

**VILLAGE OF CONVERSE, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Financial Report  
December 31, 2021

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# 2021 VILLAGE OF CONVERSE, LOUISIANA

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Village of Converse's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Village's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2021. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the Village of Converse's financial statements, which begin on page 8.

### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Village as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Village's finances. These statements tell how the services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities. The Village uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related laws and regulations. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources at the end of the year. As the Government-Wide Financial Statements includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two views may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decreases. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the difference between these two views.

A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

### Summary of Statement of Net Position

	2021			2020		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Current & Other Assets	\$ 214,206	\$ 189,474	\$ 403,680	\$ 150,156	\$ 176,367	\$ 326,523
Due from Other Funds	281,072	0	281,072	293,282	0	293,282
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>724,245</u>	<u>1,044,809</u>	<u>1,769,054</u>	<u>770,239</u>	<u>1,089,194</u>	<u>1,859,433</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,219,523</u>	<u>\$1,234,283</u>	<u>\$2,453,806</u>	<u>\$1,213,677</u>	<u>\$1,265,561</u>	<u>\$2,479,238</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>						
Accounts Payable/Accruals	\$ 5,749	\$ 1,671	\$ 7,420	\$ 6,528	\$ 5,726	\$ 12,254
Due to Other Funds	0	281,072	281,072	0	293,282	293,282
Customer Deposits	<u>0</u>	<u>13,736</u>	<u>13,736</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,996</u>	<u>12,996</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,749</u>	<u>\$ 296,479</u>	<u>\$ 302,228</u>	<u>\$ 6,528</u>	<u>\$ 312,004</u>	<u>\$ 318,532</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 724,245	\$1,044,809	\$1,769,054	\$ 770,239	\$1,089,194	\$1,859,433
Unrestricted	<u>489,529</u>	<u>(107,005)</u>	<u>382,524</u>	<u>436,910</u>	<u>(135,637)</u>	<u>301,273</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$1,213,774</u>	<u>\$ 937,804</u>	<u>\$2,151,578</u>	<u>\$1,207,149</u>	<u>\$ 953,557</u>	<u>\$2,160,706</u>

Summary of Statement of Activities

	2021			2020		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
General Revenues:						
Taxes-						
Ad Valorem	\$ 18,854	\$ 0	\$ 18,854	\$ 17,067	\$ 0	\$ 17,067
Licenses & Permits	36,483	0	36,483	33,974	0	33,974
Sales Tax	112,508	0	112,508	77,014	0	77,014
Fines	48,585	0	48,585	23,684	0	23,684
Royalty	1,397	0	1,397	1,092	0	1,092
Charges for Services	0	127,065	127,065	0	121,375	121,375
Interest Income	170	148	318	157	168	325
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,685	82,453	85,138	1,500	2,294	3,794
Miscellaneous	<u>10,242</u>	<u>10,165</u>	<u>20,407</u>	<u>5,068</u>	<u>13,320</u>	<u>18,388</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>230,924</u>	\$ <u>219,831</u>	\$ <u>450,755</u>	\$ <u>159,556</u>	\$ <u>137,157</u>	\$ <u>296,713</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
General Government	\$ 127,090	\$ 0	\$ 127,090	\$ 114,921	\$ 0	\$ 114,921
Public Safety	63,120	0	63,120	72,175	0	72,175
Highways & Streets	34,089	0	34,089	29,729	0	29,729
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>235,584</u>	<u>235,584</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>205,474</u>	<u>205,474</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>224,299</u>	\$ <u>235,584</u>	\$ <u>459,883</u>	\$ <u>216,825</u>	\$ <u>205,474</u>	\$ <u>422,299</u>
Excess/Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 6,625	\$ (15,753)	\$ (9,128)	\$ (57,269)	\$ (68,317)	\$ (125,586)
Net Position-Beginning of Year	<u>1,207,149</u>	<u>953,557</u>	<u>2,160,706</u>	<u>1,264,418</u>	<u>1,021,874</u>	<u>2,286,292</u>
Net Position-End of Year	<u>\$1,213,774</u>	<u>\$ 937,804</u>	<u>\$2,151,578</u>	<u>\$1,207,149</u>	<u>\$ 953,557</u>	<u>\$2,160,706</u>

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

Capital Assets

At the end of 2021, the Village of Converse had \$724,245, and \$1,044,809, net of depreciation in Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities, respectively, invested in a broad range of capital assets (See table below).

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Land	\$ 1,600	\$ 10,000
Buildings and other improvements	356,482	0
Distribution system	0	1,000,591
Streets	364,683	0
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	<u>1,480</u>	<u>34,218</u>
Total	<u>\$724,245</u>	<u>\$1,044,809</u>

Debt

At December 31, 2021, the Village of Converse had no long-term debt.

#### VARIATIONS BETWEEN FINAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL

In the General Fund, actual revenues were \$41,424 more than budgeted amounts. This is a favorable variance.

Actual expenditures were \$2,395 less than budgeted amounts. This is a favorable variance.

The budget was amended once during the year, to account for increases in sales tax revenue and fines.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Village of Converse's elected officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates and fees. These factors and indicators include:

1. Taxes
2. Intergovernmental revenues (state and local grants)
3. License and permits
4. Fines

The Village of Converse has been awarded approximately \$160,000 in federal assistance from the passing of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. One-half of the funds were received in 2021, with the remaining amount to be received in 2022. These funds are expected to be used primarily to perform repairs and improvements in the water and sewer systems.

#### CONTACTING VILLAGE OF CONVERSE'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Village of Converse's finances and to show the Village of Converse's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Troy Terrell, Mayor of the Village of Converse, Post Office Box 40, Converse, Louisiana 71419 or (318) 567-3312.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REVIEW REPORT**

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the  
Village of Converse, Louisiana

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and major funds of the Village of Converse (“Village”) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village’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 the 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 the *Statements on Standards Accounting and Review Services* promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the United States Comptroller General. 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.

We are required to be independent of the Village of Converse and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

**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.



## Other Matter Paragraphs

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the responsibility of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

### *Supplementary Information*

The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to the Agency Head, Political Subdivision Head, or Chief Executive Officer and Justice System Funding Schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

### *Other Reporting Requirements*

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated May 2, 2022, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures on pages 34 through 37. The Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire is presented on pages 39 through 41.

*Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPAs*

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Certified Public Accountants  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

May 2, 2022



## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Current Assets-			
Cash	\$ 185,504	\$ 164,001	\$ 349,505
Accounts & Taxes Receivable	23,391	9,583	32,974
Due from Other Funds	281,072	0	281,072
Prepaid Expenses	<u>5,311</u>	<u>2,154</u>	<u>7,465</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 495,278</u>	<u>\$ 175,738</u>	<u>\$ 671,016</u>
Noncurrent Assets-			
Restricted Cash – Customer Deposits	\$ 0	\$ 13,736	\$ 13,736
Capital Assets, Net	<u>724,245</u>	<u>1,044,809</u>	<u>1,769,054</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 724,245</u>	<u>\$1,058,545</u>	<u>\$1,782,790</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$1,219,523</u>	 <u>\$1,234,283</u>	 <u>\$2,453,806</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Current Liabilities-			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	\$ 5,749	\$ 1,671	\$ 7,420
Due to Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>281,072</u>	<u>281,072</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,749</u>	<u>\$ 282,743</u>	<u>\$ 288,492</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities-			
Customer Deposits	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 13,736</u>	<u>\$ 13,736</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$ 5,749</u>	 <u>\$ 296,479</u>	 <u>\$ 302,228</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 724,245	\$1,044,809	\$1,769,054
Unrestricted	<u>489,529</u>	<u>(107,005)</u>	<u>382,524</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$1,213,774</u>	 <u>\$ 937,804</u>	 <u>\$2,151,578</u>

See independent accountant's review report and notes to financial statements.

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Statement of Activities  
December 31, 2021

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grant and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
General Government	\$127,090	\$ 0	\$ 2,685	\$ (124,405)	\$ 0	\$ (124,405)
Public Safety	63,120	48,585	0	(14,535)	0	(14,535)
Public Works	<u>34,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(34,089)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(34,089)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$224,299	\$ 48,585	\$ 2,685	\$ (173,029)	\$ 0	\$ (173,029)
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>						
Water and Sewer	\$235,584	\$127,065	\$82,453	\$ 0	\$ (26,066)	\$ (26,066)
Total Government	\$459,883	\$175,650	\$85,138	\$ (173,029)	\$ (26,066)	\$ (199,095)
<b>General Revenues:</b>						
Taxes-						
Ad Valorem				\$ 18,854	\$ 0	\$ 18,854
Licenses & Permits				36,483	0	36,483
Sales Taxes				112,508	0	112,508
Royalty				1,397	0	1,397
Interest Income				170	148	318
Miscellaneous				<u>10,242</u>	<u>10,165</u>	<u>20,407</u>
Total General Revenues				\$ 179,654	\$ 10,313	\$ 189,967
Change in Net Position				\$ 6,625	\$ (15,753)	\$ (9,128)
Net Position at Beginning of Year				1,207,149	953,557	2,160,706
Net Position at End of Year				\$1,213,774	\$937,804	\$2,151,578

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash	\$185,504
Taxes Receivable	17,810
Other Receivables	5,581
Due from Other Funds	281,072
Prepaid Expenses	<u>5,311</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$495,278</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Accounts Payable/Accruals	\$ <u>5,749</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>	
Nonspendable-Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,311
Unassigned	<u>484,218</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$489,529</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$495,278</u>

See independent accountant's review report and notes to financial statements.



Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2021

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Fund \$ 489,529

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities  
in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not  
current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported  
in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet-

Capital Assets	1,279,636
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(555,391)</u>

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities \$1,213,774

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance-  
Governmental Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Taxes-	
Ad Valorem	\$ 18,854
Licenses & Permits	36,483
Sales Tax	112,508
Fines & Forfeits	48,585
Miscellaneous-	
Royalty	1,397
Miscellaneous	<u>13,097</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$230,924</u>
Expenditures:	
Current-	
General Government	\$ 81,096
Public Safety	63,120
Streets	<u>34,089</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$178,305</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 52,619
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>436,910</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$489,529</u>

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Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund  
to the Statement of Activities  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balance-Governmental Fund \$ 52,619

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

Depreciation expense on Capital Assets is reported  
in the Government-wide Financial Statements, but  
does not require the use of current financial resources  
and is not reported in the Fund Financial Statements.  
Current year depreciation expense is

(45,994)

Total Change in Net Position \$ 6,625

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund-Utility Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2021

ASSETS:	
Current Assets-	
Cash	\$ 164,001
Accounts Receivable	9,583
Prepaid Expenses	<u>2,154</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 175,738</u>
Noncurrent Assets-	
Restricted Cash – Deposits	\$ 13,736
Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,044,809</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$1,058,545</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,234,283</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities-	
Accounts Payable/Accruals	\$ 1,671
Due to Other Funds	<u>281,072</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 282,743</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities –	
Customers’ Deposits	<u>13,736</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 296,479</u>
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,044,809
Unrestricted	<u>(107,005)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 937,804</u>

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Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position  
Proprietary Fund-Utility Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2021

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for Services	\$127,065
Operating Grants and Contributions	82,453
Miscellaneous	<u>10,165</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$219,683</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Personnel Services	\$ 74,195
Utilities	18,943
Repair & Maintenance	26,876
Other Supplies & Expenses	51,880
Depreciation	<u>63,690</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$235,584</u>
Loss from Operations	\$ (15,901)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:	
Interest	<u>148</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ (15,753)
Net Position-Beginning of Year	<u>953,557</u>
Net Position-End of Year	<u>\$937,804</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund-Utility Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Receipts from Customers	\$ 137,230
Cash from Operating Grants and Contributions	82,453
Cash Receipts of Customer Deposits	740
Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	<u>(188,159)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 32,264
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(19,305)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest Income	<u>148</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,107
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning of Year	<u>164,630</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents-End of Year	\$ <u>177,737</u>
Reconciliation of Income from Operations to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	\$ (15,901)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	63,690
Changes in Assets and Liabilities-	
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(4,055)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	740
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	<u>(12,210)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>48,165</u>
Reconciliation of Total Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Current Assets – Cash	\$ 164,001
Restricted Assets – Cash	<u>13,736</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>177,737</u>

See independent accountant's review report and notes to financial statements.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2021

**Introduction:**

The Village of Converse, Louisiana, is incorporated under the Lawrason Act with a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The executive branch of government is headed by the Mayor and the legislative branch consists of three Aldermen.

This report includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent on the Village of Converse, Louisiana's executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the Village of Converse, Louisiana was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of government body, and other general oversight responsibility.

The Village's operations include police protection, streets, and general and administrative services. In addition, the Village operates a Utility System which provides water and sewer services.

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**A. REPORTING ENTITY-**

The Village is the basic level of government which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to the Village operations and services provided. The Village is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB pronouncements, since the Village Mayor and Board of Aldermen are elected by the public and have decision making authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the Village's reporting entity.

The financial statements of the Village of Converse, Louisiana, are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Village's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

**B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION-**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Village's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Notes to Financial Statements  
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### C. FUND ACCOUNTING-

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The Village maintains two funds. They are categorized as a governmental fund and a proprietary fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds; each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The Village reports both its general fund and enterprise fund as major funds.

The funds of the Village are described below:

#### Governmental Fund-

##### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### Proprietary Fund-

##### Enterprise Fund

The enterprise fund is used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING-**

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

**Accrual Basis – Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Village as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

**Modified Accrual Basis – Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Village considers all revenues “available” if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

**E. CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS-**

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Cash Flows, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the Village.

**F. CAPITAL ASSETS-**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

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Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	40 years
Equipment and vehicles	5-10 years
Utility system and improvements	40 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

**G. RESTRICTED ASSETS-**

Restricted assets include cash, interest-bearing deposits, and investments of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to its use. The restricted assets are related to customer deposits.

**H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES AND POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS-**

There is no formal leave policy for the Village; therefore, no entry is made to record compensated absences. In addition, the Village does not provide employee benefits beyond employment.

**I. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS-**

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, management applies unrestricted net resources first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net resources. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

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In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- c. Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- d. Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose. Only the General Fund would report positive amounts in unassigned fund balance.

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$484,218. If applicable, the Village would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

#### **J. EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES-**

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds – By Character  
Proprietary Fund – By Operating and Non-operating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

#### **K. BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING-**

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Village adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.



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**L. 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**M. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends upon whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements. All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. At December 31, 2021, the Village had no outstanding long-term debt.

**N. RECEIVABLES-**

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where applicable, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

**O. BAD DEBTS-**

All accounts receivable are considered to be fully collectible.

**P. SALES TAXES-**

The Village collects sales and use tax with the net proceeds, after deducting costs of collection and administration, dedicated to construction, acquiring, extending, improving and/or maintaining drainage facilities, streets, street lighting facilities, bridges, sidewalks, waterworks, sewers and sewer disposal works, recreational facilities, public parks, public buildings and equipment, payment of salaries of municipal employees, maintaining and operating the municipal police department including the purchase of equipment thereof, or for anyone or more of said purposes, title to which improvements shall be in the public.

**2. Ad Valorem Taxes:**

The Village levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of the Village. Property taxes are levied by the Village on property values assessed by the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

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The Village bills and collects property taxes. The Village recognizes property tax revenues when levied.

Property Tax Calendar

Assessment date	January 1
Levy date	August 31
Tax bills mailed	October 15
Total taxes are due	December 31
Penalties and interest added	January 31
Lien date	January 31

For the year ended December 31, 2021, taxes of 12.62 mills were levied on property and were dedicated as follows:

General Corporate Purposes	5.30 mills
Street Fund	7.32 mills

Total taxes collected were \$18,854 after small adjustments were made to the original tax roll.

**3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

The cash and cash equivalents of the Village are subject to the following risk:

*Custodial Credit Risk.* Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Village will not be able to recover its deposits. 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 or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal bank. 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. 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 Village that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Parish Government's name.

At December 31, 2021, the Village had \$379,443 in deposits (collected bank balances). The deposits are stated at cost which approximates market. These deposits are secured from risk as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 365,007
Time Deposits	14,436
FDIC Insurance	(250,000)
Pledged Securities	(129,443)
Uninsured	\$ <u>0</u>

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**4. Accounts Receivable:**

The following is a summary of accounts receivable at December 31, 2021:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes-			
Ad Valorem	\$ 3,417	\$ 0	\$ 3,417
Franchise	4,312	0	4,312
Sales Tax	10,081	0	10,081
Royalty	151	0	151
Other	5,430	0	5,430
Charges for services	<u>0</u>	<u>9,583</u>	<u>9,583</u>
Total	<u>\$23,391</u>	<u>\$9,583</u>	<u>\$32,974</u>

**5. Capital Assets:**

A summary of Village of Converse's capital assets at December 31, 2021, follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Balance 01-01-21</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 12-31-21</u>
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated-				
Land	\$ <u>1,600</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>1,600</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated-				
Buildings & Other Improvements	\$ 660,532	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 660,532
Furniture & Equipment	91,988	0	2,137	89,851
Streets & Improvements	<u>527,653</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>527,653</u>
Total Assets being Depreciated	<u>\$1,280,173</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$2,137</u>	<u>\$1,278,036</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings & Other Improvements	\$ 286,985	\$ 17,065	\$ 0	\$ 304,050
Furniture & Equipment	87,958	2,546	2,137	88,367
Streets	<u>136,591</u>	<u>26,383</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>162,974</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 511,534</u>	<u>\$ 45,994</u>	<u>\$2,137</u>	<u>\$ 555,391</u>
Governmental Activities				
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>770,239</u>	\$(45,994)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>724,245</u>

Depreciation expense of \$45,994 was charged to the general government function for governmental activities.

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**5. Capital Assets (continued):**

Business-Type Activities	Balance 01-01-21	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-21
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated-				
Land	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated-				
Distribution System	\$2,137,983	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$2,137,983
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	<u>248,159</u>	<u>19,305</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>263,190</u>
Total Assets being Depreciated	<u>\$2,386,142</u>	<u>\$ 19,305</u>	<u>\$4,274</u>	<u>\$2,401,173</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Distribution System	\$1,085,451	\$ 51,941	\$ 0	\$1,137,392
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	<u>221,497</u>	<u>11,749</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>228,972</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$1,306,948</u>	<u>\$ 63,690</u>	<u>\$4,274</u>	<u>\$1,366,364</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$1,089,194</u>	<u>\$(44,385)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$1,044,809</u>

Depreciation expense of \$63,690 was charged to business-type activities as follows:

Water	\$24,700
Sewer	<u>38,990</u>
Total Depreciation	<u>\$63,690</u>

**6. Accounts Payable/Accruals:**

The following is a summary of accounts payable and accruals December 31, 2021:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Vendors	\$1,287	\$1,546	\$2,833
Sales Taxes	0	125	125
Accrued payroll taxes	<u>4,462</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,462</u>
	<u>\$5,749</u>	<u>\$1,671</u>	<u>\$7,420</u>

**7. Grant Funding:**

The Village of Converse has been awarded approximately \$160,000 in federal assistance from the passing of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. One-half of the funds were received in 2021, with the remaining amount to be received in 2022. These funds will be used primarily to perform repairs and improvements in the water and sewer systems.

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**8. Risk Management:**

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

**9. Related Parties:**

The Village had no identified related party transactions for the year ended December 31, 2021.

**10. Compensation Paid to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:**

Troy H. Terrell – Mayor	\$6,000
Christina Ebarb	1,200
Rodney Rutherford	1,200
Travis Womack	<u>1,200</u>
Total	<u>\$9,600</u>

**11. Pension Plans:**

All employees of the Village of Converse, Louisiana are covered by the Social Security System. Employees contribute 6.2 percent of their total salary to the System, while the Village contributes 6.2 percent. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Village contributed \$6,397. Any future deficit in this System will be financed by the United States Government.

**12. Tax Abatement:**

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program (Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 5) is a state incentive program which abates, up to ten years, local ad valorem taxes on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. Applications to exempt qualified property for five years are approved by the Louisiana Economic Development's Board of Commerce and Industry. As a result of program agreements entered into by the State of Louisiana, ad valorem tax revenues for the Village of Converse were reduced by \$1,718 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

**13. Long-Term Debt and Capitalized Leases:**

During the current year, the Village had no long-term debt or capital lease obligations.

**14. Litigation and Claims:**

Management has advised that there is no litigation pending against the Village of Converse, Louisiana at December 31, 2021.

**15. Subsequent Events:**

Management has evaluated events through May 2, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Major Fund-General Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-  
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES:				
Taxes-				
Ad Valorem	\$ 19,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,854	\$ (6,146)
Licenses & Permits	38,000	41,500	36,483	(5,017)
Sales Tax	65,000	65,000	112,508	47,508
Fines & Forfeits	23,000	50,000	48,585	(1,415)
Miscellaneous-				
Royalty	1,000	1,000	1,397	397
Miscellaneous	<u>5,600</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>13,097</u>	<u>6,097</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$152,100</u>	<u>\$189,500</u>	<u>\$230,924</u>	<u>\$ 41,424</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$ 70,900	\$ 70,900	\$ 81,096	\$(10,196)
Public Safety	77,400	75,400	63,120	12,280
Streets	<u>34,400</u>	<u>34,400</u>	<u>34,089</u>	<u>311</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$182,700</u>	<u>\$180,700</u>	<u>\$178,305</u>	<u>\$ 2,395</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (30,600)	\$ 8,800	\$ 52,619	\$ 43,819
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>436,910</u>	<u>436,910</u>	<u>436,910</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$406,310</u>	<u>\$445,710</u>	<u>\$489,529</u>	<u>\$ 43,819</u>

See independent accountant's review report and notes to financial statements.

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to  
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Agency Head Name: Troy Terrell, Mayor

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$6,000
Benefits-Insurance	0
Benefits-Retirement	0
Deferred Compensation	0
Benefits-Other (Social Security)	372
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Cell phone	0
Dues	0
Vehicle rental	0
Per diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	\$6,372

See independent accountant's review report.



Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Justice System Funding Schedule – Collecting/Disbursing Entity  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Identifying Information		
Entity Name	Village of Converse	
LLA Entity ID # (This is the ID number assigned to the entity by the Legislative Auditor for identification purposes.)	2360	
Date that reporting period ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/31/2021	
	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 06/30/21</b>	<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/21</b>
<b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	-	-
<b>Add: Collections</b>		
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits)	-	-
Bond Fees	-	-
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	-	-
Criminal Fines - Contempt	-	-
Criminal Fines - Other	22,762	21,287
Restitution	-	-
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	-	-
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)	-	-
<b>Subtotal Collections</b>	<b>22,762</b>	<b>21,287</b>
<b>Less: Disbursements To Governments &amp; Nonprofits:</b> (Must include one agency name and one collection type on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency if more than one collection type is applicable. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)		
Louisiana Supreme Court-CMIS, Criminal Fines - Other	84	97
Example - City of Walker, Criminal Fines - Other	-	-
Agency name/collection type	-	-
Agency name/collection type	-	-
Agency name/collection type	-	-
Agency name/collection type	-	-
<b>Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency</b>		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	-	-
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency -		
Criminal Fines - Other	22,678	21,190
<b>Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies</b>		
Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
Restitution Payments to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	-	-
<b>Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage</b>	<b>22,762</b>	<b>21,287</b>
<b>Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b> (only applies if collecting agency does not disburse partial payments until fully collected) - This balance is included in the Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained above.	-	-
<b>Other Information:</b>		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected (i.e. receivable balance)	5,419	9,024
Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period (i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service)	1,060	1,060

See independent accountant's review report.

OTHER REPORTS/SCHEDULES

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the  
Village of Converse, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Village of Converse and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, (the specified parties), on the Village’s compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the year ended December 31, 2021, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:516 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Village’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. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

No expenditures were found to be in violation.

*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 provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

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

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

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.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

#### *BUDGETING*

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There was one amendment to the budget during the year.

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 and amendment of the budget to documentation in the minutes of the meeting of the Village.

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. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Revenues and expenditures were within 5% variance allowed.

#### *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:

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

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

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

Each of the six selected disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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

The Village's policies and procedures state that the Mayor must approve all disbursements, with subsequent approval by the full council. Checks are prepared by the Clerk and require two signatures. Documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements included the proper approval and dual signatures. In addition, approval by the full council for each of the disbursements was traced to the Village's minute book.

#### *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 Village is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the Town Hall. Management has asserted that such documents were properly posted.

#### *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.

#### *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 scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the Village council for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

#### *STATE AUDIT LAW*

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

The Village's report is due on June 30, 2022, and will be submitted prior to that date.

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).

Management represented that the Village was in compliance with R.S. 24:513.

*PRIOR-YEAR 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 May 10, 2021, contained one internal control finding of *Segregation of Duties*. As of December 31, 2021, the finding for lack of segregation of duties is continuing.

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 Village'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 Village'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.

*Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPAs*

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Natchitoches, Louisiana

May 2, 2022

Village of Converse, Louisiana  
Schedule of Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

I. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Village has the following internal control finding:

2021-001      *Segregation of Duties*

*Condition* – Adequate segregation of duties requires the critical functions of key accounting processes be assigned to and performed by more than one individual. The Village does not have a sufficient number of employees to adequately separate the key accounting processes.

II. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Village had the following internal control finding:

2020-001      *Segregation of Duties*

*Condition* – Adequate segregation of duties requires the critical functions of key accounting processes be assigned to and performed by more than one individual. The Village does not have a sufficient number of employees to adequately separate the key accounting processes.

*Status* – This condition has not cleared.



VILLAGE OF CONVERSE  
LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2021 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 state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes  No  N/A

**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  N/A

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  N/A

**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  N/A

**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  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A



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 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

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 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes  No  N/A

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  N/A

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes  No  N/A

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes  No  N/A

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes  No  N/A

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

Signature Troy H. Terrell  
Title Mayor  
Date 4-22-22