

***FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6***  
***Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche***  
***State of Louisiana***  
***ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT***  
***FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019***

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***MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS***  
***For the Year Ended December 31, 2019***

This discussion and analysis of Fire Protection District No. 6's (the District) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

***FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS***

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- The net position of our governmental activities decreased by \$46,432, or approximately 2%. Assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,012,803 (net position).
- During the year, expenses were \$856,760 more than the \$154,304 generated in program revenues for governmental programs. General revenues of \$810,328 added to the program revenues made up the shortfall to end the year with expenses exceeding revenue by \$46,432. This compares to last year when revenues exceeded expenses by \$143,268.
- Program expenses increased by \$344,878, while revenues also increased significantly – mainly due to a grant from the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 5 to the District to purchase a new fire truck that will be used by both Districts.
- Governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$624,254 – of which \$53,807 is non-spendable for prepaid insurance and \$30,000 is assigned by the Board in the 2020 budget for truck replacement – the remainder of \$540,447 is considered unassigned.

***USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT***

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-Wide Financial Statements) provide information about the governmental activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds (Fund Financial Statements) tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Other Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance.

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A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

***Government-Wide Financial Statements***

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government'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.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, governmental activities, from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges, business-type activities.

***Fund Financial Statements***

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State laws.

The District utilizes a governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. All of the basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE (GWFS)**

The net position decreased by \$46,432 about 2% as noted in the following table. A large portion of the District's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets - \$2,148,164. Current assets decreased by a little, while capital assets increased significantly by about 7%. Non-current liabilities increased significantly due to the increasing liabilities for the pension plan and other post-employment benefits.

	Condensed Statement of Net Position		Dollar Change
	2018	2019	
Current and Other Assets	\$1,466,336	\$1,459,802	\$ (6,534)
Capital Assets	1,988,171	2,148,164	159,993
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,454,507</b>	<b>3,607,966</b>	<b>153,459</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows</b>	<b>203,343</b>	<b>190,541</b>	<b>(12,802)</b>
Current Liabilities	375	19,403	19,028
Non-current Liabilities	752,788	881,625	128,837
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>753,163</b>	<b>901,028</b>	<b>147,865</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows</b>	<b>845,452</b>	<b>884,676</b>	<b>39,224</b>
Invested in Capital Assets	1,988,171	2,148,164	159,993
Unrestricted	71,064	(135,361)	(206,425)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$2,059,235</b>	<b>\$2,012,803</b>	<b>\$ (46,432)</b>

The net position of governmental activities decreased as mentioned above and again noted in the following table. The amount spent on operating and maintaining the fire safety (program expenses) of the District increased by over \$344,878 or 34% during the year – for the new fire truck purchase. Program and general revenues increased slightly from the prior year.

	Condensed Statement of Activities		Dollar Change
	2018	2019	
Total program expenses	\$ (666,186)	\$(1,011,064)	\$ 344,878
Total program revenues	19,183	154,304	135,121
<b>Net program income</b>	<b>(647,003)</b>	<b>(856,760)</b>	<b>(209,757)</b>
General revenues	790,271	810,328	20,057
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>143,268</b>	<b>(46,432)</b>	<b>189,700</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year	1,915,967	2,059,235	143,268
End of the year	<u>\$2,059,235</u>	<u>\$2,012,803</u>	<u>\$ (46,432)</u>

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (FFS)**

The District uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at individual funds helps you consider whether the District is being accountable for the resources provided to it but may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The General fund reported an ending fund balance of \$624,254 – of which \$53,807 is non-spendable for prepaid insurance and \$30,000 is assigned by the Board in the 2020 budget for truck replacement – the remainder of \$540,447 is considered unassigned. This reflects a decrease of \$62,804 or 9% from the prior year. Capital outlay expenditures were \$290,329, including building improvements and the purchase of a new fire truck.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The original budget for the General Fund was revised during the year. Authorized budget amendments were approved as follows:

Original Budgeted Revenues	\$936,337
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Increased Ad Valorem taxes	4,513
Decreased Intergovernmental revenue	(378)
Increased Interest and Miscellaneous	22,173
<b>Total revenue amendments</b>	<b>26,308</b>
Amended Budgeted Revenues	\$962,645

Original Budgeted Expenditures	\$1,077,837
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Decreased current expenditures	(31,130)
Decreased Capital Outlay	(50,625)
<b>Total expenditure amendments</b>	<b>(81,755)</b>
Amended Budgeted Expenditures	\$996,082

All variances were in compliance with the State Budget Law.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of current and prior year balances follows:

	12/31/2019 Balance	12/31/2018 Balance
<b>NON-DEPRECIABLE ASSETS</b>		
Land	\$38,703	\$38,703
<b>DEPRECIABLE ASSETS:</b>		
Buildings & Improvements	2,016,333	2,016,333
Machinery & Vehicles	1,454,998	1,173,326
Office Furniture & Equipment	10,846	2,189
Total Cost of depreciable assets	<u>3,482,177</u>	<u>3,191,848</u>
Total Cost of Assets	3,520,880	3,230,551
Buildings & Improvements	831,735	780,663
Machinery & Vehicles	539,454	461,143
Office Furniture & Equipment	<u>1,527</u>	<u>574</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	1,372,716	1,242,380
Net depreciable assets	<u>\$2,109,461</u>	<u>\$1,949,468</u>
Net capital assets	<u><u>\$2,148,164</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,988,171</u></u>

This year there was total additions of \$290,329 for vehicles and office furniture. There were no deletions during the year. Depreciation of \$130,336 was recorded on capital assets. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

**FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. That Statement requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits.

As of December 31, 2019, the District reported liabilities in the GWFS of \$584,537 in its governmental activities for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities of the System.

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For the year ended December 31, 2019 the District recognized a pension expense of \$140,143 in its governmental activities related to its participation in the System. At December 31, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources of \$190,541 and deferred inflows of resources of \$56,343 related to pensions. More detailed information is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

**OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75 which increases the reporting and disclosure requirements for other post-employment benefits (OPEB). The standards require state and local governments to recognize net OPEB liabilities directly in their financial statements, as a means of more effectively disclosing exactly what these benefits are meant to provide. Plan information, including actuarial valuation information and funding status, can be found in the annual financial report of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

The District's total OPEB liability of \$297,088 measured as of December 31, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. At December 31, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources of \$69,838 and deferred inflows of resources of \$12,188 related to other post-employment benefits. More detailed information about the other post-employment benefits is presented in Note 7 to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Highlights of next year's General Fund budget include:

<b>Condensed Summary of Budgeted Finances</b>	
	<b>2020</b>
<b>Anticipated revenues</b>	<b>\$ 860,416</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Current	738,416
Capital outlay	82,000
<b>Anticipated expenditures</b>	<b>820,416</b>
Reserved by Board for Fire Truck Replacement	30,000
Net change in fund balance	10,000
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
Beginning of the year	566,757
End of the year	<b><u>\$576,757</u></b>



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***CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT***

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to show accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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Montegut, LA  
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## ***FINANCIAL SECTION***



# STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of  
Fire Protection District No. 6  
Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 6 Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche (the District), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the 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 an opinion on these basic 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 Statements*, 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence supporting 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.

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In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation 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 financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund as of December 31, 2019 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information 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.



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***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 27, 2020, on our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, Louisiana  
April 27, 2020



**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
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Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2019

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 30,756
Investments	563,677
Ad valorem taxes receivable	125,780
Due from other governmental units	685,782
Prepaid Insurance	53,807
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,148,164
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>3,607,966</u></u>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Related to net pension liability	190,541
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**LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION**

***Liabilities:***

Accounts payable	19,403
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	584,537
Other postemployment benefit liability	297,088
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<u><u>901,028</u></u>

***Deferred Inflows of Resources-***

Property taxes - subsequent year	816,145
Related to net pension liability	56,343
Related to OPEB liability	12,188
<i>Total deferred inflows</i>	<u><u>884,676</u></u>

***Net Position:***

Net Invested in capital assets	2,148,164
Unrestricted	(135,361)
<i>Total net position</i>	<u><u>\$ 2,012,803</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for services</b>	<b>Operating &amp; Capital Grants</b>	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>
Public safety-fire protection	\$1,011,064	\$ 910	\$ 153,394	\$ (856,760)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$1,011,064</u>	<u>\$ 910</u>	<u>\$ 153,394</u>	<u>(856,760)</u>

**GENERAL REVENUES**

Ad valorem taxes	762,040
State revenue sharing	10,641
Insurance Claims Refund	16,244
Sale of Assets	250
Unrestricted investment earnings	<u>21,153</u>
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>810,328</u>

**Change in Net Position** (46,432)

**NET POSITION:**

Beginning of year	<u>2,059,235</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,012,803</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund - General Fund

December 31, 2019

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 30,756
Investments	563,677
Receivables - taxes	125,780
Due from other governmental units	685,782
Prepaid Insurance	53,807
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,459,802</u></b>

**LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCE**

***Liabilities -***

Accounts payable and Accrued liabilities	\$ 19,403
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***Deferred Inflows of Resources -***

Property taxes - subsequent period	816,145
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***Fund balances:***

Non-spendable - Prepaid Insurance	53,807
Assigned by the Board for Truck Replacement	30,000
Unassigned	540,447
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b><u>624,254</u></b>

**RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:**

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Add Non-depreciable capital assets	38,703	
Add - Depreciable capital assets	3,482,177	
Deduct - Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,372,716)</u>	2,148,164

Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Related to net pension liability	190,541
Related to net OPEB liability	69,838

Long-term Liabilities not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds

Deduct - Net pension liability	(584,537)
Deduct - OPEB liability	<u>(297,088)</u>
	(881,625)

Deferred inflows of resources are not payable from current expendable resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Related to net pension liability	(56,343)
Related to net OPEB liability	<u>(12,188)</u>
	(68,531)

***Net position of governmental activities***

**\$ 2,012,803**

See notes to financial statements.



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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund - General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

**REVENUES**

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 762,040
Intergovernmental - State of Louisiana	
State Revenue Sharing	10,641
Fire Insurance Tax	18,481
Fire District No. 5 - New Fire Truck Grant	134,913
Facility Rentals	910
Insurance Claims Refund	16,244
Sale of Assets	250
Interest	21,153
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>964,632</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES**

***Current - Public Safety:***

Salaries and benefits	413,904
Uniforms	15,424
Office operations	3,006
Community Relations	1,381
General Government	24,549
Gasoline, Diesel & Oil	6,808
Operating supplies	13,814
Utilities	20,255
Telephone	11,479
Insurance	82,089
2% Fire Insurance Rebate	9,497
Volunteer response and training	4,586
E-911 Fire Dispatch Services	4,685
Professional service fees	26,160
Publish Proceedings/Class Ads	1,343
Travel & Training	8,045
Membership dues	790
Bank Charges	948
Repairs and maintenance	88,343
<i>Total current</i>	<u>737,107</u>

***Capital outlay***

	290,329
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>1,027,436</u></b>

**NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

(62,804)

**FUND BALANCE:**

Beginning of year	687,058
End of year	<b><u>\$ 624,254</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities  
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**Net change in fund balance - governmental fund** **\$ (62,804)**

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives, and reported as depreciation expense.

Add - Capital outlay	290,329
Deduct - Depreciation expense	(130,336)
	<u>159,993</u>

Some expenses reported in the government-wide statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Increase in Net Pension Liability	39,298
Change in Deferred Outflows -Pension	(12,802)
Change in Deferred Outflows -OPEB	(254,450)
Change in Deferred Inflows-Pension	(3,595)
Change in Deferred Inflows-OPEB	(1,611)
Deduct - Increase in OPEB Liability	89,539
	<u>(143,621)</u>

**Change in net position - governmental activities** **\$ (46,432)**

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Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche (the District) was formed under La. Revised Statute 40:1492 and 40:1496 and by Terrebonne Parish resolution adopted June 11, 1947 and revised by Terrebonne Parish ordinance 5175 adopted January 12, 1994. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners comprised of seven members appointed by the Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish Councils.

The District was formed for the acquisition, purchase, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operations of fire protection facilities and equipment, and obtaining water for fire protection purposes in Ward 6 of the Parish of Terrebonne and in Ward 11 of the Parish of Lafourche.

***Note 1***                      ***SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES***

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

***A. Reporting Entity***

As the governing authority, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is the financial reporting entity for Terrebonne Parish. The majority of ad valorem tax revenue is received from Terrebonne Parish. Because the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government could by definition in statute be financially burdened by the Fire District No. 6, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and its component unit and do not present information on the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Parish.

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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)**

**B.      Basis of Presentation**

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The various funds in the financial statements in this report are as follows:

***Governmental Fund Type***

Governmental funds account for all or most of the general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations. The governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources and expenditures except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

**C.      Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

***Fund Financial Statements (FFS)***

The amounts reflected in fund financial statements, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of operations.

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**C.      Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)**

The amounts reflected in the fund financial statements, use 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 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. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

- **Revenues** – Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded as revenue in the period for which levied, thus the 2018 property taxes which were levied to finance the 2019 budget are recognized as revenue in 2019. The 2019 tax levy is recorded as deferred revenue in the current financial statements. Charges for services are recorded when earned since they are measurable and available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable or available until actually received.
- **Expenditures** – The major expenditures current public safety supplies, insurance and audit and accounting fees are recorded when payable or when the fees are incurred.

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

The government-wide financial statements display information as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

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**C.      Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)**

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Section N50.

- **Program Revenues** - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the general revenues.

**D. Use of Estimates**

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**E. Operating Budgets**

As required by Louisiana Revised Statutes, The Board of Commissioners adopted a budget for the District's General Fund. The Board must approve any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another, or increases in expenditures. The district amended its budget as required. All budgeted amounts that are not expended or obligated through contracts lapse at year-end. The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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**F.      Cash and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations.

Investments are stated at fair value as established by open market, except for the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is an external pool which is operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Rule 2a7 allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than fair value to report net assets to compute share prices if certain conditions are met.

**G.      Receivables**

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

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**H.      Prepaid Insurance**

The District has recorded prepaid insurance in the General Fund. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

**I.      Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

The District reports decreases (increases) in net position that relate to future periods as deferred outflows (inflows) of resources in separate sections of its Statement of Net Position. The District reports deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to its net pension liability. These amounts are being amortized over a period of five years.

**J.      Vacation and Sick Leave**

Accumulated vacation and sick leave is recorded as an expenditure of the period in which paid in the Governmental Fund. Full time employees are entitled to eighteen days' vacation after one year of service. Each year the employee must use vacation time accumulated before their anniversary date (the day they first began working), if not taken it is forfeited. The vacation period is increased one day for each year of service over ten years, up to a maximum of thirty days. There is no material accumulated vacation or sick leave at year end.

**K.      Capital Assets**

In the government-wide financial statements, additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are recorded and depreciated (capitalized). Capital assets purchased or acquired are valued at historical cost or estimated if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. 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. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:



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**K. Capital Assets (continued)**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>LIFE</b>
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	25-40 YEARS
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	5-20 YEARS
OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	5-10 YEARS

In the fund financial statements, capital assets purchased in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

**L. Fund Equity**

For government-wide statement of net position, net assets are displayed in three components:

- Invested in 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, if any.
- Restricted net assets – those with constraints placed on the use either by:
  - i. External groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or
  - ii. Law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets – all other assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)**

**L. Fund Equity (continued)**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as:

- Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form.
- Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.
- Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the Board through approval in minutes.
- Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the Board.
- Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Deposit balances at year end are as follows:

	Per Bank	As Reported
Cash	\$ 36,549	\$30,756

State law requires that deposits be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits.

Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the District or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision. Under the provision of GASB, pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

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**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. At year end none of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which promulgates the standards for accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments, considers these securities subject to custodial credit risk. Even though the pledged securities are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement 40, 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 depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

*Investments:*

Investment balances and maturities at year end are as follows:

Investment Type	As Reported	Fair Value	Maturity
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	\$563,677	\$563,677	LESS THAN 1 YEAR

At year-end the balance of investments is invested in the Louisiana Asset management Pool (LAMP). LAMP, a local government investment pool, is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2-a7, which governs registered money market funds. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments.

The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955.

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**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or back by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value.

For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required for custodial credit risk. Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement regarding the concentration of credit risk. 2a-7 like investments pools are excluded from the interest rate disclosure requirement, nor is foreign currency risk disclosure applicable.

Interest rate risk inherent in the portfolio is measured by monitoring the segmented time distribution of the investments in the portfolio. The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value. For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances.

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**Note 3                      AD VALOREM TAXES**

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in both Parishes. Assessed values are established by the Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 2016.

Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2018, on which the 2019 revenue was recorded was \$16.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within Fire Protection District No. 6 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities within the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including fire hydrant rentals and service.

**Note 4                      CAPITAL ASSETS**

Information about capital assets and depreciation for the year are summarized as follows:

	Balance	Additions	Deletions/ Adjustments	Balance
<b>NON-DEPRECIABLE ASSETS</b>				
Land	\$ 38,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$38,703
	<u>38,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,703</u>
<b>DEPRECIABLE ASSETS:</b>				
Buildings & Improvements	2,016,333	-	-	2,016,333
Machinery & Vehicles	1,173,326	281,672	-	1,454,998
Office Furniture & Equipment	2,189	8,657	-	10,846
Total Cost of depreciable assets	<u>3,191,848</u>	<u>290,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,482,177</u>
Total Cost of Assets	3,230,551	290,329	-	3,520,880

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**Note 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)**

<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>				
Buildings & Improvements	780,663	51,072	-	831,735
Machinery & Vehicles	461,143	78,311	-	539,454
Office Furniture & Equipment	574	953	-	1,526
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>1,242,380</b>	<b>130,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,372,716</b>
Net depreciable assets	<u>\$1,949,468</u>			<u>\$2,109,461</u>
Net capital assets	<u><b>\$1,988,171</b></u>			<u><b>\$2,148,164</b></u>

Depreciation Expense of \$130,336 was recorded in the governmental activities.

**NOTE 5 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

The detail from whom amounts are due at year end are as follows:

Lafourche Parish Tax Collector	\$33,443
Terrebonne Parish Tax Collector	652,339
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$685,782</b>

**NOTE 6 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The District adopted GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. That Statement requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits.

**PLAN DESCRIPTION** – The District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (FRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public retirement system, which is controlled and administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The System provides retirement, disability benefits, and death benefits for its members.

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**NOTE 6      FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)**

Act 434 of the 1979 Louisiana Legislative Session established the plan. The System is governed by Louisiana R.S. 11:2251 – 11:2269, specifically, and other general laws of the State. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, 2051 Silverside Dr., Suite 210, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4136 or at their website <http://www.lafirefightersret.com>.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** – Any person who becomes an employee as defined in R.S. 11:2252 on and after January 1, 1980 shall become a member as a condition of employment. Members in the System consist of full-time firefighters, eligible employees of the retirement system, or any person in a position as defined in the municipal fire and police civil service system that earns at least \$375 per month, excluding state supplemental pay, and is employed by a fire department of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the State of Louisiana, except for Orleans Parish and the City of Baton Rouge. No person who has attained age fifty or over shall become a member of the System, unless the person becomes a member by reason of a merger or unless the System received an application for membership before the applicant attained the age of fifty. No person who has not attained the age of eighteen years shall become a member of the System.

Any person who has retired from service under any retirement system or pension fund maintained basically for public officers and employees of the state, its agencies or political subdivisions, and who is receiving retirement benefits therefrom may become a member of this System, provided the person meets all other requirements for membership. Service credit from the retirement system or pension plan from which the member is retired shall not be used for reciprocal recognition of service with this System, or for any other purpose in order to attain eligibility or increase the amount of service credit in this System.

**RETIREMENT BENEFITS** – Employees with 20 or more years of service who have attained age 50, or employees who have 12 years of service who have attained age 55, or 25 years of service at any age are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to 3.333% of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100%. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint and survivor annuity.

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**NOTE 6      FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)**

If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to their employer's contributions. Benefits are payable over the employees' lives in the form of a monthly annuity. An employee may elect an unreduced benefit or any of seven options at retirement. See R.S. 11:2256(A) for additional details on retirement benefits.

**DISABILITY BENEFITS** – A member who acquires a disability, and who files for disability benefits while in service, and who upon medical examination and certification as provided for in Title 11, is found to have a total disability solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, or for any cause, provided the member has at least five years of creditable service and provided that the disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service, shall be entitled to disability benefits under the provisions of R.S. 11:2258(B).

**DEATH BENEFITS** – Benefits shall be payable to the surviving eligible spouse or designated beneficiary of a deceased member as specified in R.S. 11:2256(B) & (C).

**DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP)** – After completing 20 years of creditable service and age 50 or 25 years at any age, a member may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to 36 months.

Upon commencement of participation in the DROP employer and employee contributions to the System cease. The monthly retirement benefit that would have been payable is paid into the DROP plan account. Upon termination of employment, a participant in the program shall receive, at his option, a lump-sum payment from the account or an annuity based on the DROP plan account balance in addition to his regular monthly benefit. If employment is not terminated at the end of the 36 months, the participant resumes regular contributions to the System. No payments may be made from the DROP account until the participant retires.

**INITIAL BENEFIT OPTION PLAN** – Effective June 16, 1999, members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive, at the time of retirement, an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. Such amounts may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at the same rate as the DROP account.



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**NOTE 6      FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)**

**EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS** – Employer contributions are actuarially determined each year. For the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, employer and employee contributions for members above the poverty line were 26.50% and 10.0% respectively. For the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, employer and employee contributions for members above the poverty line were 27.75% and 10.0% respectively.

**NON-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS** – The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. The tax is considered support from a non-contributing entity and appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2019 and were excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contributions received by the System during the year ended June 30, 2019 for the System were \$26,807,631 and for the District were \$25,024.

**PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** - As of December 31, 2019, the District reported liabilities in the GWFS of \$584,537 in its governmental activities for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities of the System. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the long-term contributions to the plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2019, the District's proportional share of the System was .093348% which was an increase of .00144% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended December 31, 2019 the District recognized a pension expense of \$140,143 in its governmental activities related to its participation in the System and District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred outflows	Deferred inflows
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$(42,165)
Investment Earnings	39,308	-
Changes in assumption	53,179	(43)
Changes in proportion	67,995	(14,135)
Employer Contributions after the measurement period	30,059	-
	<u>\$190,541</u>	<u>\$(56,343)</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2020	\$ 47,939
2021	3,096
2022	24,070
2023 & thereafter	29,034
	<u>\$104,139</u>

**ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS** - The total pension liabilities, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

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**NOTE 6      FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)**

Valuation Date	June 30, 2019
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
<b>Actuarial cost assumptions:</b>	
Expected remaining service lives	7 years, closed period
Investment rate of return	7.15% per annum
Inflation rate	2.50% per annum
Salary increases	Vary from 14.75% in the first two years of service to 4.50% after 25 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	For the purpose of determining the present value of benefits, COLAs were deemed not to be substantively automatic and only those previously granted were included

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The data was then assigned creditability weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. The RP-2000 Combined Healthy with Blue Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Tables, projected to 2031 using Scale AA, were selected for employee, annuitant, and beneficiary mortality. The RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back five years for males and set back three years for females was selected for disabled annuitants. Setbacks in these tables were used to approximate mortality improvement.

The estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation, 2.75%.

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**NOTE 6      FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)**

The resulting long-term expected arithmetic nominal rate of return was 7.94% as of June 30, 2019. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class includes in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019, are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Type</b>	<b>Target Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Equities-US Equity	21.50%	5.98%
Equities-Non-US Equity	17.50%	7.52%
Equities-Global Equity	10.00%	6.59%
Fixed Income	31.00%	2.17%
Alternatives-Real Estate	6.00%	4.14%
Alternatives-Private Equity	4.00%	10.52%
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	5.00%	4.37%
Risk Parity	5.00%	4.67%
Totals	100.00%	
Discount Rate		7.15%

**SENSITIVITY OF THE CHANGES IN DISCOUNT RATE** - The following presents the net pension liabilities of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2019.

	<b>1% Decrease 6.15%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 7.15%</b>	<b>1% Increase 8.15%</b>
Net Pension Liability	\$846,449	\$ 584,537	\$ 364,708

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**NOTE 7      POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS**

The District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75 which increases the reporting and disclosure requirements for other post-employment benefits (OPEB). The standards require state and local governments to recognize net OPEB liabilities directly in their financial statements, as a means of more effectively disclosing exactly what these benefits are meant to provide. Plan information, including actuarial valuation information and funding status, can be found in the annual financial report of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

**Plan Description.** The TPCG administers a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Plan). The Plan provides for the payment of medical, dental and life insurance premiums to eligible employees, retirees and their dependents as approved by the Board of Commissioners. The District funds the entire premium for all benefits on all employees.

District employees retiring with at least ten years of permanent full-time creditable service with the District shall be eligible to participate in the Plan approved by the Board of Commissioners under the following vesting schedule: 1 to 15 years of service, 2.75% per year; 16 to 20 years of service, 41.25 % plus 3.75% per year of service between 16 and 20; 21 years or more of service, 60% plus 5% per year of service over 21, limited to 85% of the premium. A retired employee may provide dependent hospitalization coverage at applicable dependent rates.

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government contracts with an actuarial consultant to provide an actuarial valuation of the OPEB liability under GASB Statement 75, which requires at least biennial valuations for plans with membership over 200, unless significant changes since the last valuation. The most recent OPEB liability actuarial valuation was completed for the plan year that ended December 31, 2019.

**Benefits Provided.** The Parish maintains the following benefits covering eligible active and retire employees and their dependents.

- Self-funded health coverage
  - Standard plan
  - Premium plan
- Self-funded dental coverage
- Fully insured group term life insurance
- Beginning January 1, 2019, a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan for Medicare-eligible retirees

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**NOTE 7 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)**

For hire dates prior to January 1, 2013, to be eligible for coverage after retirement, employees were required to have ten years of service with the Parish and be eligible for retirement under one of the state retirement systems.

Effective for all employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, the Parish changed the eligibility requirements. For MPERS and FRS employees, benefits will be available to those eligible with twenty-five years of service and age 55. For all other employees, a retiring employee must have thirty years of service and age 55.

For employees who were hired prior to January 1, 2013 and retired prior to 2005, the Parish implemented a contribution structure that varies based on the years of service at retirement. The current Parish subsidy percentages vary between 10 years of service of 27.50% and 25+ years of 80%. For those who retired after 2005, the Parish subsidy is 80%.

**Employees covered by benefit terms.** At December 31, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms of the plan:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	229
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	963
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	1,192

**Contribution Rates.** Employees do not contribute to their post-employment benefits costs until they become retirees and begin receiving those benefits. The plan provisions and contribution rates are contained in the official plan documents.

**Total OPEB Liability.** The District's total OPEB liability of \$297,088 measured as of December 31, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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**NOTE 7 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs.**

The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Measurement Date	December 31, 2019
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2018
Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	2.75%,
Prior year discount rate	3.71%

The discount rate was based on December 31, 2018 Fidelity General Obligation AA 20-Year Yield. Mortality rates for active employees were based on RPH-2014 Employee Mortality Table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2018 for males or females, as appropriate.

Mortality rates for retirees were based on RPH-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2018 for males or females, as appropriate.

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (Asset).** The table below reflects the Net Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) Obligation (Asset):

Beginning Net OPEB Obligation 12/31/2017	\$207,549
Service Cost	4,637
Interest	6,320
Changes of benefit terms	21,590
Differences between expected and actual experience	9,284
Changes in assumptions	55,356
Benefit payments	(7,649)
Net Change in OPEB Obligation	89,539
Ending Net OPEB Obligation 12/31/2018	\$297,088

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**NOTE 7 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)**

**Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate and healthcare trend rates.** The following presents the total OPEB liability, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.71%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.71%) than the current discount rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 357,475	\$297,088	\$250,027
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	\$ 241,601	\$297,088	\$371,875

The District's proportionate share of the aggregate plan OPEB expense was \$25,738.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Liability Experience	\$ 7,427	\$(1,528)
Assumption changes	44,285	(10,660)
Deferred Amounts	18,126	-
Total	\$69,838	\$(12,188)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
2020	\$15,069
2021	\$15,069
2022	\$15,069
2023	\$15,069
2024	\$0

**Note 8 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and group health benefits for which the District participates in the Parish's risk management program for general liability, workers' compensation, group insurance, property and auto liability. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the insurance coverage. The Parish handles all claims filed against the District.



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**Note 9      COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member per diem payments are included in salaries and benefits on the financial statements. Compensation was paid to Board Members during the current year as follows:

Board Member	Per Diem
Michelle A. Chaisson	\$ 300
Maryetta Ellender	300
Curvin Chauvin	240
Alcee Dupre, Jr.	300
Kevin Belanger	180
Gale LeBoeuf	240
Grant J. Dupre	300
	\$ 1,860

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION***

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
OF THE PARISHES OF TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE**

Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Budgets		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Amended		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$756,937	\$761,450	\$762,040	\$ 590
Intergovernmental:				
State of Louisiana:				
State Revenue Sharing	10,800	10,641	10,641	-
Fire Insurance Tax	18,700	18,481	18,481	-
Facility Rentals	500	910	910	-
Interest	14,400	20,000	21,153	1,153
Miscellaneous	135,000	151,163	151,407	245
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>936,337</u>	<u>962,645</u>	<u>964,632</u>	<u>1,988</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Public safety - current:				
Salaries and benefits	432,500	418,600	413,904	4,696
Office operations	5,500	5,250	4,387	863
Uniforms and Bunker Gear	20,000	15,000	15,424	(424)
General Government	24,363	24,589	24,549	40
Gasoline, Diesel & Oil	8,500	8,500	6,808	1,692
Operating supplies	12,000	3,450	13,814	(10,364)
Utilities	20,000	20,000	20,255	(255)
Telephone & Communication	9,500	9,500	11,479	(1,979)
Insurance	71,000	60,633	82,089	(21,456)
Licenses & Permits	300	300	-	300
2% Fire Insurance Rebate	10,000	10,000	9,497	503
Volunteer response and training	10,000	4,500	4,586	(86)
E-911 Fire Dispatch Services	4,685	4,685	4,685	-
Professional service fees	25,500	25,000	26,160	(1,160)
Publish Proceedings/Class Ads	1,500	1,500	1,343	157
Travel & Training	10,000	9,000	8,045	955
Membership dues	2,000	750	790	(40)
Bank Charges	900	900	948	(48)
Repairs and maintenance	68,139	83,100	88,343	(5,243)
Total public safety - current	<u>736,387</u>	<u>705,257</u>	<u>737,107</u>	<u>(36,546)</u>
Capital expenditures	<u>341,450</u>	<u>290,825</u>	<u>290,329</u>	<u>496</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,077,837</u>	<u>996,082</u>	<u>1,027,436</u>	<u>(36,050)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>(141,500)</u>	<u>(33,438)</u>	<u>(62,804)</u>	<u>(29,366)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Beginning of year	679,778	600,195	687,058	86,863
End of year	<u>\$538,278</u>	<u>\$566,758</u>	<u>\$624,254</u>	<u>\$86,863</u>

**Notes to budget comparison schedule:**

**1 Basis of Accounting**

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**2 Budgetary Practices**

The District prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with LSA-RS 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
December 31, 2019

**Year Ended June 30	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2019	0.093348%	\$ 584,537	\$ 220,593	265%	73.96%
2018	0.094790%	\$ 545,239	\$ 215,579	253%	74.76%
2017	0.087954%	\$ 504,139	\$ 225,309	224%	73.50%
2016	0.081266%	\$ 531,553	\$ 170,305	312%	68.20%
2015	0.080498%	\$ 434,457	\$ 164,197	265%	72.45%

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

\*\* The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30th

**Notes to Retirement System Schedules:**

**Changes of Benefit Terms**

6/30/2016	NO CHANGE
6/30/2017	NO CHANGE
6/30/2018	NO CHANGE
6/30/2019	NO CHANGE

**Changes of Assumptions**

	Actuarial cost method	Inflation rate	Discount rate- Investment ROR	Salary increases vary from 15.0% in first two years to 4.75% with 25 or more years	Expecting remaining service lives
6/30/2015	Entry Age Normal	2.88%	7.50%	no change	7 years
6/30/2016	Entry Age Normal	2.88%	7.50%	no change	7 years
6/30/2017	Entry Age Normal	2.78%	7.40%	no change	7 years
6/30/2018	Entry Age Normal	2.70%	7.30%	no change	7 years

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
OF THE PARISHES OF TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE**

Schedule of Employer Contributions

December 31, 2019

<b>**Year Ended June 30</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contribution</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>Employer's covered Employee Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll</b>
2019	\$ 59,787	\$ 59,277	\$ 510	\$ 220,593	26.87%
2018	\$ 59,805	\$ 59,805	\$ -	\$ 215,579	27.74%
2017	\$ 58,463	\$ 58,463	\$ -	\$ 225,309	25.95%
2016	\$ 50,237	\$ 50,237	\$ -	\$ 225,309	22.30%
2015	\$ 48,064	\$ 48,064	\$ -	\$ 170,305	28.22%

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**Notes to Retirement System Schedules:**

**Changes of Benefit Terms**

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6/30/2018	Entry Age Normal	2.70%	7.30%	no change	7 years

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6  
OF THE PARISHES OF TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratio:**

Measurement Date	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Service Cost	\$ 9,605	\$ 4,637
Interest	\$ 13,996	\$ 6,320
Change in benefit terms	\$ (209,821)	\$ 21,592
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ (2,076)	\$ 9,284
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	\$ (14,483)	\$ 55,356
Benefit payments	\$ (5,822)	\$ (7,649)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ (208,601)</u>	<u>\$ 89,540</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability-beginning</b>	<u>\$ 416,149</u>	<u>\$ 207,548</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability-ending</b>	<u><u>\$ 207,548</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 297,088</u></u>
 Covered Employee Payroll	 \$ 239,498	 \$ 250,328
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	86.66%	118.68%

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

**Notes to Retirement System Schedules:**

<b>Changes of Benefit Terms.</b>	None	Effective 1/1/2019, a Medicare Advantage Plan was introduced as an option for eligible retirees.
<b>Changes of Assumptions.</b>		
Inflation	NOT LISTED	2.500%
Salary Increases, including inflation	3.000%	3.000%
Discount rate	3.710%	2.750%

## ***OTHER INFORMATION***

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6**  
**OF THE PARISHES OF TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE**  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

**Agency Head Name: Toby Henry, District Fire Chief**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$ 62,893
Supplemental Pay	\$ 6,000
Benefits-insurance	\$ 17,091
Benefits-retirement	\$ 18,687
Deferred compensation (contributions made by the agency)	\$ -
Benefits-other (Volunteer Incentive Pay)	\$ 200
Car allowance	\$ -
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2 adjusted for various fiscal years)	\$ -
Cell phone	\$ -
Dues	\$ -
Vehicle rental	\$ -
Per diem meals for conference	\$ -
Reimbursements-Medical Supplies	\$ -
Travel	\$ 20
Registration fees	\$ -
Conference travel	\$ 1,034
Housing	\$ -
Unvouchered expenses (expample: travel advances, etc.)	\$ -
Special meals	\$ -
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	\$ -

***This form is used to satisfy the reporting requirement of R.S. 24:513(A)(3) on Supplemental Reporting***



***REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT  
AUDITING STANDARDS***



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

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Fire Protection District No. 6  
Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche

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 and each major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 6, Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche , a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2019.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Fire Protection District No. 6  
Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche  
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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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 Fire Protection District No. 6's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### ***Purpose of this Report***

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

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, LA  
April 27, 2020



***FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.6  
Of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche***

**Statewide Agreed Upon  
Procedures Report  
With Schedule of Findings  
and Management's Responses**

***As of and for the Year Ending  
December 31, 2019***



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## AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche

Independent Accountant's Report  
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Period January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

To the Board Members of the  
Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche and  
Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche (the District) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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

The procedures and associated results are as follows:

### ***Written Policies and Procedures***

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

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

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

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- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.



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- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
- c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

### ***Bank Reconciliations***

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- 3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

### ***Collections***

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- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of



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employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

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

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire



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of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
  - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

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

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11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported



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by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

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

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14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
  - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

#### ***Contracts***

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15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.



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

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable. The District has not initiated nor renewed any such contracts during the fiscal year.*

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulative leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.
19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

### ***Ethics***

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20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.



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- b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

### **Debt Service**

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21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

### **Other**

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23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
24. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

**Results:** *The District did not have exceptions in this category in Year 2 (December 31, 2018), therefore was excluded from testing in Year 3 (December 31, 2019).*

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

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

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Thibodaux, LA  
April 23, 2020



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