CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT

Component Unit Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT</u> (A Component Unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Cadeville Water District, a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of Cadeville Water District, as of December 31, 2024, 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Cadeville Water District 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 Cadeville Water District'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. To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

Auditor's 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exits. 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government* Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess 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 of the effectiveness of Cadeville Water District'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 Cadeville Water District'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.

To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cadeville Water District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head, political subdivision head or chief executive officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived directly 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 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, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head, political subdivision head or chief executive officer is 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 March 4, 2025 on our consideration of the District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Monroe, Louisiana March 4, 2025

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COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT A COMPONENT UNIT OF OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Assets</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable, net of allowance of \$1,100 Grant Funds Receivable Total Current Assets	\$ 283,864 95,295 139,349 518,508
Restricted Assets Cash - Customer Deposits Water Revenue Bonds - Contingency Fund Total Restricted Assets	 676,577 676,577
Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation Construction in Progress Land Total Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	 5,533,110 1,577,314 <u>46,704</u> 7,157,128
Total Assets	 8,352,213
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable Construction Payable Customer Deposits Current Portion of Revolving Loan Fund Payable Total Current Liabilities	 7,178 139,349 36,250 35,000 217,777
Long-Term Liabilities	
Revolving Loan Fund Payable	 1,225,000
Total Liabilities	1,442,777
<u>Net Position</u> Net Investment in Capital Assets Net Position - Unrestricted	 5,897,128 1,012,308
Total Net Position	\$ <u>6,909,436</u>

CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT A COMPONENT UNIT OF OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Operating Revenue	
Charges for services	\$ 1,416,635
Grant Income	1,753,374
Total Operating Revennue	3,170,009
Operating Expenses	
Annual Clean Water Act	21,368
Installation Costs	53,879
Credit Card Charges	10,042
Bad Debt Expense	1,363
Contract Labor	236,271
Insurance	11,848
Legal & Accounting	34,236
Office Supplies	5,805
Repairs	168,691
Maintenance	158,097
Utilities	102,210
Interest Expense	35,660
Depreciation Expense	282,377
Total Operating Expenses	1,121,847
Operating Income (Loss)	2,048,162
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Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Income	28,494
Net Change	2,076,656
<u>Net Position - Beginning of the Year</u>	4,832,780
<u>Net Position - End of the Year</u>	\$ 6,909,436

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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Cash received from customers	\$	1,594,762
Cash received from grantors		1,753,374
Cash paid to suppliers		(704,900)
Cash paid to others for services, taxes, etc.		(356,254)
Net Cash provided by operating activities		2,286,982
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Proceeds from Revolving Loan Payable		_
Principle Payments Made on Revoling Loan Payable		(357,000)
Increase (Decrease) in refundable deposits		-
Net cash used for capital financing activities		(357,000)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(1,578,472)
Interest on deposits		
Net Cash provided by investing activities		28,494 (1,549,978)
NET DECREASE IN CASH		380,004
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CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		580,437
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$	960,441
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET</u>		
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss)	\$	2,048,162
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	Ψ	2,010,102
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Bad debt expense		1,363
Depreciation		282,377
Changes in assets and liabilities:		202,577
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable		(38,778)
(Increase) Decrease in grant funds receivable		(139,349)
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Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		· · · /
Increase (Decrease) in construction payable		139,349
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Total Adjustments	<u> </u>	238,820
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Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		2,286,982

CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT A COMPONENT UNIT OF OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH REPORTED WITHIN THE BALANCE</u> <u>SHEET THAT SUM TO THE TOTAL OF THE SAME SUCH AMOUNTS IN THE STATEMENT</u> <u>OF CASH FLOWS</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 283,864
Restricted Cash - Contingency Fund	676,577
Total Cash and Restricted Cash	\$ 960,441

INTRODUCTION

The Cadeville Water District (the District) is a component unit of the Police Jury of Ouachita Parish. The waterworks district was created by Ordinance No.7455 dated September 15, 1975. The waterworks district was created to provide water services within the District. The District is governed by a Board of five Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has absolute control and authority over the waterworks in the District. The Commissioners meet at least once every sixty days, and they serve without remuneration.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the District is considered a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

Note 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

A. <u>MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u> <u>PRESENTATION</u>

The District's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations.

The District is a special purpose government engaged only in business type activities. All activities of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing authority is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

The term measurement focus denotes what is being measured and reported in the District's operating statement. Financial operations of the District are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all of the assets and liabilities available to the District for the purpose of providing services to the public, are measured on the balance sheet. The activity statement includes all costs of providing goods and services during the period.

Note 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED</u>

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations, primarily the provision of water to rural areas of Ouachita Parish. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

B. <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

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. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

C. <u>INVESTMENTS</u>

Investments are limited by Louisiana R.S. 33:2955 and the District's investment policy. If the original maturities of investment exceed ninety days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are ninety days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables for water sales are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance is an estimate based on the amount of receivables that are past due and historical collection rates.

E. <u>PREPAID ITEMS</u>

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current calendar year are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid items consist primarily of prepaid insurance premiums.

F. <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>

Certain assets are restricted to set aside funds for customer deposit accounts.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

G. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital assets of the District are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets, including water systems donated for continued maintenance by the District, are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Buildings	15-30 years
Equipment and Furniture	3-7 years
Water System	20-40 years

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.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

H. <u>COMPENSATED ABSENCES</u>

The District has no employees that would receive vacation or sick leave.

I. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term liabilities are recognized within the Enterprise Fund. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. At December 31, 2024, the District had \$1,260,000 in long-term obligations.

J. <u>NET POSITION</u>

GASB Statement No. 34 required classification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63 revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required component of the residual measure and by renaming that measure at net position, rather than net assets. GASB No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

J. <u>NET POSITION - CONTINUED</u>

- Net investment in capital assets This 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 acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds 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 inflow of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- Restricted The 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 assets result 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 This 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.

K. <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF</u> <u>RESOURCES</u>

In some instances, GASB requires a government to delay the recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures or increases in net position as revenues until a further period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There are no deferred inflows as of December 31, 2024.

L. <u>ESTIMATES</u>

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

Note 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – deposits. The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require the financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2024.

The District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances), savings, and investments in certificates of deposit totaling \$580,437 at December 31, 2024 as follows:

Demand Deposits

<u>\$ 960,441</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. 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. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2024, are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	Non-Interest <u>Bearing</u> \$ 1,200,477
FDIC Insurance – Non-Interest Bearing Accounts FDIC Insurance – Time & Savings Accounts Pledged Collateral	250,000 _
Uninsured Amount	<u>\$</u>

The accounts are managed by the District's fiscal agent and consist of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. Investments are in accordance with LRS 33:2955(A)(1)(e) and are not required to be covered by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

Note 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2024 the District's accounts receivable consisted of the following:

Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds	\$ 139,349
Water Sales (approximately one month of December)	96,395
Less: Allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(1,100)</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$_234,644</u>

Note 4 - <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	2023 <u>Balance</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	2023 <u>Balance</u>
Non-Depreciable Assets: Land Construction in Progress Depreciable Assets:	\$ 46,704 -	\$- 1,577,314	\$ -	\$ 46,704 1,577,314
Water System Furniture & Fixtures Totals at Historical Cost	8,560,072 <u>1,626</u> 8,608,402		- 	8,560,072 <u>1,626</u> 10,185,716
Less Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>(2,746,211)</u>	((3,028,588)
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	<u>\$5,862,191</u>	<u>\$1,294,937</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$7,157,128</u>

Depreciation expense was \$302,304 in 2023.

Below are the capital assets by category:

Well #1	\$ 410,705
Well #2	294,056
Well #3	1,215,867
Well #4	1,827,027
Ray Road Project	507,585
Robinson Chapel Project	1,508,173
Well #5	2,512,913
Calhoun Consolidation CIP	1,577,314
Other Additions	280,954
Portable Building	2,793
Copy Machine	1,626
Land	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$10,185,716</u>

Note 5 - <u>LITIGATION AND CLAIMS</u>

The District was not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2024, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

Note 6 - <u>PURCHASES OF SERVICES</u>

Cadeville Water District pays a company to provide management services. These services include all management duties and day to day operations of the system. For the 2024 year, the District paid \$215,299 for these management services.

Note 7 - <u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION DRINKING WATER LOAN</u> <u>FUNDS</u>

There were two EPA Drinking Water Loan funds loans obtained during the first part of 2021, one in the amount of \$1,460,000 for upgrades related to the Robinson Chapel Water District acquisition. This loan will be 100% forgiven. The other loan was for \$1,900,000 which will be paid back over a 30-year period has an interest rate of 1.95% to be paid twice per year. Principal will start being paid December 2022. The loan has a provision for loan forgiveness for 30% principal not to exceed \$200,000. This loan is for the continued construction of the new Well #5.

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding debt of \$1,260,000 at December 31, 2024, including interest is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 35,000	\$ 24,570
2026	36,000	23,888
2027	37,000	23,186
2028	38,000	22,464
2029	39,000	21,723
2030-2034	208,000	78,837
2035-2039	235,000	75,563
2040-2044	266,000	51,539
2045-2049	301,000	24,539
2050	65,000	1,268
TOTALS	<u>\$ 1,260,000</u>	<u>\$ 347,577</u>

The debt service schedule is prepared as if the whole principal amount (taking into account the \$200,000 of principal forgiveness) was drawn down at closing. Since this is not the case, ant the first few interest payments will be calculated when due, based on the actual drawdown dates. The principal maturities may have to be adjusted if the District doesn't draw down the full amount of the loan or they are still drawing principal when the first principal installment became due December 1, 2022.

Note 8- WATER SECTOR PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

During the year, Cadeville was awarded \$4,825,000 from the Office of Community Development of the State of Louisiana for water improvements and for the consolidation of the Calhoun water system into the Cadeville water district. These funds are passed through the State from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (federal funds). At December 31, 2024 Cadeville has spent \$1,240,785 of total grant funds.

Note 9- <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 4, 2025, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that the significant events have occurred for disclosure.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Schedule I

CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT A COMPONENT UNIT OF OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBUREMENTS, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HEAD, OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Name	Office	D	irector Fees		oursements, etits, Other
Barry Turner	Board Member	\$	_	\$	_
Welton Wiley	Board Member	Ψ	-	Ψ	-
Dan Letsinger	Board Member		-		-
Janet Letsinger	Board Member		-		-
Scotty Wagonner	Board Member		-		-

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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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 Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Cadeville Water District, of the parish of Ouachita, state of Louisiana, a component unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2024 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies as item 2024-1. To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Cadeville Water District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District'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.

This report is intended for the use of management of Cadeville Water District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

David M- Xunth CPA (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana March 4, 2025

CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT COMPONENT UNIT OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

PART I-SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statement Audit

- i. The type of audit report was unmodified.
- ii. There were no material weaknesses but there was one significant deficiency required to be disclosed by Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.
- iii. There were no instances of noncompliance, as defined by the Government Auditing Standards, to the financial statements.

Federal Awards

- iv. There were no significant deficiencies required to be disclosed by the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200).
- v. The type of report issued on compliance for the major program was unmodified.
- vi. The examination disclosed no findings which are required to report under the Uniform Guidance.
- vii. The major federal program was: Dept. of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

CFDA #27.027

- viii. The dollar threshold used to identify between Type A and Type B programs as described in the Uniform Guidance was \$750,000.
- ix. The auditee does not qualify as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance.

Part II - Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America

2024-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

<u>Condition</u>: Personnel perform functions that allow for errors or irregularity that is material to the financial statements to occur and remain undetected.

Cause: Limited number of employees

Criteria: A good system of internal control begins with adequate segregation of duties.

Effect of Condition: Errors could occur and remain undetected.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Management should review the need to segregate duties among employees.

CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT COMPONENT UNIT OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

2024-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties (continued)

<u>Management Corrective Action Plan</u>: Management, along with the Board, have taken an active role in overseeing the day to day functions of the office. We feel that the cost far outweighs the benefits of hiring additional staff to help with the operations.

Part III – Management Letter

No management letter was issued.

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<u>CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT</u> <u>A COMPONENT UNIT OF OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>

- Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
- 2023-1Inadequate Segregation of DutiesStatus: See Reportable Condition 2024-1.
- Section II <u>Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards</u> This section is not applicable for this entity.
- Section III <u>Management Letter</u>

No management letter issued.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM (CLFRF) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE CSLFRF COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ENGAGEMENT

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

We have examined Cadeville Water District's compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" (the specified requirements) as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients That Would Otherwise be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the CSLFRF section of the 2024 OMB *Compliance Supplement* (referred to herein as "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement") during the year ended December 31, 2024. Management of Cadeville Water District is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in the "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement." Those standards and requirements require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether Cadeville Water District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Cadeville Water District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Cadeville Water District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud, and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that have a material effect of Cadeville Water District's compliance with the specified requirements and any other instances that warrant attention of those charged with governance.

To the Board of Commissioners Cadeville Water District West Monroe, Louisiana

We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on Cadeville Water District's compliance with the specified requirements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the specified requirements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our tests disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Intended Purpose

The purpose of this examination report is solely to express an opinion on whether Cadeville Water District complied, in all material respects with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended December 31, 2024. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

David M. Haut CPA (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana March 4, 2025

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Cadeville Water District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Cadeville Water District (the Entity) 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Cadeville Water District 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 January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not 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 related exceptions obtained are described in the attachment to this report.

We were engaged by the Cadeville Water District 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 Cadeville Water District 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.

Havel M. Hart CPA (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana March 4, 2025

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. **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.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. **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).
 - v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
 - ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. Information Technology 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.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Currently, the District does not have written policies and procedures addressing budgeting, purchasing, disbursements, receipts, payroll/personnel, contracting, travel, ethics, debt service, information technology disaster recovery/business continuity or sexual harassment.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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
 - i. 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.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, review the minutes from all regularly scheduled board/finance committee meetings held during the fiscal year and observe whether the minutes from at least one meeting each month referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-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.*
 - iii. 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.

iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions were noted in the above procedures.

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 within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or 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.

No exceptions were noted in the above procedures.

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., prenumbered 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 custodial 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.

The employee collecting cash does make the deposit, is responsible for posting collections to the general ledger, and is responsible for reconciling cash collections. See financial statement finding 2024-1.

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

- A. 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).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. 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;
 - iv. 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; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's nonpayroll 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
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Requisition or purchase orders are not used in purchasing and there is no approval on the invoices. There is only one employee in charge of all areas of the accounting function. This employee can add vendors to the computer system, does not have signatory authority, and does not initiate the purchase. No signature stamp is used.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase 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.
- B. 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
 - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., itemized receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B 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 (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection)
- D. 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

There is no evidence that the monthly statement was reviewed and approved in writing by someone other than the card holder.

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

- A. 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 and 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
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana (doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/) or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

There were no expenses for travel reimbursement for the year.

8) Contracts

A. 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. *Alternatively, 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

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
- iv. 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.

No contracts are maintained by the District other than copy machine and maintenance contracts.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the

pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

There are no employees at the District.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. 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).

Procedures related to debt service are not required since the District has obtained no new debt.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. 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.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with** management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management":

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- B. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- C. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- D. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- E. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management,

and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management. The required cybersecurity training was not obtained.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions noted.