

ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2

Annual Component Unit Financial Statements
With Independent Auditors' Report

and

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
and Compliance and Other Matters

For the Years Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer
Commission No. 2
Bayou Vista, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2 (Commission), a component unit of St. Mary Parish, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to these financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the 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 evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the major fund of the Commission, as of September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The Commission has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The schedules and statistical data listed in the table of contents as Other Supplemental Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2022, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract, 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 the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on compliance.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Morgan City, Louisiana
October 25, 2022

St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2
State of Louisiana
Comparative Statement of Net Position
Business Type Activity - Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
September 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,186,867	\$ 825,675
Investments	1,498,503	1,497,301
Accounts receivable	140,863	154,291
Inventory	122,901	114,926
Prepaid expenses	<u>11,502</u>	<u>13,862</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,960,636</u>	<u>2,606,055</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS (cash and investments):		
Capital improvements	36,000	36,000
Customer meter deposits cash	14,289	6,288
Customer meter deposits investments	<u>203,797</u>	<u>213,670</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>254,086</u>	<u>255,958</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	4,513,472	4,745,531
Investment in Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission	<u>479,446</u>	<u>556,144</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>4,992,918</u>	<u>5,301,675</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,207,640</u>	<u>\$ 8,163,688</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES (payable from current assets):		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 33,247	\$ 34,327
Contracts payable	-	29,763
Due to other governmental units	118,830	132,858
CURRENT LIABILITIES (payable from restricted assets):		
Customer meter deposits	<u>215,750</u>	<u>215,962</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>367,827</u>	<u>412,910</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	4,513,472	4,745,531
Restricted for:		
Capital improvements	36,000	36,000
Unrestricted	<u>3,290,341</u>	<u>2,969,247</u>
Total net position	<u>7,839,813</u>	<u>7,750,778</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 8,207,640</u>	<u>\$ 8,163,688</u>

St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2
State of Louisiana
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Business Type Activity - Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
Years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for water service	\$ 449,502	\$ 452,721
Charges for sewer service	392,114	398,016
Delinquent charges	15,642	10,653
Tower Rent	2,880	2,880
Meter installation, reconnects, permits, etc.	24,354	29,420
Garbage collection fees	<u>13,087</u>	<u>12,189</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>897,579</u>	<u>905,879</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Direct operating costs		
Cost of water purchases	316,819	277,190
Sewerage treatment fees	234,649	238,459
Repair and maintenance – water system	173,902	187,856
Repair and maintenance – sewerage system	84,265	182,239
Personal services		
Clerical salaries	59,602	81,833
Other salaries	92,712	93,328
Board meetings	13,800	14,040
Retirement contributions	17,777	18,458
Health insurance	21,418	29,726
Worker's compensation	398	4,666
Operating services		
Insurance	30,219	18,210
Accounting fees	31,695	41,722
Engineering fees	1,522	5,795
Computer consulting	1,091	3,372
Utilities and telephone	28,380	27,997
Vehicle expense	6,404	4,711
Legal fees	20	11,733
Materials and supplies		
Office expense	6,018	4,551
Postage	7,539	7,386
Advertising	2,230	1,532
Miscellaneous	28,021	16,299
Depreciation		
Water System	177,431	178,061
Sewer System	<u>168,833</u>	<u>170,780</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 1,504,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,944</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (607,166)	\$ (714,065)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Ad valorem taxes		
Operations and maintenance	805,677	709,599
Debt service	-	78,890
Interest income	2,516	19,037
Interest expense	-	(1,377)
	<u>808,193</u>	<u>806,149</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE		
	<u>808,193</u>	<u>806,149</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS	201,027	92,084
Contributions, intergovernmental		
Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Water Works	<u>(111,992)</u>	<u>(66,988)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	89,035	25,096
NET POSITION :		
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>7,750,778</u>	<u>7,725,682</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 7,839,813</u>	<u>\$ 7,750,778</u>

St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2
State of Louisiana
Comparative Statement of Cash Flows
Business Type Activity - Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
Years Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Received from customers	\$ 911,007	\$ 904,706
Paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,118,241)</u>	<u>(1,208,638)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(207,234)</u>	<u>(303,932)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Ad valorem taxes	805,677	709,599
Cash from (refund for) meter deposits	(212)	5,249
Advanced from (to) other government units	(14,028)	11,862
Payment to Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Water Works	<u>(111,992)</u>	<u>(66,988)</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>679,445</u>	<u>659,722</u>
CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Ad valorem taxes	-	78,890
Principal paid on bond	-	(100,000)
Interest paid on bond	-	(1,500)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	<u>(114,205)</u>	<u>(434,580)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related activities	<u>(114,205)</u>	<u>(457,190)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Sale (purchases) of investment securities	8,671	(12,312)
Interest income	<u>2,516</u>	<u>19,037</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>11,187</u>	<u>6,725</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	369,193	(94,675)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>867,963</u>	<u>962,638</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 1,237,156</u>	<u>\$ 867,963</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (607,166)	\$ (714,065)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	346,264	348,841
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	13,428	(1,173)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(7,975)	9,290
Increase (decrease) in payable and accrued expenses	(1,080)	(5,785)
Increase (decrease) in contract payable	(29,763)	28,783
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	2,360	-
Joint Waterworks	<u>76,698</u>	<u>30,177</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ (207,234)</u>	<u>\$ (303,932)</u>

Cash and cash equivalents are presented on the Comparative Statement of Net Position as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,186,867	\$ 825,675
Restricted Assets:		
Capital improvements	36,000	36,000
Customer meter deposits cash	<u>14,289</u>	<u>6,288</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,237,156</u>	<u>\$ 867,963</u>

ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

On October 27, 2000, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1474 which created "St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2, State of Louisiana (the Commission) which is a political subdivision of the Parish of St. Mary and the state of Louisiana, with authority to plan, finance, construct, acquire, improve, operate and maintain water, sewer and sewerage disposal improvements within its designated boundaries. The Commission was created, by combining the former Waterworks District No. 2 and Sewerage District No. 2.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in preparing the financial statements:

A. Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the governmental unit, for financial reporting purposes, consideration has been given to the following criteria as set forth in GAAP:

- a. Financial benefit or burden
- b. Appointment of a voting majority
- c. Imposition of will
- d. Fiscally dependent

Based upon the above criteria, the Commission is a component unit and integral part of the St. Mary parish Council (the primary government).

These financial statements include only the operations of the Commission.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Commission are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The Commission has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board provisions issued after November 30, 1989.

Enterprise Fund

An Enterprise Fund is used to account for the Commission's operations which are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

C. Revenues

The following is a summary of the Commission's recognition policies for its major revenue sources:

Charges for water service come from metered sales to residential, industrial and municipal customers. Charges for sewerage service are based upon gallons of water used by customers. Revenues for water and sewer services are recognized in the month when the water is used by the customers.

Ad valorem taxes (which is based upon homesteads in the Parish) are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed and collected.

Investment earnings are recorded when earned.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when they are earned by the Commission.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In prior years, the Commission implemented the provision of various GASB statements related to deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources. The Commission has evaluated its transactions with the requirements of these pronouncements, related to deferred items, and determined that there are no transactions that presently meet the requirements of these statements. Therefore as of September 30, 2020 and 2021, the Commission is not presenting any Deferred Outflows or Inflows in its financial statements.

E. Expenses

Expenses are recognized under the accrual basis of accounting where liabilities are recorded at the time expenses are incurred.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2 follows these procedures in establishing administrative budgetary accounting:

- a. An administrative budget is employed as a management planning and control device during the year for the Proprietary Fund. The forecasted budget is prepared on a basis consistent with GAAP.
- b. These financial statements do not present budget and actual comparisons of the administrative budget because it is not a legally adopted budget.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, cash and cash equivalents include bank deposits and/or certificates of deposit with original maturates of less than three months.

Investments

The Commission invests in bank certificates of deposit (CDs) and external investment pools. The CDs (nonparticipating contracts) are recorded at cost, unless there is significant impairment of the credit standing of the issuer. The pooled investments are recorded at fair market value.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Receivables

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from customers for metered water and sewerage usage. The financial statements do not contain an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable which is a generally accepted accounting principle. Uncollectible receivables are charged off at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The failure to utilize the allowance method to account for bad debts is not material to the financial statements.

I. Restricted Assets

Amounts received as utility deposits are held in separate accounts. These funds are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited.

J. Joint Venture

The Commission and the Town of Berwick jointly constructed a treatment plant to provide a water supply to each entity. Each participant has a 50% interest in the venture. The cost of constructing the plant was borne by the two communities, and they have appointed a board to operate and maintain the plant. The Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission was created to maintain, operate and administer the joint water treatment plant. The Commission has included its share of the joint venture cost and current operations in these financial statements using the equity method of accounting. See Note 7 for additional disclosure.

K. Inventory and Prepaid Items

Materials and supplies inventory is valued at cost. Cost is determined primarily by the first-in, first-out method. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements.

L. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Fixed assets including water plant, water and sewer lines, water towers, pump stations and all other water distribution and sewerage disposal assets are capitalized in the proprietary fund. Property, plant and equipment owned by the proprietary fund is recorded at cost or, if contributed property, at their market value at the time of contribution. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over estimated useful lives using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water Plant	20-40 years
Water distribution system	10-33 years
Sewerage distribution system	10-45 years
Buildings	10-40 years
Furniture and equipment	3-25 years
Automobiles and trucks	6 years

M. Accumulated Vacation, Compensatory Time and Sick Leave

Accumulated vacation, compensatory time and sick leave are recorded as an expense of the period in which paid. At September 30, 2021 and 2020 unrecorded liabilities for the above are immaterial.

N. Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components – net invested in capital assets, restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Net Invested in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of net invested in capital assets. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the proceeds.
- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position – The component of net position consist of net position that do not meet definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets.”

NOTE 2 - AD VALOREM TAXES AND MAINTENANCE MILLAGE ASSESSMENT

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. 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 the Commission's boundaries. Assessed values are established by the St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana Law. Taxes are due and payable December 31 and are delinquent after that date with interest being charged. Lien date for all delinquent properties is April 1. The St. Mary Parish Sheriff bills and collects property taxes for the Commission using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of St. Mary Parish. Commission property tax revenues are budgeted in the year billed.

The Commission authorized the following millages for the purpose of operating and maintaining the water and sewer system for the constituents of the Commission. The millage was dedicated as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operations and maintenance	11.00	9.00
Debt service	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>11.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

Based upon the taxable assessed value of the property within the District each mil of assessment generated approximately \$73,000 and \$71,000 of tax revenues in 2021 and 2020 respectively.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Commission does not have a formal investment policy related to interest rate risk (the risk of an investment decreasing in value due to increasing interest rates).

In addition, the Commission does not have a formal investment policy related to credit risk (including concentrations of credit). However the Commission does follow state law as to limitations on types of deposits and investments as described below.

The Commission does not invest in any investments subject to foreign currency risk.

Cash and cash equivalents

Under state law the Commission may deposit its funds with certain state and federally chartered financial institutions. These deposits are required to be insured or collateralized by the financial institutions.

At year end 2021 and 2020 the carrying amounts of the Commission's cash were \$1,237,156 and \$867,963 respectively and the bank balances were \$1,460,788 and \$875,297 respectively.

In 2021, \$500,000 was covered by FDIC and \$960,788 was secured by collateralized securities held by a third party and pledged to the Commission. In 2020, \$500,000 was covered by FDIC and \$375,297 was secured by collateralized securities held by a third party and pledged to the Commission.

Investments

Under state law the Commission may invest in certain federal or federally guaranteed securities, certain bank time certificates of deposit, mutual or trust funds, and in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is an external investment pool operated to allow local government to pool their investment funds. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. LAMP is subject to regulatory oversight of the Louisiana State Treasurer and the LAMP board of directors. Share values for the pool are valued at fair value based on quoted market rates determined on a weekly basis.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following is a summary of investments held by the Commission at September 30,

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	Percentage of Total		Percentage of Total	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Investments</u>
LAMP (rated AAAM by Standard & Pooers)	\$1,485,373	87%	\$1,494,477	87%
Bank certificates of deposit: Fully FDIC insured	216,927	13%	216,494	13%
Collateralized with securities held by a third party pledged to the Commission	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<u>\$1,702,300</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$1,710,971</u>	<u>100%</u>

As of September 30, 2021, all investments had maturity dates of one through five years except LAMP. LAMP determines its maturities using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 52 days as of September 30, 2021 and 50 days as of September 30, 2020.

NOTE 4 - DUE TO/FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The following is a detail of due from/to other governments at September 30,

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Due to other governments:		
Due to Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks (water purchases)	\$ 29,159	\$ 34,528
Due to Joint Sewer Commission Wards 5 & 8 (Sewerage treatment fees)	19,197	20,258
Due to St. Mary Parish Council (Intergovernmental service-garbage/mosquito fees)	65,384	72,951
Due to State Department of Health and Hospitals (Water Program engineering/administration fees)	<u>5,090</u>	<u>5,121</u>
	<u>\$118,830</u>	<u>\$132,858</u>

NOTE 5 - PENSION PLAN

All employees participate in the Federal Social Security System. The Commission is required to remit an amount to the Social Security Administration equal to the employee's contribution. The Commission contributed approximately \$11,000 in 2021 and \$11,000 in 2020 and its employees contributed approximately \$11,000 in 2021 and \$11,000 in 2020. The Commission does not guarantee any of the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

In addition, the Commission contributes 5% of the gross wages of each qualified employee to their individual SEP/IRA Retirement Plan account on a monthly basis. The Commission's contributions to this plan were approximately \$9,000 in 2021 and \$9,000 in 2020 and its employees contributions were approximately \$9,000 in 2021 and \$9,000 in 2020.

NOTE 6 - FIXED ASSETS

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset and depreciation activity for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	Balance 9/30/2019	Increases	Decreases	Reclassification	Balance 9/30/2020	Increases	Decreases	Reclassification	Balance 9/30/2021
Capital assets not being depreciated:									
Land, right of ways	\$ 51,709				\$ 51,709				\$ 51,709
Construction in process	207,488	\$ 216,158	\$ -	\$ (177,514)	246,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (215,073)	31,059
Total capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 259,197	216,158	-	(177,514)	297,841	-	-	(215,073)	82,768
Other capital assets:									
Buildings	\$ 76,133				\$ 76,133				\$ 76,133
Distribution system - sewerage	6,084,070	\$ 193,985		177,514	6,455,569				6,455,569
Distribution system - water	4,852,091	23,376			4,875,467	102,733		215,073	5,193,273
Water Plant	838,485				838,485				838,485
Furniture & Equipment	122,904	1,061			123,965	20,341	8,869		135,437
Vehicles	45,067	-	-	-	45,067	-	-	-	45,067
Total other capital assets at historical cost	12,018,750	218,422	-	177,514	12,414,686	123,074	8,869	215,073	12,743,964
Less accumulated depreciation for:									
Buildings	\$ 50,453	\$ 1,654			\$ 52,107	\$ 1,654			\$ 53,761
Distribution system - sewerage	3,501,065	170,280			3,671,345	173,021			3,844,366
Distribution system - water	3,094,535	167,668			3,262,203	170,214			3,432,417
Water Plant	838,485				838,485	-			838,485
Furniture & Equipment	107,274	1,847			109,121	3,736	8,869		103,988
Vehicles	26,343	7,392	-	-	33,735	6,508	-	-	40,243
Total accumulated depreciation	7,618,155	348,841	-	-	7,966,996	355,133	8,869	-	8,313,260
Other capital assets, net	4,400,595	(130,419)	-	177,514	4,447,690	(232,059)	-	215,073	4,430,704
Total capital assets, net	\$ 4,659,792	\$ 85,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,745,531	\$ (232,059)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,513,472

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was approximately \$349,000 and \$338,000 each.

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY - INVESTMENT IN BERWICK-BAYOU VISTA JOINT WATERWORKS COMMISSION

All of the water sold by the Commission is obtained from Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission (Joint Waterworks Commission). The Joint Waterworks Commission was created and established with the sole responsibility and duty to maintain, operate, and administer the joint water treatment plant for the Commission and Town of Berwick (Berwick). The water treatment plant was constructed and is owned by the Commission and Berwick. The Commission and Berwick appoint the members of the board for the Joint Waterworks Commission. The Commission's portion of the cost of the plant is carried in property, plant and equipment. Amounts reported as an investment in other assets (\$479,446 at 2021 and \$556,144 at 2020) represents the Commission's equity in the joint venture. Separate financial statements for the Joint Waterworks Commission are available from the Commission or the Joint Waterworks Commission. The following is a summary of selected financial information of the Joint Waterworks Commission:

	Year Ended <u>9/30/21</u>	Year Ended <u>9/30/20</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$1,096,354	\$1,193,099
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	137,463	80,811
Total net position	958,891	1,112,288
Total revenues	706,606	664,101
Total expenditures	860,003	770,946
Change in net position	(153,397)	(60,353)

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY - INVESTMENT IN BERWICK-BAYOU VISTA JOINT WATERWORKS COMMISSION (continued)

The Commission purchased the following quantities and amounts of water from the Joint Waterworks Commission:

	Year Ended <u>9/30/21</u>	Year Ended <u>9/30/20</u>
Gallons of water purchased	175,858,314	167,202,202
Cost of water purchases	\$316,819	\$277,190

NOTE 8 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Board Members received the following per diems (Board Members, including the Chief Executive Officer, do not receive any other compensation, reimbursement of expenses, or benefits) for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>2021</u>	
	<u>Meetings Attended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Raymond Beadle	7	\$1,680
Chris Cooper – President (Elected in Jan 2021)	9	1,890
Tony Hensgens	7	2,520
Thomas Philbrook	10	2,520
Paul Tholen	12	2,310
John Trevino, President (resigned – Jan 2021)	4	<u>840</u>
Total		<u>\$11,340</u>
Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission		
Tony Hensgens	11	720
Donald Lantz	11	<u>600</u>
		<u>\$1,320</u>

NOTE 8 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (continued)

	<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Meetings</u>	
	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John Trevino, Sr., President & Chief Executive Officer	12	\$2,520
Tony Hensgens	10	2,100
Donald Lantz	10	2,100
Thomas Philbrook	11	2,310
Paul Tholen	11	<u>2,310</u>
		<u>\$11,340</u>
Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission		
Tony Hensgens, Commissioner	10	600
Donald Lantz, Commissioner	11	<u>660</u>
		<u>\$1,260</u>

NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Commission carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements of claims have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS

The District received approximately forty-seven percent of its revenues from ad valorem taxes in both 2021 and 2020.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

**ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Schedule of Gallons of Water Purchased and Sold
and Number of Water Customers

For the year ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

(Unaudited)

	<u>9-30-21</u>	<u>9-30-20</u>
Gallons purchased for the period	175,858,314	167,202,202
Gallons sold for the period	112,458,466	112,815,810
Number of users at year end	1,824	1,855
Gallons not sold for the period	63,399,848	54,386,392
Cost per 1000 gallons purchased	\$1.81	\$1.65
Cost of gallons not sold	\$114,754	\$89,738
Percentage of gallons not sold	36%	33%

ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Water and Sewer Rates
 September 30, 2021
 (Unaudited)

The board of commissioners approved a water and sewer rate increase on October 13, 2014 effective January 1, 2015. The new rates are as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
\$6.50 flat fee(\$7.65 out of district)	\$6.50 flat fee(\$7.65 out of district)
\$2.75 (\$3.75 out of district) per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$2.50 (\$3.50 out of district) per 1000 gallons of water used

For the period May 2008 to December 31, 2014, the water and sewer rates were as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
\$6.00 flat fee(\$7.15 out of district)	\$6.00 flat fee(\$7.15 out of district)
\$2.00 (\$3.00 out of district) per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$2.00 (\$3.00 out of district) per 1000 gallons of water used

For the period January 2007 to April 30, 2008, the water and sewer rates were as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
\$6.00 flat fee	\$6.00 flat fee
\$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used

For the period October 1995 to December 31, 2006, the water and sewer rates were as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
First 3,000 gallons - \$6.00	\$7.00 flat fee
Over 3,000 gallons - \$1.90 per 1,000	\$1.15 per 1,000 gallons of water used

For the period October 1992 to September 30, 1995, the water and sewer rates were as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
First 3,000 gallons - \$4.75	\$6.00 flat fee
Over 3,000 gallons - \$.17 per 100	\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used

For period August 1988 to September 30, 1992, the water rates were as follows:

<u>Water</u>
First 3,000 gallons - \$4.00
Over 3,000 gallons - \$.14 per 100

Prior to August, 1988 the water rates were as follows:

- First 3,000 gallons - \$3.35
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$1.05 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$1.00 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$.95 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$.90 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$.85 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$.80 per 1,000
- Next 3,000 gallons - \$.70 per 1,000

**ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Insurance
September 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

<u>Insurer</u>	<u>Amount of Policy</u>	<u>Risk Covered</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Louisiana Workers Compensation Corp.	\$1,000,000	Worker's Compensation	04/26/22
Glatfelter Public Practice	\$3,000,000	General Liability	04/26/22
	\$1,000,000	Auto Liability	04/26/22
	\$3,000,000	Public Officials & Management Liability	04/26/22
	\$100,000	Crime Coverage	04/26/22
	\$1,000,000	Cyber Liability & Crisis	04/26/22
	\$1,061,475	Property	04/26/22

INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Commissioners
St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer
Commission No. 2
Bayou Vista, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities, and the major fund of the St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2 (Commission), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's 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 Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify one deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2021-001, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

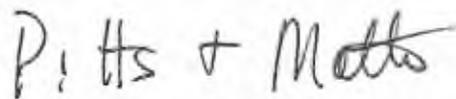
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material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

St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2's Response to Findings

The Commission's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Commission's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 Commission'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 Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is considered a public record and may be distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Morgan City, Louisiana
October 25, 2022

**St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2
State of Louisiana**

Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 2.
2. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was one deficiency in internal control over financial reporting noted during the audit of the financial statements. This condition is reported as a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

There were no instances of noncompliance or other matters noted during the audit of the financial statements that are required to be reported.

3. Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for the year ended September 30, 2021.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Material Weaknesses

ITEM 2021-001 - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Auditors' Comments

Condition: While performing audit tests and inquiring about internal control, we discovered that there is little segregation of duties in the area of billings and collections.

Criteria: Ordinarily, the accounting duties performed in an organization are segregated to reduce possible errors or irregularities that could occur in the accounting records and not be detected.

Effect: Lack of segregation of duties results in a material weakness in internal accounting controls.

Cause: The Commission has limited personnel.

Management's Comments: We will constantly monitor the activity of the employees, in an effort to minimize any errors or omissions. We have determined, it is not economically feasible to hire additional employees at this time.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

This section is not applicable for the year ended September 30, 2021.

SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RELATED CORRECTIVE ACTION
PREPARED BY ST. MARY PARISH
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Internal Control

Material Weakness

Item 2020-001 Segregation of Duties

Condition: While performing audit tests and inquiring about internal control, our auditors discovered that there is very little segregation of duties within the Commission's accounting function.

Corrective Action: The Board will constantly monitor the activity of the employees, in an effort to minimize any errors or omissions. It is not economically feasible to hire additional employees at this time.

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October 25, 2022

Mr. Michael J "Mike" Waguespack, CPA
Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana
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Baton Rouge, La. 70804-9397

Dear Mr. Waguespack,

The St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for our year ended September 30, 2021:

Person Responsible: Chris Copper, President
St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2

Time for completion: September, 2022

Item 2021 - 001 Segregation of Duties

Finding:

Our auditors noted that there is little segregation of duties in the area of billings and collections.

Corrective Action:

We will constantly monitor the activity of the employees in an effort to minimize any errors or omissions. It is not economically feasible to hire additional employees at this time.

If you have questions concerning this corrective action plan, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Chris Copper, President
St. Mary Parish
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 2