# **<u>REPORT ON AUDIT OF COMPONENT</u>** <u>UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>

**DECEMBER 31, 2020** 

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Commissioners Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 Livingston Parish Council Denham Springs, Louisiana

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund (the General Fund), and the budgetary comparison statement of the General Fund of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District # 1, "the District," a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund (the General Fund) of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District#1 as of December 31, 2020, and the budgetary comparison statement of the General Fund and the changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1's December 31, 2019 financial statements, and we expressed a modified opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 9, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

## **Other Matters**

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 4 through 9 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 8, 2021, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted, Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana June 8, 2021 Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 Denham Springs, Louisiana Management Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2020

This section of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1's (the District) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with the detailed financial statements.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Net Position on December 31, 2020 was \$7,013,411.
- \* The Net Position of the Governmental Activities showed an increase of \$735,793 representing a 11.72% increase in 2020.
- \* The total general fund balance at December 31, 2020 was \$4,476,921. This reflects an actual increase in 2020 of \$642,219 or 16.75% over the amount in 2019.
- \* At the end of 2020, Unassigned General Fund Balance of \$4,412,003 represents 181.53% of total General Fund Expenditures.
- \* The District had a 8.56% increase in the amount of sales tax revenue in 2020 from the amount in 2019. The sales tax revenue totaled \$2,095,170 in 2020 and \$1,930,014 in 2019, representing 68.19% and 70.16% of the total revenue in each of the respective years.
- \* The District had an 5.20% increase in the amount of ad valorem tax revenue in 2020. The ad valorem tax revenue totaled \$829,174 in 2020 and \$788,172 in 2019, representing 26.99% and 28.65% of the total revenues in each of the respective years.

## **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The management discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements of the District. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) the government-wide financial statements, 2) the fund financial statements, and 3) the notes to the financial statements.

**Government-wide financial statements** are designed by GASB Statement 34 to change the way in which governmental financial statements are presented. It now provides readers for the first time a concise "entity-wide" Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, seeking to give the user of the financial statements a broad overview of the District's financial position and results of operations 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 position 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 the 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 (e.g. uncollected taxes and accrued but unpaid interest).

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

**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 financial-related legal requirements. The District has one fund, the General Fund, which is a governmental type fund.

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 fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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 fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 through 18 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 32 of this report.

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The following is a schedule of the District's net position at December 31, 2020 and 2019. Net position is calculated by taking the difference between the total assets and total liabilities. The District's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2020 and 2019 by a total of \$7,013,411 and \$6,277,618, respectively.

# Condensed Statements of Net Position

	71	2020	-	2019	Increases (Decreases)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,790,073	\$	2,261,852	\$ 528,221
Investments		541,665		541,529	136
Receivables, net of allowances		1,222,806		1,053,505	169,301
Prepaid Expenses-Inventory		64,918		63,422	1,496
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	30	2,536,490	-	2,442,916	93,574
Total Assets		7,155,952		6,363,224	792,728
Current Liabilities		142,541	a. <del></del>	85,606	56,935
Total Liabilities		142,541		85,606	56,935
Net Position					
Net Investment in Capital Assets		2,536,490		2,442,916	93,574
Unrestricted		4,476,921	13 <del>.</del>	3,834,702	642,219
Total Net Position	\$_	7,013,411	\$ =	6,277,618	\$ 735,793





#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The District is committed to previous years' goals of accomplishing proper maintenance to the existing infrastructure canal and ditch systems for drainage. Various improvement projects at certain sites were undertaken as well as the continued ongoing clearing, spraying, and general improvement to drainage areas. The extreme growth in the number of homeowners along with business establishments in the District and the new challenges and demands for better drainage of water flow throughout the District is currently challenging management to improve all areas for drainage. Improving methods of clearing, cleaning, and maintaining existing canals is management's priority. Lower areas are being developed and the general population is occupying these areas in large numbers. As the growth continues within the District, due diligence and expenditure of resources will be a priority to secure proper drainage for all. Increased staff and equipment purchases were made in recent years to achieve the goal of proper drainage. The District has focused on the routine maintenance of problem drainage areas in the District and attempting assistance to various citizens with drainage issues. The District has completed the first phases of engineering of designing a modeling program of the major tributary, Gray's Creek, along with Dixon and have added other studies (Allen Bayou, Beaver Creek, Colton Creek, Longslash Branch, Plantation Estates) for other streams.

The majority of the funding for the District's operation and maintenance is provided by sales taxes on public sales within the boundaries of the District. The District collects a one-half cent sales and use tax within the boundaries of the District which is placed into the general fund. The District's voters passed a renewal of the 5 mill Ad Valorem property tax in 2019 to begin in 2021. The District collected 4.17 mills in 2020. The funds are used to pay for the operation and maintenance of the drainage systems and asset purchases. Other sources of revenue result from interest earned and governmental revenue sharing amounts. The District does not have any debt.

Condensed Statement of Activities

D	 2020	 2020	 ncreases Decreases)
Revenues: General Revenues	\$ 3,072,609	\$ 2,750,732	\$ 321,877
	 3,072,609	 2,750,732	 321,877
Expenses:			
Public Works	2,108,790	1,941,552	167,238
Depreciation	228,026	244,757	(16,731)
-	 2,336,816	 2,186,309	 150,507
Change in Net Assets	\$ 735,793	\$ 564,423	\$ 171,370

#### **REVENUES**

\* Sales and use tax revenue increased by \$165,156 or 8.56% in 2020 from the previous year. Ad valorem tax collections increased by \$41,002 or 5.20% in 2020 over the prior year.

## EXPENSES

Total public works expenses for 2020 increased by \$167,238. This net increase in operating expense was because of the following:

- \* Salaries, payroll taxes, and retirement expenses increased \$53,609 over the past year.
- \* Equipment repairs decreased by a total of \$24,287 in 2020, along with contract services decreases of \$11,458.
- \* Engineering/Legal fees included in professional fees increased by \$72,747.
- \* Health insurance increased by \$61,776.
- \* Supplies increased by \$16,409.

# BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- \* The final amended budget for revenues in 2020 reflects an increase of \$192,300. This was caused by continued growth beyond expectations of local sales tax revenue collections.
- \* In 2020, the District received \$55,170 greater in sales tax than the final amended revenue budget or a 2.70% favorable variance, and in 2019 revenues were greater than the final amended revenue budget by \$29,014 or 1.53% favorable variance.
- \* In 2020, the final amended budget for total operational expenditures reflects a \$32,090 unfavorable variance as compared to a \$32,254 unfavorable variance in 2019. The 2020 final amended capital outlay budget reflected a \$34,400 favorable variance in capital outlay expenditures along with the unfavorable variance of \$57,102 in 2019.

## CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 amounts to \$2,536,490 and \$2,442,916 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, system improvements, machinery, and equipment. The total net increase in the District's cost of investment in capital assets for 2020 was \$93,574 or 3.83%.

2020: Total cost of additions equaled \$321,600: Equipment purchased amounted to \$5,278. Drainage improvements amounted to \$51,945. Building improvements amounted to \$31,697. Construction in Progress = \$232,680

Depreciation expense for 2020 amounted to \$228,026.

## **FUTURE EXPENSES**

The District is committed to previous years' goals of accomplishing proper maintenance to all major canals, ditches, and lateral drainage channels for the new population demand being experienced within the District. The extreme growth in the number of homeowners in the District and the additional drainage impact effects from new development will require additional cleaning of major drainage channels. Focusing attention on canals which are holding surface water or causing delayed drainage will be pursued by the District in the future with the resources available. Increases in expenditures for engineering, employee salaries, general supplies will be realized in upcoming years. New capital outlay items for related maintenance equipment, interaction projects with FEMA and other federal matching capital outlay programs (Louisiana Watershed Initiative), Parish cooperative endeavor projects, and engineering for multiple watershed studies (revealing new improvement projects affecting citizen's drainage) will be realized.

A modeling system is in process for engineering of the major tributary (Gray's Creek Watershed Project and several other watersheds in the District) which will add expenses of major improvements within the next five years. The District adopted a budget amount equal to \$1,546,000 for Capital Outlay in 2021 to accomplish the goals stated above inclusive of District improvements along the watershed of Gray's Creek.

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and reveal the District's accountability for the money received through its operations. If there are any questions about this report or need of additional financial information, contact Administrative Secretary, Randall Smith, Post Office Box 1265, Denham Springs, La 70727.

# **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

#### ASSETS

	Governmental Activities		
	2020	2019	
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,790,073	\$2,261,852	
Investments	541,665	541,529	
Due From Other Governments	15,205	8,349	
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance	812,002	695,725	
Sales Tax Receivable, Net of Collection Fees	395,491	349,323	
Other Receivables	108	108	
Inventory	2,099	3,465	
Prepaid Insurance	62,819	59,957	
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,536,490	2,442,916	
Total Assets	\$ 7,155,952	\$ 6,363,224	
LIABILITIES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 111,056	\$ 67,429	
Accrued Liabilities	31,485	18,177	
Total Liabilities	142,541	85,606	
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,536,490	2,442,916	
Unrestricted	4,476,921	3,834,702	
Total Net Position	7,013,411	6,277,618	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,155,952	\$ 6,363,224	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	Governmen	Governmental Activities		
	2020	2019		
Governmental Activities:				
Expenses:				
Public Works	\$ 2,108,790	\$ 1,941,552		
Depreciation	228,026	244,757		
Total Expenses	2,336,816	2,186,309		
General Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Tax	829,174	788,172		
Sales Tax	2,095,170	1,930,014		
State Revenue Sharing	25,193	24,829		
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains				
on Investments	180	1,493		
Miscellaneous	1,944	-		
Interest	6,323	6,224		
Intergovernmental	114,625			
Total General Revenues	3,072,609	2,750,732		
Change in Net Position	735,793	564,423		
Net Position – Beginning of Year	6,277,618	5,713,195		
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 7,013,411	\$ 6,277,618		

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

# DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,790,073	\$2,261,852
Investments	541,665	541,529
Due From Other Governments	15,205	8,349
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance	812,002	695,725
Sales Tax Receivable, Net of Collection Fees	395,491	349,323
Other Receivables	108	108
Inventory	2,099	3,465
Prepaid Insurance	62,819	59,957
Total Assets	\$4,619,462	\$3,920,308
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 111,056	\$ 67,429
Accrued Liabilities	31,485	18,177
Total Liabilities	142,541	85,606
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance:		
Nonspendables:		
Inventory and Prepaid Insurance	64,918	63,422
Unassigned	4,412,003	3,771,280
Total Fund Equity	4,476,921	3,834,702
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$4,619,462	\$3,920,308

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# DECEMBER 31, 2020

# (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

2020	2019
\$4,476,921	\$3,834,702
5,295,865	4,974,265
(2,759,375)	(2,531,349)
2,536,490	2,442,916
\$7,013,411	\$6,277,618
	\$4,476,921 5,295,865 (2,759,375) 2,536,490

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- GENERAL FUND

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 829,174	\$ 788,172
Sales Tax	2,095,170	1,930,014
State Revenue Sharing	25,193	24,829
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	180	1,493
Miscellaneous	1,944	-,
Interest	6,323	6,224
Intergovernmental	114,625	- , ·
Total Revenues	3,072,609	2,750,732
Expenditures:		
Public Works:		
Salaries	937,892	884,283
Per Diem-Board Members	10,300	10,500
Payroll Taxes	73,886	69,301
Retirement Contributions	68,597	62,857
Health Insurance	234,238	172,462
Assessor's Pension Fund	34,000	30,953
Business Insurance	101,175	111,288
Contract Services	14,319	25,777
Fuel	30,902	41,144
Legal and Professional Fees	322,222	249,475
Supplies	109,224	92,815
Miscellaneous	2,270	8,303
Office Supplies	5,078	10,148
Repairs and Maintenance	55,587	79,874
Sales Tax Collection Fees	28,124	26,635
Telephone	12,372	5,723
Uniforms	38,914	35,267
Utilities	29,690	24,747
	2,108,790	1,941,552

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
Expenditures (Continued):		
Capital Outlay	321,600	1,109,102
Total Expenditures	2,430,390	3,050,654
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	642,219	(299,922)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,834,702	4,134,624
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$4,476,921	\$3,834,702

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	 2020	2019
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund	\$ 642,219	\$ (299,922)
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. How in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the differen between capital outlays and depreciation in the period:	r,	
Capital Outlays Depreciation Expense	 321,600 (228,026)	1,109,102 (244,757)
	93,574	864,345
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 735,793	\$ 564,423

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original	Final		Variance With Final Budget Favorable
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 785,000	\$ 845,000	\$ 829,174	\$ (15,826)
Sales Tax	1,950,000	2,040,000	2,095,170	55,170
State Revenue Sharing	24,800	25,000	25,193	193
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains				
on Investments	-	-	180	180
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,944	1,944
Interest	6,000	6,500	6,323	(177)
Intergovernmental		41,600	114,625	73,025
Total Revenues	2,765,800	2,958,100	3,072,609	114,509
Expenditures:				
Public Works:				
Salaries	910,000	917,000	937,892	(20,892)
Per Diem- Board Members	12,000	11,000	10,300	700
Payroll Taxes	77,000	73,000	73,886	(886)
Retirement Contributions	69,000	67,000	68,597	(1,597)
Health Insurance	177,000	187,000	234,238	(47,238)
Assessor's Pension Fund	31,000	34,000	34,000	-
Business Insurance	135,000	130,000	101,175	28,825
Contract Services	50,000	16,000	14,319	1,681
Fuel	50,000	30,000	30,902	(902)
Legal and Professional Fees	234,000	300,000	322,222	(22,222)
Supplies	95,000	105,000	109,224	(4,224)
Miscellaneous	11,200	3,200	2,270	930
Office Supplies	10,000	7,000	5,078	1,922
Repairs and Maintenance	74,500	84,500	55,587	28,913
Sales Tax Collection Fees	26,000	28,000	28,124	(124)
Telephone	4,000	12,000	12,372	(372)
Uniforms	36,000	34,000	38,914	(4,914)
Utilities	26,000	38,000	29,690	8,310
	2,027,700	2,076,700	2,108,790	(32,090)

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# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures (Continued):				
Capital Outlay	510,000	356,000	321,600	34,400
Total Expenditures	2,537,700	2,432,700	2,430,390	2,310
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	228,100	525,400	642,219	116,819
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,834,702	3,834,702	3,834,702	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 4,062,802	\$ 4,360,102	\$ 4,476,921	\$ 116,819

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## DECEMBER 31, 2020

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies -

Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 ("the District") is a corporate body created by the Livingston Parish Council on November 22, 1969, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes. The purpose of the District is to provide maintenance services to drainage structures within the boundaries of the district. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners.

In October 2019, an election was held whereby the voters of Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 approved a ten year 5-mill property tax on assessed property within the District which will expire in 2030. Also, on January 15, 2005, a 20-year renewal election was held whereby the voters of the District approved a  $\frac{1}{2}$ % sales tax. In addition, the District receives State Revenue Sharing funds from State provisions connected to the local property tax election passage.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below and, where appropriate, subsequent pronouncements will be referenced.

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent on the District's Board of Commissioners. Control by or dependence on the board was determined on the basis of taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

In conformance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Statement 61, the District is a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, the governing body of the parish. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the Council and the general government services provided by that governmental unit.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## DECEMBER 31, 2020

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major fund). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. There were no activities of the District categorized as a business-type activity.

#### Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activity column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis by column, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the District's functions. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while capital grants reflects capital-specific grants. The District does not have any program revenues or operating and capital grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (taxes, interest and investment earnings, etc.).

The District does not allocate indirect costs.

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

#### **Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the District are reported in an individual fund in the fund financial statements. This fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. This fund is reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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The District uses the following fund type:

Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the District:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. At December 31, 2020, it is the only fund of the District.

#### C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

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

#### 1. Accrual -

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

Revenues of the District consist principally of sales taxes, property taxes, state revenue sharing, and interest income. Interest income is recorded when earned. Sales taxes are recorded as revenues when the underlying transaction occurs and meets the availability criteria. Property taxes are recorded as revenues when levied even though a portion of the taxes may be collected in subsequent years. State revenue sharing is recorded when made available.

#### 2. Modified Accrual -

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means that the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means that the amount of the transaction is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund type revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Depreciation is not recognized in the Governmental Fund Financial Statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements at historical cost. Additions, improvements or other capital outlays costing at least \$1,500 and significantly extending the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on a straight line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Improvements	20 to 40 years
Equipment	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

#### E. Budgetary Practices

The District utilizes the following budgetary practices:

The Chairperson of the Board prepares the annual budget which is based on what is expected to be collected during the fiscal year and is approved by the Board of Commissioners. The adopted budget constitutes the authority of the District to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds. Additionally, certain expenditures are approved monthly by the Board before payment. The 2020 budget was discussed in a public hearing and adopted during a meeting of the Board on December 10, 2019. The amended 2020 budget was discussed in a public hearing of the Board on December 8, 2020.

All budget amounts presented in the financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year.

F. <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, particularly given the significant social and economic disruptions and uncertainties associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the COVID-19 control responses, and such differences may be material.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### G. Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in first-out method. The District's inventory consists of fuel. The nonspendable fund balance at the governmental fund level is equal to the amount of inventory at year-end to indicate the portion of the governmental fund balance that is nonspendable.

#### H. Encumbrances

Encumbrances outstanding at year end do not represent GAAP expenditures or liabilities but represent budgetary accounting controls. The Governmental Fund's budget is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting except that budgetary basis expenditures include purchase orders and contracts (encumbrances) issued for goods or services not received at year end.

The actual results of operations are presented in accordance with GAAP and the District's accounting policies do not recognize encumbrances as expenditures until the period in which the goods or services are actually received and a liability is incurred. At December 31, 2020, the District had no outstanding encumbrances.

I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any debt proceeds used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

J. <u>Summary Financial Information for 2019</u>

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized information in total. Such information does not include sufficient details to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

K. Fund Equity

The District implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 which redefined how fund balances are presented in fund financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of the state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.

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Committed - Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District board. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed.

Assigned - Amounts that are designated as committed by the District board but are not spendable until a budget ordinance is passed.

Unassigned - All amounts not included in other spendable classifications. The District board has not adopted a policy to maintain the general fund's unassigned fund balance above a certain minimum level.

The details of the fund balances are included in the Balance Sheet - General Fund (page 12). As noted above, restricted funds are used first as appropriate. Assigned Funds are reduced to the extent that expenditure authority has been budgeted by the District board or the assignment has been changed by the District board. Decreases to fund balance first reduce Unassigned Fund balance; in the event that Unassigned becomes zero, then Assigned and Committed Fund Balances are used in that order.

#### L. COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and globally has caused an economic downturn on a global scale, disrupted global supply chains, and created significant uncertainty, volatility, and disruption across economies and financial markets. Therefore, uncertainty remains regarding the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 outbreak upon the District's financial condition and future results of operations, as well as upon the significant estimates and assumptions that may be utilized in reporting certain assets and liabilities.

#### M. Subsequent Events

The District evaluated additional subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through June 8, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### (2) Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments -

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit with maturities less than 90 days. Under state law the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

As confirmed by the fiscal agents, the District had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$2,801,990 with a carrying amount of \$2,790,073 at December 31, 2020.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

As of December 31, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities:

	In	vestment Matur	rities ( in years	.)	
Amortized	Fair	Less			More
Cost	Value	Than 1	1 - 5	6-10	Than 10
\$ 2,933	\$ 2,933	\$ 2,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
538,732	538,732	538,732			
\$ 541,665	\$ 541,665	\$ 541,665	\$ -	\$ -	<u>s</u> -
	Cost \$ 2,933 538,732	Amortized         Fair           Cost         Value           \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933           538,732         538,732	Amortized         Fair         Less           Cost         Value         Than 1           \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933           538,732         538,732         538,732	Amortized         Fair         Less           Cost         Value         Than 1         1 - 5           \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933         \$ -           538,732         538,732         538,732         -	Cost         Value         Than 1         1 - 5         6-10           \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933         \$ 2,933         \$ -         \$ -           538,732         538,732         538,732         -         -

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Fair Value Measurements. The investments are reflected at fair value except for the following which are permitted per GASB Statement No. 31:

- Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates are reported using a cost-based measure. Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.
- The District reports at amortized cost money market investments and participating interestearning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The District has the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2020: Mutual funds of \$2,933 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

**Interest Rate Risk.** The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.** In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent 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. The pledged securities are

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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deemed by Louisiana State Law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the District regardless of its designation by the financial institution in which it is deposited. As of December 31, 2020, none of the District's bank balance of \$2,801,990 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Investments.** For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these investments (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent 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. The pledged securities are deemed by Louisiana State Law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the District regardless of its designation by the financial institution in which it is deposited. As of December 31, 2020, none of the District's investments of \$541,665 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### (3) Ad Valorem Taxes -

On October 10, 2010, the voters, who live within the boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, renewed a 5-mill (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) ad valorem tax to provide funds for the maintenance, improvement, and construction of drainage structures within the District. The tax is effective for a 10-year period (2011-2020).

The ad valorem taxes are levied each November 15 on the taxable assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located within the boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 1. Taxable assessed value represents the appraised value of the property less exemptions allowed by law. The Livingston Parish Assessor periodically determines the appraised values.

Taxes are due on November 15, the levy date, and they become delinquent on the following January 1. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January through March of the following year. During late April or May, of the year following the year the tax was levied, the Sheriff's office sends out delinquent notices to the property owners. Soon after the Sheriff has mailed the delinquent notices, he will publish them in the newspaper. After a second publication in the newspaper and at least 30 days from the date of the first publication, the property is advertised for auction. The auction usually takes place in June or July. Properties sold at auction have liens placed on them by their buyers. The Parish will put a lien on any properties not sold at the auction.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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As of January 1, 2020, the assessed value of the property located within Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, was \$202,234,254. For 2020, the District elected to assess 4.17 mills to finance the maintenance, improvement, and construction of drainage structures.

Total taxes assessed and taxes receivable at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	General	
	Operations	
	4.17 Mills	
Revenues:		
2020 Ad Valorem Tax Assessed	\$	843,316
Less: 2020 Estimated Uncollectible		(21,083)
Prior Year Collections in Excess of Net Receivable		6,941
	\$	829,174
Receivable:		
2020 Property Tax Assessed	\$	843,316
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected in 2020		(10,231)
Total Property Taxes Receivable at December 31, 2020		833,085
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts		(21,083)
Net Property Tax Receivable at December 31, 2020	\$	812,002

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

## (4) Changes in General Fixed Assets -

Governmental Activities	12/31/2019	Additions	Dispositions	12/31/2020
Capital Assets not Being				
Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 157,288	\$-	s -	\$ 157,288
Construction in Progress	69,470	232,680	-	302,150
Total Capital Assets				
Not being Depreciated	226,758	232,680		459,438
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Buildings	1,042,671	31,697	-	1,074,368
Improvements/Infrastructure	1,231,891	51,945	-	1,283,836
Vehicles	476,307	-	-	476,307
Machinery & Equipment	1,980,617	5,278	-	1,985,895
Furniture & Fixtures	16,021	_		16,021
Total Capital Asset				
Being Depreciated	4,747,507	88,920	-	4,836,427
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	(251,973)	(29,846)	-	(281,819)
Improvements/Infrastructure	(303,459)	(58,861)	-	(362,320)
Vehicles	(360,176)	(36,001)	-	(396,177)
Machinery & Equipment	(1,606,642)	(102,122)	-	(1,708,764)
Furniture & Fixtures	(9,099)	(1,196)	-	(10,295)
Total Accumulated				
Depreciation	(2,531,349)	(228,026)	-	(2,759,375)
Total Capital Assets				
Being Depreciated, Net	2,216,158	(139,106)	-	2,077,052
Total Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 2,442,916	\$ 93,574	\$ -	\$ 2,536,490

Depreciation expense of \$228,026 was charged to the General Operations function in the Statement of Activities.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

#### (5) Commitments -

Following is a schedule that lists various projects and projects costs of each along with amounts spent to date:

	Contract Spent to		Remaining	
Project Name	Amount	Date	Commitment	
Allen Bayou Relief	\$ 165,751	\$ 98,133	\$ 67,618	
Clinton Allen Watershed	73,300	69,470	3,830	
Colton Creek Watershed	91,934	91,934	-	
Beaver Creek Watershed	35,030	9,110	25,920	
Longslash Branch Watershed	29,875	9,040	20,835	
Plantation Estates Watershed	88,550	24,463	64,087	
Total Incomplete Construction				
at December 31, 2020	\$ 484,440	\$ 302,150	\$ 182,290	

#### (6) Long-Term Debt -

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 has no long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### (7) Leases -

The District has no outstanding capital or operating leases at December 31, 2020.

#### (8) Compensated Absences -

The District provides various forms of compensated leave benefits to its employees. An employee can earn sick leave and vacation leave based upon the number of hours worked each pay period and years of continuous employment. The employees of the District must use all of the compensated leave by year end. At this time, the District has no provision for leave carryover, and if leave is not used at year-end, it is lost. A leave accrual is not required in the District's financial statements because there is not a provision for carryover.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### (9) Per Diem Paid Board Members -

Each member of the Board of Commissioners is eligible to receive a per diem allowance of \$100 for attending each regular or special meeting of the board. Per diems paid to the board members for 2020 were as follows:

	Number	
	of	Amount
Commissioner	Meetings	Received
David Provost	23	\$ 2,300
Chris Whitmire	21	2,100
Carl Juneau	14	1,400
Buford Elliot	24	2,400
Robert Borne	21	2,100
		\$10,300

# (10) Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Chairman of the Board of Directors -

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513A, the following is a Schedule of Compensation and Benefits received by David Provost, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who was the acting agency head for the year ended December 31, 2020:

Per Diem	\$ 2,300
Benefit Insurance	-
Travel Reimbursements	-
Conferences	-
Meals	
Total Compensation	\$ 2,300

#### (11) Pension Plan and Retirement Commitments -

The District has a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) for its employees. Under this defined contribution plan, the District's Board of Commissioners establishes individual retirement accounts for each eligible employee to whom the District will make a contribution as determined on a year-to-year basis. Because contributions are made to individual retirement accounts, all contributions received by an employee are 100% vested. The employee may select between several investments options. The District does not guarantee the results of these investments. The District's Board of Commissioners voted to contribute 9.0% of eligible wages for 2020 which amounts to \$68,597.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

#### (12) Contingencies – Litigation -

The District is involved in lawsuits and claims in the ordinary course of their operations. It is management's opinion that outstanding claims would not have a material effect on the District's operations.

#### (13) Sales Tax Abatement -

In prior years, the District entered into cooperative endeavor agreements with two economic development districts under provisions of the LA.R.S. 33:9038 Sales Tax Increment Financing. Under the provisions of the law, entities may enter into the cooperative endeavor agreements to dedicate a portion or all of the sales tax collected within the economic development district area for the purpose of repaying revenue bonds issued to fund economic development projects within the districts.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District abated sales taxes totaling \$785,562 under these two cooperative endeavor agreements.

- Denham Springs Economic Development District (DSEDD) The District entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the DSEDD to dedicate 71.42857 percent of the District's ½ cent sales tax collected within the DSEDD area for the purposes of repaying revenue bonds issued to fund DSEDD projects. Once the DSEDD revenue bonds are paid in full, the District will start receiving 100 percent of its ½ sales tax collected within the DSEDD area. The abated sales tax amounted to \$477,194 for the year ended December 31, 2020.
- Juban Crossing Economic Development District (JCEDD) The District entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the JCEDD to dedicate 40.00 percent of the District's <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent sales tax collected within the JCEDD area for the purposes of repaying revenue bonds issued to fund JCEDD projects. The District is not responsible for maintenance within the JCEDD area while the JCEDD revenue bonds are outstanding. Once the JCEDD revenue bonds are paid in full, the District will start receiving 100 percent of its <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sales tax collected within the JCEDD area and then will be responsible for the maintenance within the JCEDD area. The abated sales tax amounted to \$308,368 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

#### (14) Current Accounting Pronouncements -

In May 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged. Leases should be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances that exist at the beginning of the period of implementation (or, if applied to earlier periods, the beginning of the earliest period restated). However, lessors should not restate the assets underlying their existing sales-type or direct financing leases. Any residual assets for those leases become the carrying values of the underlying assets.

In June 2018, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This Statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Such interest cost includes all interest that previously was accounted for in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs 5-22 of Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements, which are superseded by this Statement. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. This Statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. Earlier application is encouraged. The requirements of this Statement should be applied prospectively.

Management is currently evaluating the effects of each of the new GASB pronouncements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 Livingston Parish Council Denham Springs, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund (the General Fund), and the budgetary comparison statement of the General Fund of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1, (the District) a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 8, 2021.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose; however, under Louisiana Revised Statue 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted, Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana June 8, 2021

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

## A. Summary of Auditor's Results

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

<ul> <li>Material weaknesses identified?</li> </ul>	Yes	Х	No
<ul> <li>Significant deficiencies identified?</li> </ul>	Yes	X	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	X	No

## B. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

None

# C. <u>Compliance and Other Matters</u>

None

## SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

# A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

None

# B. <u>Compliance and Other Matters</u>

None