

**TANGIPAHOA ST. HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

AMITE, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2025



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TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Independent Accountant's Review Report

To the Board of Supervisors of
Tangipahoa-St Helena Soil and Water
Conservation District
Amite, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Tangipahoa-St. Helena Soil and Water Conservation District, as of the year end June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

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

Accountant's Conclusion

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

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and the other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not

aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule on page 22 be presented to the supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Hebert Johnson & Associates

Hebert Johnson & Associates, Inc.
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December 22, 2025

BASIC FINANCAL STATEMENTS

TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amite, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$ 274,614
Receivables	32,115
Restricted Cash-Land Trust/NRDA	1,192,302
Capital assets, net	11,053
Total assets	<u>1,510,084</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable	23,403
Unearned revenue-Land Trust	1,246,094
Total liabilities	<u>1,269,497</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>	
Net investments in capital assets	11,053
Unrestricted	<u>229,534</u>
Total Net Position	 \$ <u>240,587</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

		Governmental Activities
Expenses		
Conservation:		
Personnel services	\$	155,752
Operating services		1,788
Area meeting and convention		1,533
Land Trust/NRDA programs		283,020
Other programs		9,556
Travel		1,179
Depreciation		4,110
Total Expenses		456,938
 Program Revenues		
Charges for services		363,586
Operating grant		121,263
Total Program Revenues		484,849
Net Program Revenues		27,911
 General Revenues:		
Interest earning		7,134
Other income		1,850
Total General Revenues		8,984
 Change in Net Position		36,895
 Net Position - Beginning		203,692
 Net Position - Ending	\$	240,587

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 June 30, 2025

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 274,614
Receivables	32,115
Restricted Cash-Land Trust/NRDA	1,192,302
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,499,031
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 23,403
Unearned revenue-Land Trust	1,246,094
Total Liabilities	1,269,497
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Unavailable grant revenue	10,756
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	10,756
Fund balance:	
Unassigned	218,778
Total Fund Balance	218,778
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,499,031

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

Fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 218,778
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consists of:	
Governmental capital assets, net of depreciation	11,053
Deferred inflows of resources – uncollected grant revenues are not reported on government-wide financial statements	<u>10,756</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 240,587</u>

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund
<u>REVENUES</u>	
Land Trust for Louisiana	
Intergovernmental:	\$ 363,586
Federal – farm bill	46,725
Federal- NRCS	13,934
State funds	49,848
Interest earnings	7,134
Other Income	1,850
	483,077
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Conservation:	
Personnel services	155,752
Operating services	1,788
Area meeting and convention	1,533
NRDA programs	283,020
Other programs	9,556
Travel	1,179
	452,828
Total Expenditures	452,828
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 30,249
 <u>FUND BALANCES</u>	
Fund balance - beginning of year	188,529
Fund balance - end of year	\$ 218,778

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$	30,249
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These differences consist of:

Depreciation expense	(4,110)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Change in uncollected grant revenue	<u>10,756</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>36,895</u>
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See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The District was created by and in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 3:1201 and serves citizens within the boundaries of District 32, Area V of the State of Louisiana. The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation of the soil and soil resources of their district, to control and prevent soil erosion and floodwater and sediment damages, and for furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water. The District is to also preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of their district.

The governing authority of each district shall consist of five supervisors who shall be landowners or farm operators and qualified voters within the state. Three of the supervisors will be elected within the district on the second Saturday in June each year and the other two are appointed by the State Soil and Water Conservation District.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

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

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. Management has elected to not present the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

B. Reporting Entity

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of appointment of governing body, ability to significantly influence operations, accountability for fiscal matters, and the nature and significance of an organization's relationship with the primary government. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the District includes all funds that are within the oversight responsibility of the Tangipahoa-St Helena Soil and Water Conservation District. Based on consideration of the foregoing criteria, the Tangipahoa-St Helena Soil and Water Conservation District is deemed to be a separate reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds of the District are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the District's general activities. The District only has one governmental fund, the General Fund.

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

D. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows, or Resources and Net Position*. GASB 63 provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows or resources, deferred inflows or resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. The reader will note a change in terminology from "net assets" to "net position".

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the activities of the District with the interfund activities removed. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The net position of a government will be broken down into three categories - 1) net investment in capital assets; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities 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, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues are derived from the program itself or from parties outside the District's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District's general revenues. The primary sources of program revenue to the District are allocations received from the state, federal government, and from revenue under contract with Land Trust for Louisiana

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* as it relates to donated capital assets. Donated capital assets are to be measured at acquisition value.

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The District implemented policies established under GASB Statement No.87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of the financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The Statement requires all leases (contracts that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange-like transaction) to be reported under a single accounting model for both lessors and lessees. Certain leases that were previously classified as operating leases are to be recognized as lease assets and liabilities. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

The District implemented policies established under GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs)*. This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government end users. This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset – and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including the implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended.

During the year, the District implemented policies established under GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The primary objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. Leave is attributable to services already rendered when an employee has performed the services required to earn the leave. Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. However, leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in a liability for compensated absences. The adoption of this statement did not materially impact the District's governmental activities at July 1, 2024.

During the fiscal year, the District implemented policies under GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. This Statement establishes disclosure requirements regarding concentrations and constraints that could expose a government to certain risks of loss or limit its ability to provide services or meet obligations. Disclosures are required when (1) a concentration or constraint is known to the government prior to the issuance of the financial statements, (2) the concentration or constraint makes the reporting unit vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact, and (3) an event or events associated with the concentration or constraint that could cause a substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. This statement has no impact on the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basic Financial Statements - Governmental Funds

The amounts reflected in the General Fund 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

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fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of the current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General fund 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. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Investment earnings are recognized when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Reconciliation

Explanation of differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in the statement of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in the statement of the basic financial statements.

E. Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District investment policy allow the District to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and the mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 12 months; however, if the original maturities are 12 months or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

F. Receivables and Leased Asset Receivables

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible. Uncollectible amounts for grant revenues are recorded as a reduction of current revenues.

Leased asset receivables are a result of leases in which the District has entered into a contract with a lessee that delivers the right to use a nonfinancial asset of the District as specified by the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Such receivables are reported on the government-wide financial statements at present value of the lease payments to be received during the lease term. Additionally, the District would recognize a deferred inflow of resources that is reported at the value of the lease receivable plus any payments received at or before the commencement of the lease for future periods. Assets of agreement entered into in which the District is the lessor are retained as capital assets of the District and are reported in the government-wide financial statements as described in Note 1. H. The District has not entered into any agreements delivering control of a right to use a nonfinancial asset to a lessee as described above as of June 30, 2025.

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G. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of cash resources from Land Trust for Louisiana received prior to meeting the eligibility requirements.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated costs if historical costs are not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 Years
Vehicles	5 Years
Equipment	5 - 15 Years

Right of use assets are a result of leases in which the District has entered into a contract with a lessor that conveys control of the right to use the lessor's nonfinancial asset as specified by the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Such assets are reported on the government-wide financial statements net of amortization. Right of use assets are amortized at the lesser of the useful life or lease term. The District has not entered into any agreements gaining control of the right to use a lessor's nonfinancial assets as described above as of June 30, 2025.

I. Restricted Net Position

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either:

- externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; and
- imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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

J. Fund Equity

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the District implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

- **Nonspendable:** This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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The District did not have any nonspendable resources as of year-end.

- Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

The District did not have any restricted resources as of year-end.

- Committed: This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the District's Board of Commissioners. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District's Board of Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

The District did not have any committed resources as of year-end.

- Assigned: This classification includes spendable amounts that are reported in governmental funds *other than the General Fund*, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 54. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by the District who has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

The District did not have any assigned fund balance as of year-end.

- Unassigned: This classification is the residual fund balance for the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the District would use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, it reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use to the other classified funds.

K. Estimates

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

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. BUDGET

The District uses the following budget practices:

1. The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgetary control is exercised at the fund level. The District adopted a budget for the General Fund.
2. All budgetary appropriations lapse at year-end
3. Periodic budget comparisons are made as a part of interim reporting. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the originally adopted budget amounts and subsequent amendments.

The original budget for FYE June 30, 2025, was completed and approved by the board on June 27, 2025; the same day the budget was submitted to Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for approval. The State approved the budget on July 3, 2025.

B. REVENUES- ACTUAL AND BUDGET

The actual revenues and other sources failed to meet the budget revenues and other sources for FYE June 30, 2025.

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>	<u>Percent</u>
\$ 670,187	\$ 483,077	\$ 187,110	27.92%

3. DEPOSITS

At June 30, 2025, the District had deposits and investments (book balances) totaling \$1,466,916 as follows:

Statements of net position:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 274,614
Restricted asset – cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,192,302</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$1,466,916</u>

Deposits, investments, and other (GASB 3 and 40 disclosures) as of June 30, 2025, consists of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	<u>\$1,466,916</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Per GASB Statement 3, as amended by GASB 40; the District's deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk since the collateral pledged by the fiscal agent is not held in the District's name.

At June 30, 2025, the District has \$1,467,243 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$1,217,243 is uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

4. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2025:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Federal funds-farm bill	\$ 3,459
Federal funds- NRCS	13,934
State funds	<u>14,722</u>
Total	\$ <u>32,115</u>

An allowance account for grant receivables is not considered necessary.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation for governmental activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/24</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/25</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 20,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,550
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>20,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,550</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Equipment	5,387	4,110	-	9,497
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,387</u>	<u>4,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,497</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>15,163</u>	<u>(4,110)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,053</u>
Government Activities Capital Assets,	\$ <u>15,163</u>	\$ <u>(4,110)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>11,053</u>

Tangipahoa-St Helena Soil and Water
Conservation District
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Depreciation expense of \$4,110 for the year ended June 30, 2025, was charged to the conservation activities.

6. LEASES

The District had no leases at June 30, 2025.

7. COMPENSATION PAID TO COMMISSIONERS

Amounts paid to the Board of Commissioners is as follows:

<u>Board of Commissioners</u>	
Patrick Klein, Chairman	\$ 385
Kent Blades	420
Shaun Houeye	140
Paul Alford	420
Trent Forrest	70
Darrell Sinagra	70
	<u>\$1,505</u>

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District attempts to minimize risk from significant losses through the purchase of workers compensation insurance (includes contract workers) and a surety bond.

9. LITIGATION

There is no outstanding litigation June 30, 2025.

10. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK - DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2025, \$1,467,243 of the District's bank balances are exposed to custodial credit risk. The \$1,217,243 is uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For FYE June 30, 2025, board members, Kent Blades received \$3,090 as a reimbursement through the NRDA program and Patrick Klein received \$9,556 through the Poultry Litter Program.

12. CONTRACT WITH LAND TRUST FOR LOUISIANA

The District entered into a contract with Land Trust for Louisiana to provide a staff member who assists with the planning, implementation, and monitoring assistance for the Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) Dairy Project. In addition, the District will aid producers and landowners in the form of financial assistance to achieve measurable reductions in nutrient loading in surface water. The contract spans the federal fiscal years 2022 to 2025, with an end date of September 30, 2025.

The District's contract with Land Trust for Louisiana represented 75.26% of the receipts received by the District for the year ended June 30, 2025.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District had no contracts or commitments open at June 30, 2025.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through December 22, 2025, the date the financial statements were available for issuance. No other events were noted requiring recording or additional disclosure in the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2025.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amite, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original/ Final Budget	Actual Amount	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>			
Land Trust for Louisiana	\$ 484,478	\$ 363,586	\$ (120,892)
Intergovernmental:			
Federal – farm bill	49,553	46,725	(2,828)
Federal – NRCS	70,500	13,934	(56,566)
State funds	56,756	49,848	(6,908)
Interest earnings	7,500	7,134	(366)
Rentals	1,400	1,850	450
Total Revenues	670,187	483,077	(187,110)
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Conservation:			
Personnel services	216,500	155,752	60,748
Operating services	3,000	1,788	1,212
Area meeting and convention	1,750	1,533	217
NRDA programs	300,000	283,020	16,980
Other programs	9,556	9,556	
Travel	2,200	1,179	1,021
Total Expenditures	533,006	452,828	80,178
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	137,181	30,249	(106,932)
Fund Balance – beginning of year	183,621	188,529	4,908
Fund Balance – ending of year	\$ 320,802	\$ 218,778	\$ (102,024)

See independent accountant's review report.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amite, Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Agency Head: Patrick Klein, Chairman

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Services	\$ 385
Mileage	183
	<u>\$ 568</u>

See independent accountant's review report.

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Supervisors of
Tangipahoa-St Helena Soil and Water
Conservation District
Amite, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Tangipahoa-St. Helena Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Tangipahoa-St. Helena Soil and Water Conservation District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2025 included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. Management of Tangipahoa-St. Helena Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of the 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 of which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code), R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

The District did not purchase any materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000 or public works exceeding \$250,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Management provided us with the requested information.

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

We obtained a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

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

No employee's names appear on the lists provided by the board members.

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

For FYE June 30, 2025, board members, Kent Blades received \$3,090 as a reimbursement through the NRDA program and Patrick Klein received \$9,556 through the Poultry Litter Program.

Budgeting

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget.

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

We traced adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on June 27, 2025. The State approved the budget on July 3, 2025.

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

Actual revenues were below budgeted revenues by 28%. Actual expenditures were below budgeted expenditures.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and: (a) report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation, (b) report whether the six disbursements are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account, and (c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

All disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation. Disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account. The disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

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

Management provided us with a copy of posted meetings with agendas. We have an agenda for the meeting on July 11, 2024.

Debt

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

We noted no deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

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

We examined the meeting minutes and the list of payroll disbursements and noted nothing that would indicate payment of any bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

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

The District report will be filed timely in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

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

Management did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds and were subject to the public bid law.

Prior-Year Comments

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

See Schedule of Current Year Findings.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the United States Comptroller General.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures agreement. This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hebert Johnson & Associates

Hebert Johnson & Associates, Inc.
A Professional Accounting Corporation
Albany, Louisiana
December 22, 2025

TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amite, Louisiana

Schedule of Current Year Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

2025-01 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Criteria:

Proper segregation of incompatible duties requires that there be different individuals responsible for authorizing transactions, recording transactions, and maintaining custody of related assets.

Condition:

The District does not have adequate segregation of duties. With all smaller entities, there will be limited personnel for recording receipts and disbursements and for reporting financial transactions. The District has implemented the following compensating controls:

- Direct approval by the board for all key financial transactions.
- Maintenance of detail registers to support all disbursements.
- Monthly bank reconciliations by an outside accountant.
- Approval and signing of checks by board members.

Cause:

Inadequate segregation of duties exposes the District to several risks, including, but not limited to misappropriation of assets and inaccurate or fraudulent financial reporting.

Recommendation:

The District must remain vigilant in identifying compensating controls and ensuring that those implemented are operating effectively. We recommend the District continue to perform its compensating controls. We also recommend the District implement the following additional compensating controls:

- A member of the board should review the monthly bank statements and cancelled checks for any fictitious vendors and unauthorized debits.
- Check signers should initial invoices to show approval of payment. Check signers should match the name and amount on the check to the invoice provided.

Management's Response:

Management acknowledges the condition as described above. Responsible Party, Patrick Klein (985) 748-8751

TANGIPAHOA-ST HELENA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amite, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

2024-01 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition:

The District does not have adequate segregation of duties. With all smaller entities, there will be limited personnel for recording receipts and disbursements and for reporting financial transactions. The District has implemented the following compensating controls:

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- Maintenance of detail registers to support all disbursements.
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Recommendation:

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- A member of the board should review the monthly bank statements and cancelled checks for any fictitious vendors and unauthorized debits.
- Check signers should initial invoices to show approval of payment. Check signers should match the name and amount on the check to the invoice provided.

Resolved:

Unresolved – See Finding 2025-01

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ (Date Transmitted)

Hebert Johnson & Associates, Inc.

PO Box 520

Albany LA. 70711

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

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Budgeting

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Meetings

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Debt

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes No [] N/A []

General

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

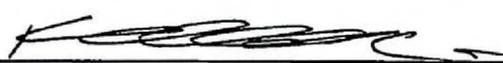
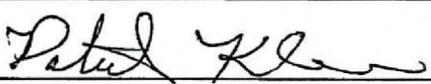
to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

 Secretary 12/11/25 Date
 President 12/11/25 Date