

**CLAIBORNE PARISH WATERSHED DISTRICT
HOMER, LOUISIANA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2017**



**CLAIBORNE PARISH WATERSHED DISTRICT
HOMER, LOUISIANA**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Claiborne Parish Watershed District
Homer, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, a component unit of Claiborne Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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 conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedule on pages 11 through 14 and page 24 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 28, 2018, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

BOSCH & STATHAM, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bosch & Statham'.

Ruston, Louisiana
June 28, 2018



Independent Accountant's Report
on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To Claiborne Parish Watershed District and
The Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Claiborne Parish Watershed District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$154,450, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law) or R.S. 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code), whichever is applicable.

We did not identify any expenditures during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000. We identified one expenditure made during the year for public works exceeding \$154,450. We examined documentation for the expenditure. The expenditure appears to have been made in accordance with the public bid law.

Conclusion: We noted no errors or exceptions.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management did not provide us with a list for each of the board members.

Conclusion: *The lists were not provided as required.*

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

The District had no employees during 2017.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

The District had no employees during 2017.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

We obtained a list of disbursements. Management did not provide us with a list of outside business interests of any of the persons listed in the procedure.

Conclusion: *We were not given the list of outside business interests.*

Budgeting

6. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget and budget amendments made during the year.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

We traced adoption of the original budget to documentation in the minutes of the meeting of the District's commissioners held on December 15, 2016. Budget amendments for 2017 were approved in the December 7, 2017 minutes.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues. Expenditures for the year, excluding expenditures under a major project, did not exceed budgeted amounts. After the budget amendment was adopted, an accrual was made that increased expenditures by \$310,623. Management had not amended the budget for the project because there was no reasonable estimate of the timing of the expenditure in November when the budget amendment was prepared. The contract was awarded in December.

Conclusion: *Expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%. However, a budget amendment had been adopted.*

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

We obtained a list of checks written during the fiscal year and randomly selected six disbursements. We obtained supporting documentation from management for these disbursements and compared the selected disbursements to supporting documentation.

- a. Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Five out of six disbursements agreed to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation. One of the six disbursements was voided. We inspected a copy of the voided check. The original check was not available.

Conclusion: *One of six disbursements was voided. We were unable to inspect the original check.*

- b. Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account

Five out of six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account. One out of six disbursements was voided.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

- c. Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

There are no written policies. All checks were signed by board members.

Conclusion: *The District does not have written policies.*

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

Management represented that the District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. We inspected copies agendas for each meeting including the secretary's notation of the posting date.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We obtained the meeting minutes. Management asserted that there were no employees. We scanned disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments to employees.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's report will be submitted on time.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The District was on the noncompliance list during July 2017 due to the fiscal year 2016 report being submitted in July 2017, after the June 30, 2017 deadline. We did not identify any contracts that were entered into during July 2017.

Conclusion: *We noted no errors or exceptions.*

Prior Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Our prior year report, dated July 13, 2017, included the following exceptions:

- The 2016 report was submitted late. The 2017 report will be submitted by the due date.*
- Management did not provide a list of family members for each board member. This was not resolved for 2017.*
- The original 2016 budget was adopted after the year began. The Budget Act requires adoption before the end of the prior fiscal year. This was resolved for 2017.*
- We noted no agenda for the August 30, 2016 meeting. This was resolved for 2017.*

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. 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 the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

BOSCH & STATHAM, LLC



Ruston, Louisiana
June 28, 2018

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

6-28-2018 (Date Transmitted)

Bosch & Statham CPA's
PO Box 2377
Ruston, LA 71273

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of January 1, 2018 ~~December 31, 2018~~ (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [] No []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [] No []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [] No []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.
Yes [] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No []

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [] No []

General

We are responsible for our compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [] No []

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [] No []

We have made available to you all records that we believe are relevant to the foregoing agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [] No []

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.

Yes [] No []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes [] No []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

Candy Smith Secretary *6-28-18* Date
Wanda Palmer Treasurer *6/28/18* Date
Jenny S. Webster President *6/28/2018* Date

Claiborne Parish Watershed District
Homer, Louisiana
Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2017

As management of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2017. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here, in conjunction with the basic financial statements, and the supplementary information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial condition of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned but not taken annual leave).

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the current funds of the District are included in one category - governmental funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Government-wide Financial Analysis. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following tables focus on net position and changes in net position for the District's governmental activities.

NET POSITION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current and other assets	<u>\$ 1,032,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,272</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	-	20
Contracts payable	<u>310,623</u>	-
Total liabilities	<u>310,623</u>	<u>20</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	-	-
Restricted	<u>721,987</u>	<u>1,430,252</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 721,987</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,252</u>

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December 31, 2017

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues		
General revenues:		
Sales taxes	\$ 170,807	150,660
Franchise taxes	17,238	18,097
Intergovernmental revenues	-	5,762
Other general revenues	<u>32,187</u>	<u>8,611</u>
Total revenues	<u>220,232</u>	<u>183,130</u>
Program expenses		
Accounting	1,830	1,800
Events	1,000	1,000
Lake development programs	562,158	31,160
Legal advertising	2,194	411
Office expenses	2,000	1,500
Postage and shipping	133	92
Promotion and community relations	2,000	2,000
Rent	4,800	4,800
Repairs and maintenance	334,178	7,682
Safety patrol services	12,680	12,760
Tax collection fees	<u>5,524</u>	<u>4,431</u>
Total expenses	<u>928,497</u>	<u>67,636</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>\$ (708,265)</u>	<u>\$ 115,494</u>

Liabilities include accounts payable and certificates of indebtedness. Assets include cash and equivalents and sales taxes receivable.

The District's net position decreased \$708,265 or 50% to \$721,987 during 2017. Revenues increased \$37,102 or 20% while expenses increased \$860,861. The increase in expenses is due to an increase in lake development activity. The District had two projects ongoing for permanent channel markers and dredging.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental fund (General Fund) is to provide information on near-term revenue, expenditures, and balances of expendable resources. This information is used in assessing the financing requirements of the District. Unassigned fund balances may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2017, the General Fund balance of \$721,987 showed a decrease of \$708,265 over December 31, 2016's amount. For 2017, there are no differences between the fund financial statements (modified accrual) and the government-wide (full accrual).

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December 31, 2017

Budgetary Highlights

The original adopted budget reflected revenues and expenditures of \$226,600 and \$444,700, respectively. The budget was amended in December 2017, decreasing revenues by \$7,300 and increasing expenditures by \$189,100. Actual revenues were less than 1% more than budgeted. Actual expenditures were \$294,697 more than budgeted. The variance in expenditures is due to the accrual of project expenditures not anticipated at the time of the budget amendment.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

As of December 31, 2017, the District had no capital assets and no debt.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

The District's financial plan for this upcoming year is well underway since the adoption of a realistic budget that meets the District's needs while protecting the long-term financial stability of the District.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to be a summary of the District's finances. If there are any questions regarding any information, a request can be made in writing to the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, at P.O. Box 266, Homer, Louisiana 71040.

**CLAIBORNE PARISH WATERSHED DISTRICT
HOMER, LOUISIANA**

**BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS	STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 254,927	\$ -	\$ 254,927
Investments	757,081	-	757,081
Receivables	20,602	-	20,602
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,032,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032,610</u>
LIABILITIES			
Contracts payable	<u>\$ 310,623</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 310,623</u>
Fund balance - restricted for lake programs	721,987	(721,987)	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 1,032,610</u>	<u>(721,987)</u>	<u>310,623</u>
NET POSITION			
Net position, restricted		721,987	721,987
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 721,987</u>	<u>\$ 721,987</u>

See independent accountant's review report.

CLAIBORNE PARISH WATERSHED DISTRICT
HOMER, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Expenditures/expenses:			
Water and soil conservation:			
Accounting	\$ 1,830	\$ -	\$ 1,830
Events	1,000	-	1,000
Lake development programs	562,158	-	562,158
Legal advertising	2,194	-	2,194
Office expenses	2,000	-	2,000
Postage and shipping	133	-	133
Promotion and community relations	2,000	-	2,000
Rent	4,800	-	4,800
Repairs and maintenance	334,178	-	334,178
Safety patrol services	12,680	-	12,680
Tax collection fees	5,524	-	5,524
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>928,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>928,497</u>
General revenues:			
Taxes:			
Sales taxes	170,807	-	170,807
Franchise taxes	17,238	-	17,238
Interest earned	8,779	-	8,779
Other revenues	23,408	-	23,408
Issuance of certificates of indebtedness	-	-	-
Total general revenues	<u>220,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,232</u>
Change in fund balance/net position	(708,265)	-	(708,265)
Fund balance/net position at beginning of year	<u>1,430,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,430,252</u>
Fund balance/net position at end of year	<u>\$ 721,987</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 721,987</u>

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CLAIBORNE PARISH WATERSHED DISTRICT
HOMER, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Introduction

Claiborne Parish Watershed District (the District) was created in 1966 by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2861, et. seq. The District is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners, appointed by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury. Commissioners serve four-year terms without compensation. During 2017, the District had no employees.

The District is responsible for Claiborne Parish including Lake Claiborne. The District's purpose is the conservation of soil and water, including surface and groundwater, and developing the natural resources and wealth of the district for sanitary, agricultural, industrial, and recreational purposes, as the same may be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare or of public utility or benefit.

Reporting entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Claiborne Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, establishes criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and;
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or;
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

See independent accountant's review report.

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HOMER, LOUISIANA

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Reporting entity (Continued)

Because the police jury appoints the board of commissioners and the District provides services to all residents of Claiborne Parish, the Claiborne Parish Watershed District was determined to be a component unit of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. 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. The District has no business-type activities.

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 and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. All individual governmental funds and individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The District has only a General Fund.

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 of 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.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (Continued)

Sales taxes, franchise taxes, 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. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Claiborne Parish Watershed District reports only a General Fund at this time. The General Fund is the entity's operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity.

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.

Fund Balance Type Definitions

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, Claiborne Parish Watershed District classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable	Includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.
Restricted	Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
Committed	Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end. Fund balance may be committed by the Board.
Assigned	Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the Board.
Unassigned	Includes positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above-mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

Cash and cash equivalents

The entity's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and demand deposits. As management does not consider certificates of deposit or short-term investments to be readily available, these instruments are not considered cash equivalents.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments

State law and the Claiborne Parish Watershed 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. At December 31, 2017, investments consist solely of certificates of deposit.

Receivables and payables

All receivables are considered to be collectible; therefore, no provision for uncollectible amounts is made.

Capital assets

Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position. Capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund and capitalized. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The District's threshold for capitalization is \$5,000. At this time, the District does not have any capital assets.

Long-term debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt, such as certificates of indebtedness are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize long-term debt only to the extent that they will be paid with current resources.

Sales taxes

The District has a .125 percent sale and use tax, which was passed by the voters for a period of seven years beginning January 1, 2007 to fund the operations of the District. In an election held October 19, 2013, the tax was renewed for seven years beginning January 1, 2014. The Claiborne Parish School Board serves as the collection agency for the parish. The school board's tax department provides collection services for a fee of three percent of amounts actually collected.

Estimates

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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reconciliations of government-wide and fund financial statements

The reconciliation of the items reflected in the fund statements to the government-wide statements is as follows:

Fund balance \$ 721,987

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources -

Long-term liabilities, such as certificates of indebtedness, are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet. -

Net position of governmental activities \$ 721,987

Net change in fund balance \$ (708,265)

The governmental funds report the retirement of long-term debt as an expenditure. However, in the government-wide financial statements, that amount representing principal on long-term debt is not treated as an expense but is instead applied against outstanding long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position -

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (708,265)

NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Prior to November 30th, the Treasurer submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the ensuing year. A public hearing is generally conducted in December to obtain taxpayer comment and the budget is legally adopted. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

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NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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 that there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. However, one bank failed to pledge enough pledged securities to cover deposits. The uninsured and uncollateralized amount below is the amount of deposits that exceeds FDIC and pledged securities at one bank.

Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2017, the District has demand deposits (book balances) totaling \$242,503, cash on hand to be deposited totaling \$12,374, and \$50 in petty cash. The district also has \$757,081 in certificates of deposit.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2017, are \$1,001,492. As of December 31, 2017, the District's deposits are secured as follows:

Insured by FDIC	<u>\$ 545,390</u>
Uninsured and uncollateralized	-
Collateralized by pledged securities not in the District's name	<u>456,102</u>
Total balances exposed to custodial credit risk	<u>456,102</u>
Total bank balances	<u><u>\$ 1,001,492</u></u>

NOTE D - RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables:

Sales taxes	\$ 16,465
Franchise taxes	<u>4,137</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 20,602</u></u>

NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to risks of loss in the normal course of business for which it purchases commercial insurance policies. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year by major categories of risk and no settlements exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

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NOTE F – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District was not involved in any litigation as of December 31, 2017.

At December 31, 2017, the District was obligated under one construction contract for silt removal. The contract with change orders is \$345,136. All costs had been incurred as of year-end. Included in contract payable at year-end was \$318,623. The contract retainage of \$34,514 was paid in March 2018.

NOTE G - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 28, 2018, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 167,500	\$ 187,500	\$ 188,045	\$ 545
Investment earnings	9,100	8,400	8,779	379
Other revenues	50,000	23,400	23,408	8
Total revenues	<u>226,600</u>	<u>219,300</u>	<u>220,232</u>	<u>932</u>
Expenditures - water and soil conservation:				
Current:				
Accounting	1,800	1,900	1,830	70
Events	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Lake development programs	413,000	572,100	562,158	9,942
Legal	500	-	-	-
Legal advertising	500	1,500	2,194	(694)
Office expenses	1,500	2,000	2,000	-
Postage and shipping	100	200	133	67
Promotion and community relations	3,000	2,000	2,000	-
Rent	4,800	4,800	4,800	-
Repairs and maintenance	1,000	26,000	334,178	(308,178)
Safety patrol services	13,000	13,000	12,680	320
Tax collection fees	4,500	9,300	5,524	3,776
Total expenditures	<u>444,700</u>	<u>633,800</u>	<u>928,497</u>	<u>(294,697)</u>
Change in fund balance	(218,100)	(414,500)	(708,265)	(293,765)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>1,430,252</u>	<u>1,430,252</u>	<u>1,430,252</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,212,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,752</u>	<u>\$ 721,987</u>	<u>\$ (293,765)</u>

Note: The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Repairs and maintenance includes \$318,623 that was not anticipated at the time the budget was amended.

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, REIMBURSEMENTS,
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF AGENCY HEAD (PRESIDENT)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Jerry Whitten, President	
Compensation	\$ -
Benefits	-
Reimbursement for supplies bought for district	-

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