2025w, the Town has two leases which are being amortized over the lease term of the leases.

In accordance with GASB, because of the costs involved in retroactively capitalizing infrastructure, the Town has elected an exception for local governments with annual revenues of less than \$10 million and will prospectively capitalize infrastructure from the date of implementation of GASB forward and will not retroactively capitalize infrastructure.

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H. Revenues

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Town in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed. The Caddo Parish Tax Assessor determines assessed values of property and generates bills for property taxes. The Town mails and collects the taxes. Sales tax revenues are recorded in the period in which the underlying exchange has occurred. Fines, forfeitures, licenses, and permits are recognized in the period they are collected. Interest income on demand and time deposits is recorded when earned. Federal and state grants are recorded when the Town is entitled to the funds.

I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position invested in capital assets, net investment in capital assets; consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Town's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

J. Fund Balance

GASB has issued standards which define the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

1. Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form, such as inventory or prepaid expenses, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as a trust that must be retained in perpetuity.
2. Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Committed fund balances include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by the board of alderman (the Town's highest level of decision making authority). Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board of aldermen removes those constraints by taking the same type of action (i.e. legislation, resolution, ordinance).

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4. Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Amounts are assigned through the Town's budgetary process.
5. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the Town's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

K. Sales Taxes

Proceeds of a 1% sales and use tax levied by the Town of Blanchard, with collections for the year ended June 30, 2025 of \$843,748 were dedicated for operations of the Town's police department.

L. Compensated Absences

Employees are allowed to accumulate 1 day of sick leave per month, up to a maximum of 720 hours. Employees may carryover unused sick leave, while the Town does not compensate employees for unused sick leave upon separation from employment, it is more likely that not that employees will use their accrued sick leave during employment. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, the Town has recorded a liability for compensated absences related to expected future use of sick leave.

Vacation leave is based on the employee's years of service. Employees must use all vacation during the year in which it is earned, based upon the employee's anniversary date. Unused vacation days earned but not taken during the year will be paid to an employee on their anniversary date.

M. Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as loans, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. Transfers between governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

N. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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O. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the 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 debt service expenditures.

P. Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes, customer's utility receivables, and special assessments are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Accounts receivable for the enterprise fund are shown net of an allowance of \$27,395.

Q. Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Enterprise Fund consider all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

R. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Town currently has deferred outflows of resources related to pensions.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town currently has deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

S. Pension Plan

The Town is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 13. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to/deductions for the plans fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan.

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T. Adoption of New Accounting Standard – GASB Statement No. 101

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. This Statement provides recognition and measurement guidance for all types of compensated absences, including sick leave and vacation leave. GASB 101 requires that compensated absences be recognized as a liability and expense when the leave is earned, rather than when it is paid.

The implementation of GASB 101 resulted in a change in accounting policy and required a restatement of the beginning fund balance / net position of the governmental funds, governmental activities, and business-type activities to recognize a liability for sick leave previously unrecorded. The effect of this restatement is disclosed with prior period restatements as disclosed in Note 19.

(2) Levied Taxes

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. State law requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes for the year:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Expiration Date
General	6.51	6.40	N/A
Sewerage System	4.51	4.43	N/A

Approximately 15% of the Town's ad valorem taxes are derived from 10 tax payers.

(3) Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

At June 30, 2025, the Town has cash and cash equivalents and investments (book balances), totaling \$8,369,818, as detailed below.

A. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2025 (book balances) totaled \$3,960,075, of which \$681,775 is shown as a restricted asset. 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.

B. Investments

At June 30, 2025, the Town had investments totaling \$4,409,743, of which \$790,771, is shown as restricted, consisting of the following:

Investments in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	<u>\$ 4,409,743</u>
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At June 30, 2025, the Town had investments totaling \$4,409,743, in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). The Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB codification section 150.126, the investment in LAMP at the Town of Blanchard is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

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

Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA-R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based upon quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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

C. Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2025, \$3,406,955 of the Town's bank balances totaling \$4,009,278 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging  
bank's trust department not in the Town's name:

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 3,406,955</u>
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Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, as amended by GASB Statement 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the clerk that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

(4) Receivables

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2025:

Class of Receivable		
Governmental activities –		
Property taxes	\$	4,295
Sales taxes		89,278
Franchise taxes		56,348
Other		34,337
Licenses and permits		26,211
Total Governmental Activities	\$	210,469
Business-type activities –		
Accounts receivable – water and sewer charges		904,064
Grant receivable		667,127
Other		7,510
Total Business-type Activities	\$	1,578,701

(5) Restricted Assets

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at June 30, 2025:

	Enterprise Fund
Customer deposits	\$ 865,681
Debt service	606,865
	\$ 1,472,546

(6) Deferred Compensation Plan

Certain employees of the Town participate in a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. The amounts contributed by the Town during the years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023 were \$10,275, \$8,887 and \$6,245 respectively.

(7) Litigation and Claims

At June 30, 2025, the Town is involved in a lawsuit. In the opinion of legal counsel for the Town, the outcome of the lawsuit is not presently determinable.

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(8) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Balance at 07/01/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/2025
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 49,426	\$	\$	\$ 49,426
Construction in progress	2,550			2,550
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>51,976</u>			<u>51,976</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	291,206			291,206
Improvements	624,623			624,623
Vehicles and equipment	415,882	45,638	(26,568)	434,952
Total capital assets, being depreciated at historical cost	<u>1,331,711</u>	<u>45,638</u>	<u>(26,568)</u>	<u>1,350,781</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	(248,786)	(9,229)		(258,015)
Improvements	(531,966)	(9,433)		(541,399)
Vehicles and equipment	(264,882)	(33,417)	26,568	(271,731)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,045,634)</u>	<u>(52,079)</u>	<u>26,568</u>	<u>(1,071,145)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>286,077</u>	<u>(6,441)</u>		<u>279,636</u>
Leased assets				
Equipment	4,632			4,632
Total leased assets, being amortized	<u>4,632</u>			<u>4,632</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased equipment	(4,593)	(39)		(4,632)
Total accumulated amortization-leased equipment	<u>(4,593)</u>	<u>(39)</u>		<u>(4,632)</u>
Total lease assets being amortized, net	<u>39</u>	<u>(39)</u>		
Total capital assets/lease assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>286,116</u>	<u>(6,480)</u>		<u>279,636</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 338,092</u>	<u>\$ (6,480)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 331,612</u>

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	Balance at 07/01/24	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/2025
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 145,049	\$	\$	\$ 145,049
Construction in progress	233,800	1,376,402		1,610,202
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	378,849	1,376,402		1,755,251
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Administration	822,996	216,214	(34,776)	1,004,434
Water Equipment	33,309,058	538,921		33,847,979
Sewer Equipment	4,215,142			4,215,142
Total capital assets, being depreciated at historical cost	38,347,196	755,135	(34,776)	39,067,555
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Administration	(542,526)	(34,956)	1,739	(575,743)
Water equipment	(15,551,172)	(1,058,948)		(16,610,120)
Sewer equipment	(2,662,542)	(139,276)		(2,801,818)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	(18,756,240)	(1,233,180)	1,739	(19,987,681)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	19,590,956	(478,045)	(33,037)	19,079,874
Leased assets				
Property	49,887			49,887
Total leased assets, being amortized	49,887			49,887
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased property	(1,683)	(560)		(2,243)
Total accumulated amortization-leased equipment	(1,683)	(560)		(2,243)
Total lease assets being amortized, net	48,204	(560)		47,644
Total capital assets/lease assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	19,639,160	(478,605)	(33,037)	19,127,518
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 20,018,009</u>	<u>\$ 897,797</u>	<u>\$ (33,037)</u>	<u>\$ 20,882,769</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to Governmental and Business-type Activities as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business -type Activities	Total
General Government:			
General Government	\$ 10,029	\$	\$ 10,029
Public Safety	32,860		32,860
Recreation	9,229		9,229
Water and Sewer		1,233,740	1,233,740
	<u>\$ 52,118</u>	<u>\$ 1,233,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,858</u>

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(9) Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2025 consisted of the following:

<u>Class of Payable</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ 50,823	\$ 868,708	\$ 919,531
Salaries and payroll taxes	49,072	88,448	137,520
Accrued interest		64,080	64,080
Compensated absences		62,562	62,562
	<u>\$ 99,895</u>	<u>\$ 1,083,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,693</u>

(10) Customers' Deposits

Deposits held for customers that are currently active on the water system total \$865,681 at June 30, 2025.

(11) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 22, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(12) Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Other long-term liabilities –					
Lease - copier	\$ 71		\$ 71		
Net pension liability	971,206		71,317	899,889	
Compensated absences	<u>36,774</u>	<u>10,993</u>		<u>47,767</u>	<u>19,128</u>
Total – Governmental Activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 1,008,051</u>	<u>\$ 10,993</u>	<u>\$ 71,388</u>	947,656	19,128
Less amounts due within period of availability				<u>(4,597)</u>	<u>(4,597)</u>
Total long-term liabilities governmental activities				<u>\$ 943,059</u>	<u>\$ 14,531</u>

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Direct borrowings and direct placements:					
Revenue Bonds					
Series 2013	\$ 999,162	\$	\$ (96,000)	\$ 903,162	\$ 97,000
Excess Revenue Bonds					
Series 2020		213,683	(213,683)		
Excess Revenue Bonds					
Series 2022		98,793	(98,793)		
Series 2015	833,000		(268,000)	565,000	278,000
Total direct borrowings and direct placements	1,832,162	312,476	(676,476)	1,468,162	375,000
Other Bonds:					
Water Revenue Bonds					
Series 2021	9,195,000		(775,000)	8,420,000	790,000
Unamortized premium—					
Series 2021	332,495		(33,249)	299,246	33,249
Total other bonds	9,527,495		(808,249)	8,719,246	823,249
Total Revenue bonds	11,359,657	312,476	(1,484,725)	10,187,408	1,198,249
Other long-term liabilities –					
Leased property	49,267		(212)	49,055	219
URAF Agreement	107,445		(107,445)		
Compensated absences	23,103	105,610		128,713	62,562
Total–business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 11,539,472</u>	<u>\$ 418,086</u>	<u>\$ (1,592,382)</u>	10,365,176	1,261,030
Less amounts due within period of availability				(62,562)	(62,562)
Total long-term liabilities, government-wide statements				<u>\$ 10,302,614</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,468</u>

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Payments on water revenue bonds, sewer revenue bonds, and URAF agreement are made from the utility fund. Payments on compensated absences are made by the fund for which the employee worked.

Water Revenue Bonds – Series 2015

\$2,895,000 dated 6/23/2015. Due in annual installments of principal and semi-annual installments of interest through March 2027; interest at 3.5%. Payable from income and revenues derived from the waterworks system.

\$ 565,000

Sewer Revenue Bonds – Series 2013

\$2,000,000 dated 8/15/2013. Due in annual installments of principal and semi-annual installments of interest through March 2034; interest at .45%. Payable from income and revenues derived from the waterworks system.

\$ 903,162

Water Revenue Refunding Bonds – Series 2021

\$11,305,000 dated 6/9/2021. Due in annual installments of principal and semi-annual installments of interest through March 2034; interest at 2.00%. Payable from income and revenues derived from the waterworks system. Proceeds from the bonds were used to refund outstanding balances in Water Revenue Bonds Series 2012A, Series 2014, and Series 2010B.

\$ 8,420,000

Excess Revenue Bonds – Series 2022

\$1,400,000 dated 2/7/22. Upon the payment of each principal draw by the LDH, without any further action on the part of the department or Town, 100% of the principal amount of each such draw on the loan shall immediately and irrevocably be deemed to be forgiven by the Department, and no interest shall accrue on the principal amount that is so forgiven. Included in capital contributions is \$74,898, the amount drawn down and forgiven during July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Total amount drawn down and forgiven as of June 20, 2025, was \$1,174,726.

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The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 2025 were as follows:

Business-type Activities – Water Revenue Bonds

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Direct borrowings and Direct Placements</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 278,000	\$ 19,775
2027	287,000	10,045
	<u>\$ 565,000</u>	<u>\$ 29,820</u>

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Other Bonds</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 790,000	\$ 168,400
2027	705,000	152,600
2028	950,000	138,500
2029	975,000	119,500
2030	995,000	100,000
2031 – 2034	<u>4,005,000</u>	<u>207,200</u>
	<u>\$ 8,420,000</u>	<u>\$ 886,200</u>

Business-type Activities – Sewer Revenue Bonds

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Direct borrowings and Direct Placements</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 97,000	\$ 4,064
2027	97,000	3,628
2028	98,000	3,191
2029	99,000	2,750
2030	101,000	2,305
2031 – 2034	<u>411,162</u>	<u>4,651</u>
	<u>\$ 903,162</u>	<u>\$ 20,589</u>

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Leased Property

During 2011, the Town entered into a lease agreement to lease certain property right of way. The property is included in business-type activities capital assets at a cost of \$49,887, with accumulated amortization totaling \$2,443 as of June 30, 2025. Interest has been imputed at a rate of 2.0%, and the Town will make monthly payments through July 2111. The debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 219	\$ 981	\$ 1,200
2027	223	977	1,200
2028	228	972	1,200
2029	232	968	1,200
2030	237	963	1,200
2031-2035	1,258	4,742	6,000
2036-2040	1,389	4,611	6,000
2041-2045	1,533	4,467	6,000
2046-2050	1,693	4,307	6,000
2051-2055	1,869	4,131	6,000
2056-2060	2,064	3,936	6,000
2061-2065	2,279	3,721	6,000
2066-2070	2,516	3,484	6,000
2071-2075	2,778	3,222	6,000
2076-2080	3,067	2,933	6,000
2081-2085	3,386	2,614	6,000
2086-2090	3,738	2,262	6,000
2091-2095	4,127	1,873	6,000
2096-2100	4,557	1,443	6,000
2101-2105	5,031	969	6,000
2106-2110	5,555	445	6,000
2111	1,076	21	1,097
	\$ 49,055	\$ 54,042	\$ 103,097

(13) Pension Plan

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70809.

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**Plan Description**

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria. The System provides retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233. The following is a brief description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

**Membership Prior to January 1, 2013**

A member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from forty to sixty percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200.00 per month, whichever is greater.

**Membership Commencing January 1, 2013**

Member eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the Non Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

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

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Upon death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from twenty-five to fifty-five percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives ten percent of average final compensation or \$200 per month whichever is greater. If deceased member had less than ten years of service, beneficiary will receive a refund of employee contributions only.

Cost of Living Adjustments

The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide annual cost-of-living adjustments computed on the amount of the current regular retirement, disability, beneficiary or survivor's benefit, not to exceed 3% in any given year. The Board is authorized to provide an additional 2% COLA, computed on the member's original benefit, to all regular retirees, disability, survivors and beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older on the cut-off date which determines eligibility.

No regular retiree, survivor or beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment until benefits have been received at least one full fiscal year and the payment of such COLA, when authorized, shall not be effective until the lapse of at least one-half of the fiscal year. Members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost of living adjustment until they reach regular retirement age.

A COLA may only be granted if funds are available from interest earnings in excess of normal requirements, as determined by the actuary.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan

A member is eligible to elect to enter the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the members' sub plan participation. Upon filing for the program, the employee's active membership in the System is terminated. At the entry date into the DROP, the employee and employer contributions cease. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at date of application. The duration of participation in the DROP is 36 months or less. If employment is terminated after the three-year period the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or a true annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership into the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefit based on the additional services. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, DROP accounts shall earn interest subsequent to the termination of DROP participation at a rate of half of one percentage point below the percentage rate of return of the System's investment portfolio as certified by the actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter DROP subsequent to January 1, 2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System's investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account. If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account and earn interest at the money market rate.

Initial Benefit Option Plan

In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option program. Initial Benefit Option is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The Initial Benefit Option program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest is computed on the balance based on same criteria as DROP.

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**Contributions**

Contributions for all members are actuarially determined as required by state law but cannot be less than 9% of the employees' earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay. For the year ended June 30, 2024, total contributions due from employers and employees was 43.925%. The employer and employee contribution rates for all members hired prior to January 1, 2013 and Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013 were 33.925% and 10%, respectively. The employer and employee contribution rates for all Non-Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013 were 41.925% and 8%, respectively. The employer and employee contribution rates for all members whose earnable compensation is less than or equal to the poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services were 36.425% and 7.5%, respectively. The Town contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023 were \$129,167, \$118,785, and \$79,599, respectively.

**Non-Employer Contributions**

The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. The tax is considered support from a non-contributing entity and appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions totaling \$25,836 are recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2025, and excluded from pension expense.

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

At June 30, 2025, the Town reported a liability of \$899,889 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the System during the year ended June 30, 2024, as compared to the total of all employers' contributions to the System for the year ended June 30, 2024. At June 30, 2024, the Town's proportion was .099326%, which was an increase of .00740% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Town recognized pension expense of \$248,821, plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and the difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$(199).

At June 30, 2025, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Governmental Activities	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 48,722	\$ 27,222
Changes of assumptions		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	25,016	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	161,396	
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement Date	129,167	
Total	\$ 364,301	\$ 27,222

The Town reported a total of \$129,167 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2024, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

Year	Amount
2025	\$ 88,431
2026	149,988
2027	(14,736)
2028	(15,771)
Total	\$ 207,912

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 actuarial funding valuation and were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. In cases where benefit structures were changed after the study period, assumptions were based on estimates of future experience. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Investment Rate of Return	6.750%, net of investment expense
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Inflation Rate	2.50%

	Years of Service	Salary Growth Rate
Salary increases, including inflation and merit	1-2	12.3%
	above 2	4.70%

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Mortality For annuitants and beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For disabled lives, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed by the prior actuary on plan data for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, and review of similar law enforcement mortality. A change was made full generational mortality which combines the use of a base mortality table with appropriate mortality improvement scales. In order to set the base mortality table, actual plan mortality experience was assigned a credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality.

Best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	52.00%	3.14%
Fixed income	34.00%	1.07%
Alternatives	14.00%	1.03%
Totals	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5.24%</u>
Inflation		<u>2.62%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		<u>7.86%</u>

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The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.75% or one percentage point higher 7.75% than the current rate as of June 30, 2024.

	Changes in Discount Rate		
	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount	Increase
	<u>5.75%</u>	<u>6.75%</u>	<u>7.75%</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$1,336,764	\$899,889	\$535,184

**Change in Net Pension Liability**

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2025 were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experience:

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings:

Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period.

Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs:

Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Change in Proportion:

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

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**Contributions – Proportionate Share**

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

**Pension Plans Fiduciary Net Positions**

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the System's collective net pension liability. The System's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The System's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily related to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the System's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts. The Plan's fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis as that used by the plan.

Detailed information about the fiduciary net position is available in a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Access to these reports can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.lia.la.gov](http://www.lia.la.gov).

(14) Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town.

(15) Commitments

The Town also has signed engineering and construction contracts totaling \$1,156,336, for water system improvements. As of June 30, 2025, \$1,030,622 had been incurred under those contracts, with the balance remaining in those contracts to be incurred subsequent to June 30, 2025.

The Town also has signed engineering and construction contracts totaling \$710,900, for water facilities improvements. As of June 30, 2025, \$100,000 had been incurred under those contracts, with the balance remaining in those contracts to be incurred subsequent to June 30, 2025.

In January 2025, the Town issued a purchase order for the purchase of a police vehicle totaling \$49,053. As of June 30, 2025, the vehicle had not been received, and no payment had been made.

The Town passed a resolution to submit a pre-application for the issuance of \$6,070,000 in debt through the DEQ-Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Town was awarded \$5,645,000 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds-Water Sector funding. As a result, the amount of debt to be issued through the DEQ-Clean Water State Revolving Fund is expected to be approximately \$3,160,000. As of December 22, 2025, no debt has been issued.

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(16) On-behalf Payments

Employees of the Town's police department received a total of \$46,017 in police supplemental from the State of Louisiana. The Town recognizes this supplemental pay received by the employees as revenues and expenditures of the Town. The revenue is reported in the General Fund under intergovernmental revenues and the expenditure is reported as public safety expenditures.

(17) Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2025 consisted of the following:

	<u>Due From Other Fund</u>	<u>Due To Other Fund</u>	<u>Net</u>
Governmental Funds:			
General Fund	\$ _____	\$( 56,222)	\$( 56,222)
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$( 56,222)</u>	<u>\$( 56,222)</u>
Enterprise Funds:			
Enterprise Fund	\$ 56,222	\$ _____	\$ 56,222
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>\$ 56,222</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ 56,222</u>
Total	<u>\$ 56,222</u>	<u>\$( 56,222)</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>

The interfund balances are the results of the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

(18) Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue at June 30, 2025, consists of funds received under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which had not yet been expended-liquidated. The Town plans to expend those funds in the subsequent year.

(19) Prior Period Restatement

The net position of the Town of Blanchard Business-Type activities was restated as of June 30, 2024, to correct the recognition of revenue, capital assets and accrued sick leave, as noted below:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Net Position, June 30, 2024, as previously reported	\$ 1,212,249	\$ 13,961,473
Sick leave payable	( 36,557)	( 115,670)
Capitalization of fixed assets		104,600
Correction of revenue recognition		<u>104,600</u>
Total Net Position, June 30, 2024, restated	<u>\$ 1,175,692</u>	<u>\$ 14,055,003</u>

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Required Supplementary Information  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 180,000	\$ 214,000	\$ 213,825	\$ (175)
Sales taxes	791,000	833,000	843,748	10,748
Licenses and permits	65,300	118,000	126,399	8,399
Intergovernmental	43,175	10,650	56,667	46,017
Charges for services	306,500	418,500	419,820	1,320
Fines and forfeitures	430,000	352,000	285,649	(66,351)
Franchise taxes	242,000	230,000	230,179	179
Miscellaneous	81,105	28,300	29,849	1,549
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,139,080</b>	<b>2,204,450</b>	<b>2,206,136</b>	<b>1,686</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
General government	79,757	93,850	124,460	(30,610)
Public safety	1,106,174	1,128,435	1,135,969	(7,534)
Public works	368,100	463,600	495,206	(31,606)
Culture and recreation	48,000	15,710	15,519	191
Capital outlay	66,000	87,600	45,638	41,962
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,668,031</b>	<b>1,789,195</b>	<b>1,816,792</b>	<b>(27,597)</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses</b>	<b>471,049</b>	<b>415,255</b>	<b>389,344</b>	<b>(25,911)</b>
<b>Fund balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>1,212,249</b>	<b>1,212,249</b>	<b>1,303,454</b>	<b>91,205</b>
<b>Fund balance at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,683,298</b>	<b>\$ 1,627,504</b>	<b>\$ 1,692,798</b>	<b>\$ 65,294</b>

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Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

Year Ended June 30	Proportion of the net pension liability	Proportionate share of the net pension liability	Covered-employee payroll	Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2025	0.099326%	\$ 899,889	\$ 350,139	257.01%	75.84%
2024	0.091927%	971,206	254,717	381.29%	71.30%
2023	0.069301%	708,379	216,967	326.49%	70.80%
2022	0.057667%	307,397	175,931	174.73%	84.09%
2021	0.052058%	481,137	178,085	270.17%	70.94%
2020	0.060810%	552,257	185,849	297.15%	71.01%
2019	0.051073%	431,774	149,922	288.00%	71.89%
2018	0.055655%	485,892	166,150	292.44%	70.08%
2017	0.04772%	447,308	133,685	334.60%	66.04%
2016	0.04984%	390,452	133,321	292.87%	70.73%

\*Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (fiscal year ended June 30).

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Schedule of Contributions  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</u>
2025	\$ 129,167	\$ 129,167	\$	\$ 362,828	35.60%
2024	118,785	118,785	\$	350,139	33.93%
2023	79,599	79,599		254,717	31.25%
2022	64,547	64,547		216,967	29.75%
2021	59,192	59,192		175,931	33.65%
2020	57,878	57,878		178,085	32.50%
2019	59,738	59,738		185,849	32.14%
2018	46,101	46,101		149,922	30.75%
2017	52,752	52,752		166,150	31.75%
2016	39,437	39,437		133,684	29.50%

\*Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

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Schedule of Compensation Paid to Board Members  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Mayor - Jim Galambos	\$ 24,000
Aldermen/Alderwomen:	
John Fuller	6,300
Patsy Lee	6,000
Jeffrey Guin	6,000
Judy Presley	6,000
James Roberts	6,000
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	\$ 54,300
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Town of Blanchard  
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Schedule of Rates - User Fees  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

WATER	Usage	Base	Per Additional 1,000 Gallons	
<b>Residential Inside:</b>	0-2000 Gallons	\$27.65	N/A	
	2,001 Gallons - 10,000		\$5.44	
	10,001 - 20,000		\$6.94	
	over 20,000		\$8.38	
	<b>Residential Outside:</b>	0-2000 Gallons	\$44.10	N/A
		2,001 Gallons - 10,000		\$6.86
		10,001 - 20,000		\$8.60
		over 20,000		\$9.84
	<b>Commercial Inside:</b>	0-2000 Gallons	\$83.02	N/A
		2,001 Gallons - 10,000		\$5.44
		10,001 - 20,000		\$6.94
		over 20,000		\$8.38
<b>Commercial Outside:</b>	0-2000 Gallons	\$107.22	N/A	
	2,001 Gallons - 10,000		\$6.86	
	10,001 - 20,000		\$8.60	
	over 20,000		\$9.84	
<b>Industrial:</b>	0-30,000 Gallons	\$224.61	N/A	
	over 30,000		\$10.11	
<b>Ball Park:</b>	0-1,000 Gallons	\$6.94	N/A	
	over 1,000		\$8.14	
<b>SEWER</b>	<b>Residential Inside:</b>	Flat Rate	\$7.95	N/A
		1,000 - 10,000		\$2.41
		10,001 - 20,000		\$3.21
		20,001 - 30,000		\$3.99
		With cap at 30,000		
	<b>Residential Outside:</b>	Flat Rate	\$15.10	N/A
		1,000 - 10,000		\$2.41
		10,001 - 20,000		\$3.21
		20,001 - 30,000		\$3.99
		With cap at 30,000		

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<b>Commercial Inside:</b>	Flat Rate	\$23.79	N/A
	1,000 - 10,000		\$2.41
	10,001 - 20,000		\$3.21
	over 20,000		\$3.66
<b>Commercial Outside:</b>	Flat Rate	\$126.71	N/A
	1,000 - 10,000		\$2.41
	10,001 - 20,000		\$3.21
	20,001 and above		\$3.99
	NO CAP		
<b>Industrial:</b>	Flat Rate	\$126.71	N/A
	Per 1,000 gallons		\$3.21
	NO CAP		

System Users

System users at June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Water and sewer customers	1,498
Water customers only	<u>3,973</u>
	<u><u>5,471</u></u>

Aggregate Dollar Billed For Services Rendered by the System 7/1/24 - 6/30/25:

Water	\$ 5,667,411
Sewer	<u>387,585</u>
	6,054,996
Users	<u>5,471</u>
Average Monthly Billing Per User:	<u>\$ 92</u>

Town of Blanchard  
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Schedule of Insurance  
June 30, 2025

Company	Type Insurance	Policy Period	Coverage Limits	
LMRMA	Workers Comp	1/01/2024 to 1/01/2025	1,000,000	each accident
Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency	Workers Comp	1/01/2025 to 1/01/2026	1,000,000	policy limit
			1,000,000	each employee
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Automobile Liability	6/11/2024 to 6/11/2025	1,000,000	per occurrence
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Automobile Liability	6/11/2025 to 6/11/2026	1,000,000	per occurrence
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Commercial Gen Liability	6/11/2024 to 6/11/2025	1,000,000	per occurrence
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Commercial Gen Liability	6/11/2025 to 6/11/2026	1,000,000	per occurrence
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Law Enforcement Officer	6/11/2024 to 6/11/2025	1,000,000	
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Law Enforcement Officer	6/11/2025 to 6/11/2026	1,000,000	per occurrence
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Auto Physical Damage	6/11/2024 to 6/11/2025	5,000	each accident
AmGUARD Insurance Co	Auto Physical Damage	6/11/2025 to 6/11/2026	5,000	each accident
EMC Insurance Company	Property, Inland Marine	4/17/2024 to 4/17/2025	28,657,118	
EMC Insurance Company	Commerical Property	4/17/2025 to 4/17/2026	31,162,552	policy limit
EMC Insurance Company	Inland Marine	4/17/2025 to 4/17/2026	439,920	policy limit
EMC Insurance Company	Commercial Crime	4/17/2024 to 4/17/2025	250,000	Blanket per loss
EMC Insurance Company	Commercial Crime	4/17/2025 to 4/17/2026	10,000	Theft of money
			10,000	Outside Premises
			10,000	Computer & funds TNSF fraud
EMC Insurance Company	Cybersolutions	4/17/2024 to 4/17/2025	50,000	Data Compromise,
EMC Insurance Company	Cybersolutions	4/17/2025 to 4/17/2026	50,000	Attack, & Recover
C N A	Employee Dishonesty	3/03/2024 to 3/02/2025	60,000	policy limit
C N A	Employee Dishonesty	3/03/2025 to 3/02/2026	60,000	policy limit

Town of Blanchard  
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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Agency Head: Jim Galambos, Mayor</b>	
Salary	\$ 24,000
Cell Phone	1,609
Travel	148

Town of Blanchard  
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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Federal Grantor / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</u>				
Passed through the State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Water Revenue Bonds	66.468	Unknown	\$	\$ 312,476
Total Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster				<u>312,476</u>
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>				
Passed through the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development Division of Administration				
Covid -19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Water Sector Program	21.027	Unknown		814,819
Covid -19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	Unknown		<u>896,118</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				<u>1,710,937</u>
<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>				<u><b>\$ 2,023,413</b></u>

NOTE A: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Town of Blanchard under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Blanchard, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Town of Blanchard.

NOTE B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- (1) The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- (2) Town of Blanchard does not utilize an indirect cost rate.

	<u>Series 2022</u>	<u>Series 2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
NOTE C: Total funds received from debt draws in current year	\$ 98,793	\$ 213,683	\$ 312,476
Less draws forgiven in the current year	<u>(98,793)</u>	<u>(213,683)</u>	<u>(312,476)</u>
Federal portion of loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2025	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

NOTE D: The total expenditures of federal awards included in the fiscal year June 30, 2025, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards include \$104,600, of expenditures that were incurred in the fiscal year June 30, 2023, but for which federal funding was not finalized until fiscal year June 30, 2025. The prior year expenditures were originally paid with Utility Fund resources and are now being reimbursed by the federal government.

**Town of Blanchard**  
**Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Schedule**

Cash Basis Presentation  
As Required by La. R.S. 24:515.2

	Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
<b>1. Beginning Cash Balance</b>	-	10,024
<b>2. Collections</b>		
a. Civil Fees	-	-
b. Bond Fees	-	-
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	38,872	20,759
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	-	-
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	177,328	103,176
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
n. Other	-	-
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>216,200</b>	<b>123,935</b>
<b>3. Deductions: Collections Retained by the Town of Blanchard</b>		
I. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
II. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	-	-
III. Other Amounts "Self-Disbursed" [Enter amounts on appropriate collection type lines]		
a. Civil Fees	-	-
b. Bond Fees	-	-
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	-	-
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	-	-
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	177,328	103,176
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees [excluding amounts reported in bullets I and II above]	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
n. Other	-	-
<b>Total Collections Retained by the Town of Blanchard</b>	<b>177,328</b>	<b>103,176</b>
<b>4. Deductions: Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits</b>		
a. Collection/Processing Fees Paid to Third Party Entities	-	-
b. Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
c. Bond Refunds	-	-
d. Restitution Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	-	-
e. Other Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	-	-
<b>Total Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>5. Deductions: Total Disbursements to Other Governments &amp; Nonprofits</b>	<b>28,848</b>	<b>30,783</b>
<b>6. Total Amounts Disbursed/Retained</b>	<b>206,176</b>	<b>133,959</b>
<b>7. Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>8. Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>9. Other information:</b>		
I. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Yet Collected [i.e. total ending receivable balances]	-	-
II. Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period [i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service]	-	-

**Town of Blanchard**

**Justice System Funding Schedule - Disbursements to Other Governments & Nonprofits Form**

Cash Basis Presentation

As Required by La. R.S. 24:515.2

**5. Details of Disbursements To Other Governments & Nonprofits (Do not include amounts retained by your entity in this table.)**

Agency Receiving Money	Disbursement Description [Fund, Program, etc.] (Optional)	Legal Authority to Disburse Money	Disbursement Type	Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
Criminalistics Laboratory North Louisiana	\$2266.1.1. Fees and costs of court	R.S. 40:2266.1.1	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	23,070	24,660
LA Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice	\$1816. Crime Victims Reparations Fund; creation; sources and use of funds	R.S. 46:1816(D)	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,221	2,209
Supreme Court	\$86. Judicial College; education account; sources of funds	R.S. 13:86	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	355	387
Louisiana Department of Health	\$2633. Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund	R.S. 46:2633	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,075	1,140
Department of the Treasury		CCRP 887 (F)(1)	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,127	2,387

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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*

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Jim Galambos, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council  
Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities and each major fund of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Blanchard's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2025.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Blanchard's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Town of Blanchard's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Blanchard'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 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 the 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Blanchard'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 financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2025-001.

## **Town of Blanchard's Response to Finding**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Blanchard's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Town of Blanchard's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **Purpose of this Report**

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



Cook & Morehart  
Certified Public Accountants  
December 22, 2025

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Jim Galambos, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council  
Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Town of Blanchard's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Blanchard's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The Town of Blanchard's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of Blanchard complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Town of Blanchard and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Town of Blanchard's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Town of Blanchard's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Town of Blanchard's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Town of Blanchard's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Town of Blanchard's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of Town of Blanchard's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Blanchard's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

  
Cook & Morehart  
Certified Public Accountants  
December 22, 2025

Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
June 30, 2025

There were no findings for the prior year audit for the year ending June 30, 2024.

Schedule of Finding and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2025

**A. Summary of Audit Results**

Financial Statements

Type of audit report issued :	Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting :			
Material weaknesses identified :	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> no	
Significant deficiencies identified :	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> none reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted :	<u>  v  </u> yes	_____ no	

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs :			
Material weaknesses identified :	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> no	
Significant deficiencies identified :	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> none reported	

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs : Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a)	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> no
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Identification of major federal programs :  
    Covid-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:  
    ALN 21.027

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs : \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low risk :	_____ yes	<u>  v  </u> no
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Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
Schedule of Finding and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2025  
(Continued)

**B. Findings – Financial Statements Audit:**

**2025-001 – Public Bid Law**

*Criteria:* The Louisiana Public Bid law requires governments to obtain quotes for materials and supplies in excess of \$30,000, or purchase items under the state contract.

*Finding:* During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Town of Blanchard purchased 3 vehicles. The Town did not obtain quotes and did not purchase the items on state contract.

*Cause:* The Town was unable to provide documentation to demonstrate compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law for the purchases noted.

*Effect:* The Town was not in compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

*Recommendation:* We recommend that the Town comply with Louisiana Public Bid Law for all future purchases.

*Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:* The Town will make sure that all future purchases are made in compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

**C. Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs Audit: None**

Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings for Louisiana Legislative Auditor  
June 30, 2025

There were no findings for the prior year audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Summary Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings  
Schedule For Louisiana Legislative Auditor  
June 30, 2025

**Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Audit Findings**

There is one finding for the current year audit for the year ended June 30, 2025, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.



# TOWN OF BLANCHARD

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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

December 22, 2025

Town of Blanchard respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2025:

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Cook & Morehart, CPAs  
1215 Hawn Ave  
Shreveport, LA 71107

Audit period: Year ended June 30, 2025

### FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

#### 2025-001 – Significant Deficiency Public Bid Law

*Finding:* During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Town of Blanchard purchased 3 vehicles. The Town did not obtain quotes and did not purchase the items on state contract.

*Response:* The Town will implement procedures for ensuring compliance with the Public Bid Law, including that all items which fall within the "quote" range of the Public Bid Law. The vehicles in question fell within the \$30,000 to \$60,000 range which requires documented quotes.

Sincerely,

Jim Galambos  
Mayor

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## Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Aldermen  
Town of Blanchard  
Blanchard, Louisiana  
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Town of Blanchard (Town) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Town of Blanchard has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### **1) *Written Policies and Procedures***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

### **2) *Board or Finance Committee***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

### **3) *Bank Reconciliations***

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

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.
- Procedures performed. No exceptions noted.

**4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)**

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
  - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
  - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
  - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

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

Procedures performed. Noted the following exception:

*Exception:* For one location selected for testing, two employees share a cash drawer for ticket collections.

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

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**6) *Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

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

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**8) *Contracts***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**9) *Payroll and Personnel***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**10) *Ethics***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**11) *Debt Service***

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**12) Fraud Notice**

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

**13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**

Testing not required in Year 2.

**14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

We were engaged by the Town of Blanchard, to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Town of Blanchard, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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



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December 22, 2025



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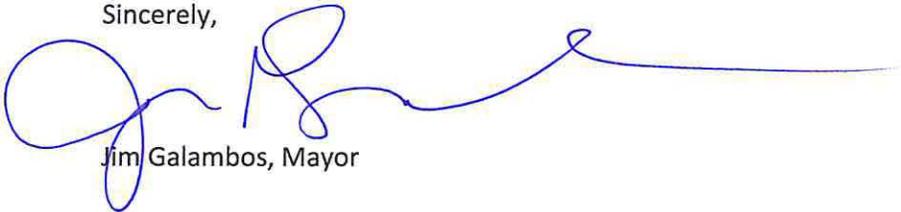
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Town of Blanchard submits the following response to the exceptions identified in the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report for the year ended June 30, 2025:

*Exceptions:* For one location selected for testing, two employees share a cash drawer.

*Response:* The Town will consider alternative procedures for cash drawers.

Sincerely,



Jim Galambos, Mayor