

***TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024***

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

The following narrative is presented to facilitate a better understanding of the year-end financial position and results of operations for the year. When read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements, this section's financial highlights, overview and analysis should assist the reader to gain a more complete knowledge of the financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Total net position at the end of the year was \$1,912,970.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
 - (1) Net invested in capital assets of \$1,967,637 including the cost of land, buildings & improvements, trucks and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.
 - (2) Unrestricted of \$(54,667) representing the portion available to maintain the continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Total spending for all public safety activities was \$720,621 for the year, which included \$183,972 of depreciation expense.
- The general revenues of mainly ad valorem taxes, revenue sharing and interest totaled \$420,470 for the year.
- The governmental fund reported total ending fund balance of \$280,544 of which all was unassigned. The net change in fund balance was a decrease of \$527,137.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

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

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately following this MD&A, that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Other Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report governmental activities. Our analysis below focuses on the net assets of the governmental-type activities:

Condensed Statement of Net Position	2023	2024	Dollar Change
Current and Other Assets	1,359,790	\$ 909,180	\$ (450,610)
Capital Assets	1,684,913	1,967,637	282,724
Total Assets	3,044,703	2,876,817	(167,886)
Deferred Outflows	171,442	146,770	(24,672)
Current Liabilities	-	235,495	(235,495)
Non-current Liabilities	443,998	374,721	(69,277)
Total Liabilities	443,998	610,216	166,218
Deferred Inflows	651,689	500,401	(151,288)
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,684,913	1,967,637	282,724
Unrestricted	435,545	(54,667)	(490,212)
Total Net Position	\$ 2,120,458	\$ 1,912,970	\$ (207,488)

Net position decreased by \$207,488 or 10% for the year. The balance in net position represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. Cash and investments decreased by almost 50%, due to cash used to fund operations. Capital assets and the net invested in capital assets increased because there were more capital assets purchased than depreciation recorded in the current year. Deferred outflows and inflows decreased due to the changes in deferred ad valorem taxes and pension and other post-employment benefits.

Our analysis below focuses on the operations of the governmental-type activities:

Condensed Statement of Activities	2023	2024	Dollar Change
Program Expenses:			
Current	\$ 491,062	\$ 536,649	\$ 45,587
Depreciation - unallocated	151,987	183,972	31,985
Total program expenses	643,049	720,621	77,572
Program revenues	272,603	92,663	(179,940)
General revenues	487,602	420,470	(67,132)
Change in Net Position	117,156	(207,488)	(324,644)
Net Position:			
Beginning of the year	2,003,302	2,120,458	117,156
End of the year	\$ 2,120,458	\$ 1,912,970	\$ (207,488)

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Total revenues generated by governmental activities for the year were \$513,133 - most in general revenues of ad valorem taxes received. The total cost of all public safety services provided was \$536,649 – an increase of \$46,000 or 8.5%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (FFS)

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

The General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$280,544, of which all is considered unassigned and available to spend. This amount represents 55% of general fund revenues. The General Fund revenues were primarily ad valorem taxes levied for maintenance and operations for fire protection in the District. These revenues were reduced by current expenditures for fire protection of \$560,327 and capital outlay of \$466,695 for purchases of equipment.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

There were amendments necessary to the original budget for the General Fund during the year. The most significant amendments were to:

- Decrease ad valorem taxes by \$9,360 based on actual collections
- Increase interest by \$13,400 based on actual earnings for the year
- Decreased revenue for \$700,000 originally budgeted for the new building that was received in the prior year.
- Decrease supplies and materials by \$7,550
- Increase other services and charges by \$4,490
- Decrease capital outlay by \$381,967.

The total revenue variance was in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable. The total expenditure variance was over budget by 14% due to costs for repairs and maintenance and capital outlay. More information on the current year budget can be found in the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital assets and accumulated depreciation for governmental activities for the current and prior year is as follows:

	2023	2024
Land	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000
Construction in Progress	-	466,695
Buildings & Improvements	1,132,266	1,132,266
Machinery & Equipment	2,612,480	2,612,480
Total Cost	3,744,746	3,744,746
Accumulated Depreciation	2,110,833	2,294,804
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 1,684,913</u>	<u>\$ 1,967,637</u>
Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 151,987</u>	<u>\$ 183,972</u>

More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Highlights of the 2025 budget adopted at the December 3, 2024 meeting for the general fund include:

Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 412,146
Projected Revenue	448,341
Projected Expenditures	<u>(854,750)</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 5,737</u>

Total expenditures include \$377,000 for capital outlay.

CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9 finances and to show accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

Board of Directors
2820 Savanne Road,
Houma, LA 70360



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners,
Of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9
Houma, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 (the District), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management's 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 statement that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

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



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

Other Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statement that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payment to the Agency Head is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of management and is derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 16, 2025, on our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of 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 internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Stagni & Company

May 16, 2025
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 68,067
Investments	463,839
Receivables:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	68,688
Due from tax collector	289,831
Prepaid Expenses	18,755
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,967,637
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,876,817</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Related to net pension liability	76,197
Related to net OPEB liability	70,573
<i>Total deferred outflows</i>	<u>146,770</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	235,495
Non-current liabilities:	
Net Pension liability	243,437
Other postemployment benefit liability	131,284
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<u>610,216</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Related to net pension liability	20,311
Related to net OPEB liability	86,949
Ad Valorem Taxes - subsequent year	393,141
<i>Total deferred inflows</i>	<u>500,401</u>

NET POSITION

Net Invested in capital assets	1,967,637
Unrestricted	(54,667)
<i>Total net position</i>	<u>\$ 1,912,970</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Program Revenue</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Net Revenue (Expense)</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
Public safety activities	\$ 720,621	\$ -	\$ 92,663	\$ (627,958)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 720,621</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 92,663</u>	<u>(627,958)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Ad valorem taxes				370,157
State revenue sharing				9,867
Interest earned				<u>40,446</u>
Total General Revenues				420,470
Change in Net Position				(207,488)
NET POSITION:				
Beginning of year				<u>2,120,458</u>
End of year				<u><u>\$ 1,912,970</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund - General Fund

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash	\$	68,067
Investments		463,839
Receivables:		
Ad Valorem Taxes		68,688
Due from tax collector		289,831
Prepaid Insurance		18,755
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>909,180</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and accrued expenditures	\$	235,495
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DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Ad Valorem Taxes - subsequent year		393,141
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FUND BALANCE

Unassigned		<u>280,544</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u>280,544</u>

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:

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

Cost of Capital Assets	4,262,441	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,294,804)</u>	
Net Capital Assets		1,967,637

Deferred outflows of resources are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Related to net pension liability	76,197	
Related to net OPEB liability	<u>70,573</u>	146,770

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the government fund.

Other Post Employment Benefit Liability	(131,284)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(243,437)</u>	(374,721)

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

Related to net pension liability	(20,311)	
Related to net OPEB liability	<u>(86,949)</u>	(107,260)

Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>1,912,970</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

REVENUES

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 370,157
Intergovernmental - State	
State Revenue Sharing	9,867
Fire Insurance Rebate	15,122
Insurance Claims--FEMA	77,541
Interest	40,446
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>513,133</u>

EXPENDITURES

General government - current:	
Ad valorem tax adjustments	13,248
Public safety - current:	
Personal Services	264,391
Supplies and Materials	18,086
Other Services and Charges	144,208
Repairs and Maintenance	133,642
Total public safety - current	<u>560,327</u>
Capital outlay	<u>466,695</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,040,270</u>

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (527,137)

FUND BALANCE

Beginning of year	<u>807,681</u>
End of year	<u>\$280,544</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Net change in fund balances - governmental fund **\$ (527,137)**

Governmental funds report capital outlays 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.

Capital outlay	466,695	
Depreciation expense	<u>(183,972)</u>	282,723

Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows and inflows of resources. Changes in the net pension liability and net OPEB liability are reported as expenses in the statement of activities.

Pension	14,571	
OPEB	<u>22,355</u>	<u>36,926</u>

Change in net assets - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (207,488)</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

The Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 (the District) has been organized under the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492, Parish Ordinance #1561 and #5732 adopted February 5, 1997. The District provides fire protection and disaster assistance for the residents and businesses encompassing Fire District No. 9 of the Parish of Terrebonne. The District is established with a District Fire Chief and six (6) Board Members – all appointed by the Parish Council.

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is the financial reporting entity for Terrebonne Parish. Because the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government could by definition in statute be financially burdened by the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or any other governmental reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the year ending December 31, 2024.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Governmental-wide Financial Statements (GWFS):

GWFS include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the District. The GWFS presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

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

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

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

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

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

General Revenues - Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

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

The amounts reflected in the fund financial statements, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

Revenues – Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded as revenue in the period for which levied, thus the 2023 property taxes which were levied to finance the 2024 budget are recognized as revenue in 2024. The 2024 tax levy is recorded as unavailable revenue in fund financial statements and as deferred inflow of resources in government-wide financial statements. Charges for services are recorded when earned since they are measurable and available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable or available until actually received.

Expenditures – Expenditures are recorded when payable or when the fees are incurred.

D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. Operating Budgets

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

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

F. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955. Investments are stated at fair value as established by open market, except for the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is an external pool which is operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Rule 2a7 allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than fair value to report net position to compute share prices if certain conditions are met.

G. Receivables

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

H. Prepaid Insurance

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

I. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

J. Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are recorded and depreciated (capitalized). Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$500 or more are recorded at historical cost or estimated if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

CATEGORY	LIFE
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	10-40 YEARS
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	5-20 YEARS

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

K. Vacation and Sick Leave

Full time employees are entitled to eighteen days of vacation after one year of service. Each year the employee must take their vacation time before their anniversary date (day they first began working). If not taken by their anniversary date, the vacation time is forfeited. The vacation period shall be increased one day for each year of service over ten years, up to a maximum period of thirty days. There is no material accumulated vacation at year end.

Every firefighter in the employ of a fire protection district shall be entitled to full pay during sickness or incapacity not brought about by his own negligence or culpable indiscretion for a period of no less than fifty-two weeks. A firefighter employed by any fire protection district who draws full pay during sickness or incapacity shall have such pay decreased by the amount of workers' compensation benefits actually received by the employee. A firefighter is entitled to sick leave benefits even though the injury or illness may have occurred while he was off duty. Firefighters are not prohibited from engaging in part-time employment while receiving sick leave.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

K. Vacation and Sick Leave (continued)

A probationary firefighter who is not a regular or permanent fireman is not entitled to sick leave benefits provided by the District. Sick leave does not accumulate for District employees. Accordingly, there is no accumulated sick leave at year end.

L. Fund Equity

For government-wide financial statements net assets are classified and displayed in three components:

- Net invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any.
- Restricted net assets – Consists of assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflow of resources with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets.”

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.

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

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

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

L. Fund Equity (continued)

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

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposit balances at year end are as follows:

	Per Bank	Reported
Cash	\$67,450	\$68,067

State law requires that deposits be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the District or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9. Under the provision of GASB, pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

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

Even though the pledged securities are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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Note 2

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments:

Investment balances and maturities at year end are as follows:

Investment Type	As Reported	Fair Value	Maturity
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	\$463,839	\$463,839	Less than one year

Interest rate risk inherent in the portfolio is measured by monitoring the segmented time distribution of the investments in the portfolio. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party.

Investments in external investment pools are not exposed to custodial credit risk because of their natural diversification and the diversification required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. LAMP, a local government investment pool, is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2-a7, which governs registered money market funds.

The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or back by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with maturity in excess of 397 days.

The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value. For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP has a Standard & Poor's Rating of AAAm.

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Note 3 AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE

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 Parish. Assessed values are established by the Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 2024. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes.

The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 on which the 2024 assessment was \$15.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9 for constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities within the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes. The assessed values of real property upon which 2024 property tax were based was \$36,807,275.

Note 4 AD VALOREM TAXES RECEIVABLE - DUE FROM TAX COLLECTOR

The Terrebonne Parish Sheriff collects and remits ad valorem taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in their respective jurisdictions. Ad valorem taxes receivable represents real property taxes, and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2024 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by deferred revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2024 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a modified accrual basis the revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The amount that was collected in December but not yet remitted to the District is considered due from the tax collector; the remaining amount of the total deferred levy is recorded as ad valorem tax receivable. The entire levy is reported as a deferred inflow of resources of \$393,141.

The tax rate for the year 2024 levy – for revenue to be recognized in 2025 was 16.46 mills of assessed valuation on property within the District for the purpose of providing fire protection within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which the 2024 property tax levy is based on is \$23,884,655.

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Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions & Adjustments	Ending Balance
NON-DEPRECIABLE ASSETS:				
Land	\$51,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$51,000
Construction in Progress	-	466,695	-	466,695
DEPRECIABLE ASSETS:				
Buildings & Improvements	\$1,132,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,132,266
Machinery & Equipment, Furniture & Vehicles	2,612,480	-	-	2,612,480
Total Cost of depreciable assets	3,744,746	-	-	3,744,746
Total Cost of Assets	3,795,746	466,695	-	4,262,441
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:				
Buildings & Improvements	494,541	44,334	-	538,875
Machinery & Equipment, Furniture & Vehicles	1,616,292	139,638	(1)	1,755,929
Total accumulated depreciation	2,110,833	183,972	(1)	2,294,804
Net depreciable assets	\$1,633,913			\$1,449,942
Total capital assets, net	\$1,684,913			\$1,967,637

Depreciation Expense of \$183,972 was recorded in the governmental activities.

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Note 6 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

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

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

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

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government contracts with an actuarial consultant to provide an actuarial valuation of the OPEB liability under GASB Statement 75, which requires at least biennial valuations for plans with membership over 200, unless significant changes since the last valuation. The most recent OPEB liability actuarial valuation was completed for the plan year that ended December 31, 2023 with the valuation date of January 1, 2022.

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

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

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Note 6 **POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)**

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

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

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

Employees covered by benefit terms. At January 1, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms of the plan:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	282
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	930
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	1,211

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

Total OPEB Liability. The District's total OPEB liability of \$131,284 measured as of December 31, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Note 6 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs.

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

Measurement Date	December 31, 2024
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2024
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00 including inflation
Discount rate	4.28%,
Prior year discount rate	3.77%

The discount rate was based on December 31, 2023 S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Index Yield. Mortality rates for active employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 (general) and PubS.H-2010 (public safety) Employee Mortality Table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2021 for males or females, as appropriate.

Mortality rates for retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 (general) and PubS.H-2010 (public safety) Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2021 for males or females, as appropriate.

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

Beginning Net OPEB Obligation 12/31/2023	\$171,360
Service Cost	1,860
Interest	4,361
Changes of benefit terms	(57,360)
Differences between expected and actual experience	8,993
Changes in assumptions	8,356
Benefit payments	(6,286)
Net Change in OPEB Obligation	(40,075)
Ending Net OPEB Obligation 12/31/2022	\$131,284

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Note 6 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)

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

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
OPEB liability	\$ 152,726	\$131,284	\$114,129
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	\$ 112,546	\$131,284	\$155,329

The District's proportionate share of the aggregate plan OPEB expense (benefit) was \$(21,692).

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 12,386	\$(102)
Assumption changes	4,638	(23,201)
Deferred Amounts	59,173	(63,646)
Total	\$76,197	\$(86,949)

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

Years ending December 31:

2025	\$(23,614)
2026	\$(25,194)
2027	\$(10,477)
2028	\$(11,306)
Thereafter	\$0

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Note 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

PLAN DESCRIPTION – The District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (FRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public retirement system, which is controlled and administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The System provides retirement, deferred and disability benefits, survivor's benefits and cost of living adjustments to plan members and beneficiaries. Act 434 of the 1979 Louisiana Legislative Session established the plan. The System is governed by Louisiana R.S. 11:2251 – 11:2269, specifically, and other general laws of the State.

The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, 2051 Silverside Dr., Suite 210, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4136 or at their website <http://www.lafirefightersret.com>.

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

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

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NOTE 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

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

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – Employer contributions are actuarially determined each year. For the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, employer and employee contributions for members above the poverty line were 33.25% and 10.00% respectively, and for members below the poverty line were 35.25% and 8.00% respectively.

NON-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. The tax is considered support from a non-contributing entity and appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2023 and were excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contributions received by the System was \$31,181,383 and for the District were \$13,481.

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - As of December 31, 2024, the District reported liabilities in the GWFS of \$243,437 in its governmental activities for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities of the System. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the long-term contributions to the plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportional share of the System was .043235% which was an increase of .00146300% from its proportion measured for the prior year.

For the year ended December 31, 2024 the District recognized a pension expense of \$46,473 in its governmental activities related to its participation in the System.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

At December 31, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

FFRS	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$18,277	\$(5,789)
Investment earnings	2,462	-
Changes in assumption	10,414	-
Changes in proportion	18,436	(14,522)
Subsequent to measurement date employer contributions	20,984	-
Totals	\$70,573	\$(20,311)

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2025	\$999
2026	33,058
2027	(6,623)
2028	1,844
	\$29,278

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NOTE 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS - The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial cost assumptions:	
Expected remaining service lives	7 years, closed period
Investment rate of return	6.90% per annum
Inflation rate	2.50% per annum
Salary increases	Vary from 14.10% in the first two years of service to 5.20% with 3 or more years
Cost of Living Adjustments	For the purpose of determining the present value of benefits, COLAs were deemed not to be substantively automatic and only those previously granted were included

The mortality rate assumptions was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees.

The estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation, 2.50%.

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NOTE 7 FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class includes in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Type	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equities-US Equity	28.50%	6.24%
Equities-Non-US Equity	11.00%	6.36%
Equities-Global Equity	10.00%	6.42%
Equity – Emerging Market	4.50%	8.26%
Fixed Income-US Core	22.00%	2.09%
Fixed Income-U.S. TIPS	2.00%	2.00%
Fixed Income-Emerging Market Debt	2.00%	4.05%
Fixed Income-Multisector	4.00%	2.34%
Alternatives-Real Estate	9.00%	9.77%
Alternatives-Real Assets	4.00%	4.85%
Alternatives-Private Equity	3.00%	5.93%
Totals	100.00%	
Discount Rate		6.9%

SENSITIVITY OF THE CHANGES IN DISCOUNT RATE - The following presents the net pension liabilities of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate of 6.9% as of June 30, 2024.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Net Pension Liability	\$404,156	\$243,437	\$109,381

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 8 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers' compensation; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters; and group health benefits for which the District carries commercial insurance and also participates in the Parish's risk management program for workers' compensation and group health. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the District's insurance coverage. The premiums for workers' compensation are based on a fixed percentage of payroll. The premiums for group insurance are based on a fixed rate per employee.

Note 9 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The following amounts were paid to Board Members:

Michael Armit, Sr.	\$ 300
Terry Breaux	330
Charles Dusenberry	360
Lynn Giroir	330
Riley Gros	360
Total	<u>\$ 1,680</u>

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Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgets		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final (amended)		Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 393,035	\$ 383,675	\$ 370,157	\$ (13,518)
Intergovernmental - State				
State Revenue Sharing	10,400	9,867	9,867	-
Fire Insurance Rebate	14,900	15,122	15,122	-
Insurance Claims--FEMA	66,000	73,330	77,541	4,211
Interest	52,000	38,600	40,446	1,846
Funding-New Building	700,000	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	1,236,335	520,594	513,133	(7,461)
EXPENDITURES				
General government - current:				
Ad valorem tax adjustments	15,000	13,300	13,248	52
Public safety - current:				
Personal Services	275,300	277,110	264,391	12,719
Supplies and Materials	26,500	18,950	18,086	864
Other Services and Charges	157,350	161,840	144,208	17,632
Repairs and Maintenance	54,500	54,900	133,642	(78,742)
Total public safety - current	513,650	512,800	560,327	(47,527)
Capital outlay	772,000	390,033	466,695	(76,662)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,300,650	916,133	1,040,270	(124,137)
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 (64,315)	 (395,539)	 (527,137)	 116,676
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	766,861	807,685	807,681	(4)
End of year	<u>\$702,546</u>	<u>\$412,146</u>	<u>\$280,544</u>	<u>\$116,672</u>

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability

**Year Ended June 30	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.043235%	\$ 243,437	\$ 124,576	195%	81.68%
2023	0.041772%	\$ 272,638	\$ 106,135	257%	77.69%
2022	0.040886%	\$ 288,299	\$ 100,422	287%	74.68%
2021	0.044907%	\$ 159,144	\$ 100,638	158%	86.78%
2020	0.043964%	\$ 304,739	\$ 109,913	277%	72.61%
2019	0.040194%	\$ 251,691	\$ 97,144	259%	73.96%
2018	0.043538%	\$ 250,434	\$ 103,657	242%	74.80%
2017	0.041994%	\$ 240,703	\$ 91,600	263%	73.50%
2016	0.045227%	\$ 295,825	\$ 100,654	294%	68.20%
2015	0.046353%	\$ 250,172	\$ 135,685	184%	72.45%

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

Notes to Retirement System Schedules:

Changes of Benefit Terms

6/30/2016-

6/30/2024 NO CHANGE

Changes of Assumptions

	Actuarial cost method	Inflation rate	Discount rate- Investment ROR	Salary increases	Expecting remaining service lives
6/30/2015	Entry Age Normal	2.88%	7.50%	Vary from 15.0% in first two years to 4.75% with 25 or more years	7 years
6/30/2016	no change	2.88%	7.50%	no change	no change
6/30/2017	no change	2.78%	7.40%	no change	no change
6/30/2018	no change	2.70%	7.30%	no change	no change
6/30/2019	no change	2.70%	7.15%	Vary from 14.75% in first two years to 4.50% with 25 or more years	no change
6/30/2020	no change	2.50%	7.00%	14.10% in first two years to 5.20% with 3 or more years	no change
6/30/2021	no change	2.50%	6.90%	no change	no change
6/30/2022	no change	2.50%	6.90%	no change	no change
6/30/2023	no change	2.50%	6.90%	no change	no change
6/30/2024	no change	2.50%	6.90%	no change	no change

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Schedule of Employer Contributions

**Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Statutorily Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Agency's covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2024	\$ 41,310	\$ 41,421	\$ (111)	\$ 124,576	33.25%
2023	\$ 37,285	\$ 37,285	\$ -	\$ 106,135	35.13%
2022	\$ 35,551	\$ 36,774	\$ (1,223)	\$ 100,422	36.62%
2021	\$ 36,326	\$ 36,326	\$ -	\$ 100,638	36.10%
2020	\$ 30,373	\$ 30,501	\$ (128)	\$ 109,913	27.75%
2019	\$ 25,743	\$ 25,743	\$ -	\$ 97,144	26.50%
2018	\$ 27,459	\$ 27,469	\$ (10)	\$ 103,657	26.50%
2017	\$ 25,548	\$ 25,548	\$ -	\$ 91,600	27.89%
2016	\$ 25,692	\$ 25,692	\$ -	\$ 123,028	20.88%
2015	\$ 27,893	\$ 27,893	\$ -	\$ 100,654	27.71%

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6/30/2024	no change	2.50%	6.90%	no change	no change

TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Measurement Date Actuarial Valuation Date	December 31, 2018 January 1, 2018	December 31, 2019 January 1, 2018	December 31, 2020 January 1, 2020	December 31, 2021 January 1, 2020	December 31, 2022 January 1, 2022	December 31, 2023 January 1, 2022	December 31, 2024 January 1, 2024
Total OPEB Liability	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Service Cost	\$ 7,115	\$ 3,324	\$ 6,609	\$ 5,366	\$ 5,321	\$ 2,581	\$ 1,860
Interest	\$ 10,368	\$ 4,531	\$ 7,617	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,217	\$ 6,828	\$ 4,361
Change in benefit terms	\$ (155,427)	\$ 10,541	\$ 60,122	\$ 5,643	\$ (8,821)	\$ 3,249	\$ (57,360)
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ (1,538)	\$ 6,656	\$ (33,356)	\$ (758)	\$ 16,882	\$ 1,200	\$ 8,993
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	\$ (10,729)	\$ 39,688	\$ (23,995)	\$ 2,629	\$ (81,007)	\$ (1,579)	\$ 8,356
Benefit payments	\$ (4,313)	\$ (5,484)	\$ (5,177)	\$ (6,120)	\$ (6,030)	\$ (7,707)	\$ (6,286)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	\$ (154,524)	\$ 59,256	\$ 11,820	\$ 11,406	\$ (69,438)	\$ 4,572	\$ (40,076)
Total OPEB Liability-beginning	\$ 308,268	\$ 153,744	\$ 213,000	\$ 224,820	\$ 236,226	\$ 166,788	\$ 171,360
Total OPEB Liability-ending	\$ 153,744	\$ 213,000	\$ 224,820	\$ 236,226	\$ 166,788	\$ 171,360	\$ 131,284
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 126,392	\$ 131,717	\$ 133,252	\$ 158,268	\$ 147,928	\$ 160,432	\$ 169,473
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	121.64%	161.71%	168.72%	149.26%	112.75%	106.81%	77.47%

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Notes to Schedule:

		Effective 1/1/2019, a Medicare Advantage Plan was introduced as an option for eligible retirees.					
Changes of Benefit Terms.	No changes	no change	no change	no change	no change	no change	no change
Changes of Assumptions.							
The changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period.							
Inflation	NOT LISTED	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%
Salary Increases, including inflation	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%
Discount rate	3.710%	2.750%	2.000%	1.840%	4.050%	3.770%	4.280%
Mortality Rate Scale	MP-2018	MP-2019	MP-2020	PubS.H-2010	PubS.H-2010	PubS.H-2010	PubS.H-2010

TERREBONNE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Agency Head Name: Anthony Bercegeay, District Fire Chief

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$27,085
Benefits-insurance	\$0
Benefits-retirement	\$0
Deferred compensation (contributions made by the agency)	\$0
Benefits-other (describe)	\$0
Car allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2 adjusted for various fiscal years)	\$0
Cell phone	\$0
Dues	\$0
Vehicle rental	\$0
Per diem/Call Out Pays	\$0
Reimbursements	\$248
Travel	\$0
Registration fees	\$0
Conference travel	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses (example: travel advances, etc.)	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	\$0

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



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

To the Board of Commissioners,
Of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9
Houma, LA

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9, a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2025.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Stagni & Company

May 16, 2025
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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