# LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.9 MAUREPAS, LOUISIANA

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2019



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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 Maurepas, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Accountant's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Other Matter Paragraph(s)**

# **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison on page 25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

## Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting

and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements, or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic 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 June 9, 2020, on our consideration of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's internal control over financial control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Hebert

Phil Hebert CPA A Professional Accounting Corporation Albany, Louisiana June 9, 2020

# Basic Financial Statements Government – Wide Financial Statements

## Statement A

# Statement of Net Position December 31, 2019

		overnmental Activities
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	161,007
Accounts Receivable, Net		237,422
Prepaid Insurance		8,035
Total Current Assets		406,464
Capital Assets		
Land		117,000
Capital Assets, Net		788,852
Total Capital Assets	_	905,852
Total Assets		1,312,316
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		9,165
Accrued Salaries		2,377
Payroll Taxes Payable		1,318
Sheriff's Pension Payable		7,966
Accrued Interest		5,516
Captial Lease, Current Portion		24,472
Total Current Liabilities		50,814
Long-Term Liabilities		
Capital Lease, Long-Term Portion		234,536
Total Long-Term Liabilities		234,536
Total Liabilities		285,350
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		646,844
Unrestricted		380,122
Total Net Position	\$	1,026,966

### Statement B

### Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Governmental Activities	-	General Expenses	-	Program Revenues Charges for Services	· •	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position Governmental Activities
General Government						
Public Safety	\$	316,056	\$	-	\$	(316,056)
Interest on Long-Term Debt		7,270		-		(7,270)
Total Governmental Activities	\$_	323,326	\$_	-		(323,326)
General Revenues Ad Valorem Tax Revenue User Fee State Revenue Sharing Fire Insurance Premium Rebate State Supplemental Pay Interest Income Sales of Fixed Assets Total General Revenues						202,849 67,955 2,838 25,851 5,000 1,571 5,350 311,414
Change in Net Position						(11,912)
Net Position - Beginning of the Year						1,046,247
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 9)						(7,369)
Net Position - Beginning of the Year (Restated)						1,038,878
Net Position - End of the Year					\$	1,026,966

# Basic Financial Statements Fund Financial Statements

### Statement C

# Governmental Fund – Balance Sheet December 31, 2019

	G	eneral Fund
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	161,007
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable, Net of		
Uncollectible Allowances		178,992
User Fee Receivable, Net of		
Uncollectible Allowances		57,504
State Revenue Sharing Receivable		926
Prepaid Insurance		8,035
Total Assets	\$	406,464
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$	9,165
Accrued Salaries		2,377
Payroll Taxes Payable		1,318
Pension Funds Payable		7,966
Total Liabilities	_	20,826
Deferred Inflow of Resources		
Unavailable Ad Valorem Taxes		8,760
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	_	8,760
Fund Balance:		
Nonspendable, Prepaid Insurance		8,035
Unassigned		368,843
Total Fund Balance	_	376,878
Total Liabilities/Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$	406,464

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 Maurepas, Louisiana	Statement D
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2019	
Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds (Statement C)	\$ 376,878
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:	
Governmental Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	905,852
Deferred inflow of resources - unavailable ad valorem taxes and user fees	
are not reported on governmetn-wide financial statements.	8,760
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period,	
and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:	(5,516)
Captial Lease, Current Portion	(24,472)
Capital Lease, Long-Term Portion	(234,536)
Accrued Interest	
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	\$ 1,026,966

#### Statement E

# Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

-	General Fund
Revenues	202.050
Ad Valorem Tax Revenue \$	203,959
User Fee	67,955
State Revenue Sharing	2,838
Fire Insurance Premium Rebate	25,851
State Supplemental Pay	5,000
Interest Income	1,571
Total Revenues	307,174
Expenditures	
Public Safety	
Collection Fees	8,375
Equipment Rental	360
Firefighting Supplies	12,416
Insurance	12,898
Election Fees	1,327
Miscellaneous	6,454
Office Expenses	4,068
Payroll Taxes	6,096
Professional Fees	8,295
Repairs and Maintenance	16,916
Sheriff's Pension Fund	7,966
Supplies and Small Equipment	20,096
Telephone and Utilities	14,901
Training	5,193
Uniforms	3,402
Vehicle Expenses	12,964
Wages	73,384
Capital Outlay	291,135
Debt Service:	
Lease Principal Payments	4,628
Lease Interest Payments	1,754
Total Expenditures	512,628
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over	(205, 454)
Expenditures	(205,454)
Other Financing Sources:	007010
Proceeds from Capital Lease	237,212
Sale of Fixed Assets	5,350
Total Other Financing Sources	242,562
Net Change in Fund Balance	37,108
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	357,009
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 9)	(17,239)
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year (Restated)	339,770
Fund Balance - End of the Year\$	376,878

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 Maurepas, Louisiana	Statement F
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditur Changes in Fund Balance to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2019	
Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund (Statement E)\$	37,108
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Stater of Activities the cost of these assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives a reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exce depreciation in the current period.	and
Expenditures for capital assets:	
Capital Outlay	291,135
Less: Current year depreciation	(100,945)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Change in Unavailable Ad Valorem Taxes and User Fees	(1,110)
Accrued interest expense on long-term debt is reported in the government-wide statements of activities and changes in net position, but does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, accrued interest is not reported as expenditur in government funds.	
Change in Accrued Interest Payable	(5,516)
Lease proceeds provide current financial resources to the governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Payment of lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded repayments:	
Proceeds from Capital Lease Lease Principal Payments	(237,212) 4,628
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement B)	(11,912)

### Introduction

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, ("the District"), was created by resolution of the Livingston Parish Government under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) 40:1492-1505 for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment and providing fire protection for the people of District No. 9 of Livingston Parish. The District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Livingston Parish Government. Members serve staggered five-year terms and receive no compensation for their services.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of LRS 24:513 and to the guidance set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. These financial statements are presented in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments,* as amended. Statement No. 34 established standards for financial reporting, with presentation requirements originally including a statement of net position (or balance sheet), and a statement of activities. The definition and composition of these statements, as originally defined in GASB Statement No. 34, are as amended by GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financially Reporting for Nonexhange Transactions,* that requires capital contributions to the District to be presented as a change in net position. Management has elected to omit the management's discussion and analysis.

GASB Statement No. 63, Financially Reporting of Deferred Outflows, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, effective for financial statement periods ending after December 15, 2012, provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. Concepts Statement No. 4, Elements of Financial Statements, introduced and defined Deferred Outflows of Resources as a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, and Deferred Inflows of Resources as an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, respectively. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. GASB Concepts Statement 4 identifies net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position.

This statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The definition and reporting of net position is further described in *Note 11 – Net Position and Fund Balance*.

GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognized, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities.

The District recorded a deferred inflow for uncollected property taxes in the governmental fund financial statements of \$8,760.

## **B.** Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, a primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The District does not have any business-type activities and reports only governmental activities. The District has no component units.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are presented as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund and is considered the only major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. At December 31, 2019, it is the only fund of the District.

### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days at the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, user fees, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period if they are measurable and available. Only the portion of special assessment receivable, if any, due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Substantially all other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; 2) program-specific operating grants and contributions; and, 3) program-specific capital grants and contributions. The District has no program revenue for the year ending December 31, 2019. Internally dedicated resources, if any, are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

When restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available for use, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds as needed, unless it has been provided for otherwise in the restriction, commitment, or assignment action.

## D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgetary procedures applicable to the District are defined in state law, Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1301-15. The budget is adopted on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The major requirements of the Local Government Budget Act are summarized as follows:

- 1. The District adopts a budget each year for the general fund.
- 2. The District's Fire Chief prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. At the same time, if total proposed expenditures are \$500,000 or more, a notice of public hearing on the proposed budget must be published in the official journal. The proposed expenditures were less than \$500,000; therefore, a public hearing was not required.
- 3. All action necessary to adopt and implement the budget must be completed prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget was adopted on December 12, 2018.
- 4. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The budget was amended on December 16, 2019.
- 5. Formal budgetary integration is not employed; however, periodic budget comparisons are made as a part of interim reporting. The Budget is presented on the cash basis of accounting. Accordingly, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund presents actual expenditures in accordance with a basis consistent with the legally adopted budget, as amended. The amounts are reconciled to the amounts reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance (Statement E)	\$ 37,108
Add: Prior Year Receivables and Prepaid Insurance	264,679
Current Year Payables and Deferred Inflows	28,268
Less: Current Year Receivables and Prepaid Insurance	(245,456)
Prior Year Payables and Deferred Inflows	(29,843)
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance (Schedule 1)	\$ 54,756

## E. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Under State law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates.

In accordance with state law, the District limits its investments to those allowed under R.S. 33:2955. Certificates of deposit are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are reported at fair market.

# F. Inventory

Inventories for supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenditures when purchased. The District did not have inventory at year end December 31, 2019.

# G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and vehicles, are reported as expenditures of the governmental funds and as assets in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. As of December 31, 2019, the District did not have a formal capitalization policy establishing a capitalization/expense threshold.

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

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and Improvements	15 - 40 Years
Equipment	5 Years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 Years
Fire Trucks	15 Years
Vehicles	5 Years
Boats	10 Years

## H. Compensated Absences

As of December 31, 2019, the District has no plan or provision for accumulated leave, pension plan, or other post-employment benefits.

## I. Net Position and Fund Balance

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments,* required classification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position,* revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. GASB Statement No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets Component of Net Position The *net investment in capital assets* component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisitions, construction, or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- **Restricted Component of Net Position** The *restricted* component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.
- Unrestricted Component of Net Position The *unrestricted* component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The District adopted GASB 54 for the year ended December 31, 2011. As such, fund balances of governmental funds are classified as follows:

- Nonspendable. These are amounts that cannot be spent either, because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted**. These are amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, or constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- **Committed.** These are amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal vote of the Board, which is the highest level of decision making authority for the District.
- Assigned. These are amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but are intended to be used for specific purposes based on the discretion of the Board.

• Unassigned. – These are amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and amounts that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Also within other governmental funds, these include expenditure amounts incurred for specific purposes which exceed the amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those purposes.

## J. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the District, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

### K. Estimates

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

### L. Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmentwide statement of net position is presented in Statement D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

## 2. Ad Valorem Taxes, User Fees, and State Revenue Sharing

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

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage
General Fund	10.380 Mills	\$ 205,287

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 each year. Taxes are levied by the District during the year and are billed to taxpayers, and become due in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on December 31 of each year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed and recognized as revenue when billed. The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office bills and collects the property taxes using the assessed value determined by the Livingston Parish Tax Assessor. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. For 2019, the District levied 10.380 mills for a total tax levy of \$205,287 on taxable property valuation totaling \$19,776,990.

For the year 2019, a user fee of \$32 was assessed on each household within the District's boundaries. Total fees levied were \$69,792. At December 31, 2019, the user fee receivable, including uncollected taxes from prior years, was \$57,504. For the year 2019, the District received \$2,838 in Louisiana State Revenue Sharing. At December 31, 2019, state revenue sharing receivable totaled \$926.

### 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2019, the District has deposits (book balances) as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 161,007
Total	\$ 161,007

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the Federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Total deposits are insured by FDIC Insurance.

### 4. Receivables

The governmental funds receivables are all current at December 31, 2019 and consist of the following:

General		
 Fund		Total
\$ 188,754	\$	188,754
57,504		57,504
 926		926
 247,184		247,184
 (9,762)		(9,762)
\$ 237,422	\$	237,422
	<b>Fund</b> <b>\$</b> 188,754 57,504 926 247,184 (9,762)	Fund           \$ 188,754         \$           57,504         926           247,184         (9,762)

### 5. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 for governmental activities are as follows:

Concernmental Activities Consider Accestor		Balance 12/31/18		Increases		Deemeeses	Balance 12/31/19
Governmental Activities Capital Assets:	-	12/31/10	-	Increases	-	Decreases	12/31/19
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:	\$	117,000	\$		\$	- \$	117,000
Land	- <sup>م</sup>		љ-	-	Ъ.	- Þ	
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	-	117,000	-	-	•		117,000
Capital Assets Being Depreciated							
Buildings		304,224		9,309		(15,000)	298,533
Equipment		501,324		20,309		(131,784)	389,849
Leasehold Improvements		3,100		-		-	3,100
Fire Trucks		888,390		261,517		(67,116)	1,082,791
Boats		33,347		-		-	33,347
Vehicles		1,000		-		(500)	500
Total Other Capital Assets	_	1,731,385		291,135		(214,400)	1,808,120
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:							
Buildings		(177,285)		(7,384)		15,000	(169,669)
Equipment		(401,664)		(36,022)		131,784	(305,902)
Leasehold Improvements		(1,016)		(203)		-	(1,219)
Fire Trucks		(539,358)		(53,613)		67,116	(525,855)
Boats		(12,629)		(3,526)		-	(16,155)
Vehicles		(771)		(197)		500	(468)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(1,132,723)		(100,945)	•	214,400	(1,019,268)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	_	598,662	-	190,190	-	-	788,852
Total Governmental Activities Capital							
Assets, Net	\$_	715,662	\$_	190,190	\$	- \$	905,852

### 6. Leases

The District has an operating lease for a Toshiba Estudio 357 copy machine. The lease was signed on August 14, 2014 and requires the District to pay \$149 per month for 60 months. During 2019, the District paid \$1,490 in monthly rent charges under the lease.

The District records items under capital leases as an asset and obligation in the financial statements. The District has recorded total capital assets under capital lease of \$263,636 and accumulated depreciation of \$8,686. The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	alance at 2/31/18	A	dditions	De	eletions	alance at 2/31/19	e Within ne Year
\$29,360 Capital Lease	\$ 26,424	\$	-	\$	4,628	\$ 21,796	\$ 4,935
\$237,212 Capital Lease	 -		237,212			 237,212	 19,537
Totals	\$ 26,424	\$	237,212	\$	4,628	\$ 259,008	\$ 24,472

at 6.4%, payable in annual installments of principal and interest totaling	
\$6,383 through June 1, 2023.	21,796

\$237,212 lease obligtion dated July 12, 2019, with Government Capital	
Corporation, with interest at 4.11%, payable in annual installments of principal	
and interest totaling \$26,985 through April 12, 2030.	\$ 237,212

The following is a schedule by years of the future minimum lease payments under the capital lease with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2019:

Year Ending December 31,	Ca	9,360 apital ease	C	37,212 Capital Lease	Total
2020	\$	6,382	\$	26,985	\$ 33,367
2021		6,382		26,985	33,367
2022		6,382		26,985	33,367
2023		6,382		26,985	33,367
2024		-		26,985	26,985
2025-2029		-	1	34,922	134,922
2030		-		26,983	26,983
Total Payments		25,528	2	96,830	322,358
Less: Interest		3,732		59,618	63,350
	\$	21,796	\$ 2	37,212	\$ 259,008

### 7. Judgements, Claims, and Similar Contingencies

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, or destruction of assets, torts, injuries, natural disasters, and many other unforeseeable events. The District maintains commercial insurance policies for the claims related to the aforementioned risks. The District's payment of the insurance policy deductible is the only liability associated with these policies.

The District is party to routine claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. All such claims are covered by insurance, and in the opinion of management, the outcome of such actions will not have a material impact on the financial condition or results of operations for the District.

## 8. Compensation Paid to Board Members

In accordance with house Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the District is required to present a schedule of per diem payments to Board members. As authorized by LRS 40:1498, each member of the Board shall be reimbursed \$30 for attending meetings of the board, not to exceed two meetings in any one calendar month, and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members. Currently, the District does not pay compensation to board members.

# 9. Prior Period Entries

General Fund	
Fund Balance, Beginning Before Prior Period Adjustments	\$ 357,009
To write off prior year receivables that are deemed uncollectible, to record prepaid insurance, accrued payables, and deferred	
inflow for uncollected ad valorem taxes and user fees.	(17,239)
Fund Balance, Beginning After Prior Period Adjustments	\$ 339,770
Governmental Activities	
Beginning Net Position Before Prior Period Adjustments	\$1,046,247
To write off prior year receivables that are deemed uncollectible,	
to record prepaid insurance and accrued payables.	(7,369)
Beginning Net Position After Prior Period Adjustments	\$1,038,878

# 10. On-Behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 the State of Louisiana made on behalf payments in the form or supplemental pay to the District's firemen. In accordance with GASB 24, the District recorded \$5,000 of on-behalf payments as revenue and as an expenditure in the General Fund.

## 11. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through June 9, 2020, the date financial statements were available for issuance. No events require disclosure in the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2019.

# **Required Supplemental Information (Part II):**

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule** 

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Schedule 1

# Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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User Fee       50,000       70,000       79,635       9,635         State Revenue Sharing       2,800       2,800       2,868       68         Fire Insurance Premium Rebate       25,600       25,800       22,851       51         Interest Income       1,800       1,600       1,571       (29)         Other Income       100       5,300       -       (5,300)         Total Revenues       251,300       305,500       320,619       15,119         Expenditures       Public Safety       Collection Fees       8,000       8,000       8,302       (302)         Equipment Rental       500       400       360       40         Firefighting Supplies       18,000       -       12,416       (12,416)         Insurance       25,000       14,000       13,533       467         Election Fees       -       1,500       1,327       173         Miscellaneous       8,100       7,500       6,455       1,045         Office Expenses       9,000       6,500       6,096       404         Professional Fees       10,500       8,600       8,295       305         Repairs and Maintenance       25,000       43,000       16,9		171 000 \$	200 000 \$	210 604 \$	10 604
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	Budgetary Fund Balance - January 1	104,933	104,933	104,933	
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See independent auditor's report.

**Other Supplemental Information** 

### Schedule 2

## Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

## Agency Head Name: Danielle Lessard, Fire Chief

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 13,763
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Reimbursements	1,428
	\$ 13,763

See independent auditor's report.

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# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Commissioners Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 Maurepas, Louisiana

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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of American and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 2020.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **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 in 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.

Phil Hebert

Phil Hebert, CPA A Professional Accounting Corporation Albany, Louisiana June 9, 2020

# Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 2020. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2019 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

# Section I - Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control Material Weakness, No Significant Deficiencies, Yes

Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements, Yes

b. Federal Awards

Not Applicable

Was a management letter issued? No

## Section II – Financial Statement Findings

### **Internal Control**

## 2019-1 Error on Calculating Time Cards and Employee Personnel Files

### Criteria:

Each employee's calculated time worked listed on the time cards should match the employee's paystub.

### **Condition:**

During our testing of payroll, we noted one payroll transactions that listed more time worked on the paystub then calculated on the time sheets. We also noted that the employees did not have their approved rate of pay documented in its personnel files.

# Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### Cause:

Management miscalculated the time listed on the time cards.

## Effect:

The employee was overpaid \$154 on their paycheck.

# **Recommendation:**

We recommend management to be more cautious when calculating time cards. We also recommend a board member to match the time cards with the paystubs as well as management.

We also recommend management include in each employee's file (I) the employment application form that includes background information (employee's name, address, date of birth, emergency contact) and work experience of the employee; (2) the approved starting salary or rate of pay amount; (3) the Federal Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate Form W-4 and Louisiana Employee Withholding Exemption Certificate Form L-4; (4) approved salary or hourly pay rale increases/decreases; (5) employee authorized deductions (e.g., insurance, deferred compensation plan); (6) performance appraisals; (7) promotions; and (8) disciplinary actions.

## Management's Response:

Management agrees with the finding. Responsible party is Board President, Dwayne Brown.

# Compliance

# 2019-2 State Supplemental Pay

## Criteria:

Under R.S. 40:1666.3 "The mayor or other municipal or parish officer of the municipalities or parishes employing persons entitled to additional compensation from the state under the provisions of this Part, who is charged with the responsibility of preparing the pay rolls for such employees, shall include the additional compensation paid by the state to such employees in the calculation and deduction from the pay of such employees of the sums required by state or federal law to be withheld by an employer, such as federal income tax and social security tax or contributions to local retirement systems."

# **Condition:**

The District is not including firemen's state supplemental salaries in its calculation of payroll.

## Cause:

The District was unaware that they were responsible for including firemen's state supplemental pay in the calculation and deduction from the pay of the employee.

# Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### Effect:

The employee receiving state supplemental pay is not being included in the employee's W2 and the required payroll taxes are not being withheld from the employee's paycheck.

### **Recommendation:**

We recommend management to begin including any firemen's state supplemental pay into its paycheck when calculating payroll.

### Management's Response:

Management will begin including any firemen's state supplemental pay into its paycheck when calculating payroll. Responsible party is Board President, Dwayne Brown.

# Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9

# Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures

As of and for the Year Then Ended December 31, 2019



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

## Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
  - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving

- d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
- h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

**Results:** The District does not have any written policies and procedures.

**Management's Response:** The District will discuss creating and adopting written policies and procedures.

### **Board or Finance Committee**

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:

a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

**Results:** The District met on a monthly basis.

b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.* 

**Results:** The District's minutes referenced and included monthly budget to actual comparisons on the general fund.

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

**Results:** The District maintained a positive fund balance in the previous year throughout the year.

### Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

#### **Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

4. Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> 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).

**Results:** Management provided us with a listing of all deposit locations as well as management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of <u>collection locations</u> and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Results: The employees receiving cash collections do not share cash drawers.

b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

**Results:** The Chief is responsible for making the bank deposit and the outside accountant is responsible for recording the deposit in the accounting software.

c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

**Results:** The Chief is responsible for making the bank deposit and the outside accountant is responsible for recording the deposit in the accounting software.

d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

**Results:** The Chief is responsible for preparing the deposit slip, and the outside accountant is responsible for recording the deposit in the accounting software.

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

**Result:** All employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

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

a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

**Result:** No exceptions noted.

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

**Result:** No exceptions noted.

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

Result: No exceptions noted.

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

**Result:** No exceptions noted.

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

Result: No exceptions noted.

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

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

**Results:** Management provided us with a listing of all locations that process payments as well as management's representation that the listing is complete.

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

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

**Results:** Management provided us with the required listing of all active credit cards for the fiscal period.

- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
  - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]

### Results: No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

- 14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
  - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

### **Contracts**

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

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

**Results:** The District did not have any contracts required to be bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law. The District entered into a capital lease to purchase a fire truck off of state contract.

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

**Results:** The contract was approved by the District board.

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

**Results:** No contracts were amended.

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

### Payroll and Personnel

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

**Results:** Management provided us with a listing of all employees employed during the fiscal period as well as management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

**Results:** Out of the 5 employees selected, one employee was paid 10 hours more on the paycheck than documented on the time card.

Management's Response: Management and a board member will review the time cards.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

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

**Results:** The District does not provided any leave to its employees.

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

**Results:** No employees were terminated during the fiscal year.

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

### Ethics

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

**Results:** The District did not take the one hour of ethics training in 2019.

Management's Response: The District will take its required ethics training in 2020.

### Debt Service

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

**Results:** The District entered into a capital lease in 2019. The lease included a non-appropriation clause in the lease.

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

**Results:** No exceptions noted.

### Other

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

Results: No exceptions noted.

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

Results: The District did not have the required notice posted on its premises.

Management's Response: The District has posted the required notice on its premises.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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