

**PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1
PONCHATOULA, LOUISIANA**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

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Independent Auditor's Report

Mr. Terry Byers, Chairman
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Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2024, the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

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 District's 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 and *Government 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 the District's 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 District's 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 budgetary comparison information on pages 27 through 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the

basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

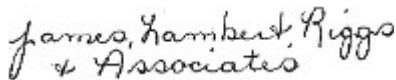
Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required 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.

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 13, 2025

Basic Financial Statements

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit A**Ponchatoula, Louisiana**

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,395,172
Investments	62,334
Accounts Receivable, Net	2,645,032
Prepaid Expenses	141,567
Restricted Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	498,311
Cash Held in Trust	451,534
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	
Land	1,819,453
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>7,330,339</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,343,742</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,969
Sheriff's Pension Payable	99,490
Accrued Interest Payable	13,781
Long-Term Debt - Current	480,000
Long-Term Debt - Non-Current	<u>4,280,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,895,240</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Sponsorships	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total Deferred Flows of Resources	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 4,389,792
Restricted	936,064
Unrestricted	<u>4,097,646</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 9,423,502</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit B**Ponchatoula, Louisiana**

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

		Program Revenues		Net Revenue (Expense) & Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,818,173	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,818,173)
Depreciation	415,854	-	-	(415,854)
Interest on Debt Service	173,157	-	-	(173,157)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 2,407,184</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(2,407,184)
General Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes				2,574,078
State Revenue Sharing				131,166
Rental Income				33,782
Interest Income				39,850
Insurance Proceeds				5,000
Other Income				<u>45,601</u>
Total General Revenues				<u>2,829,477</u>
Change in Net Position				422,293
Net Position - Beginning of the Year				<u>15,733,871</u>
Net Position - End of the Year				<u>\$ 16,156,164</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit C**Ponchatoula, Louisiana****Governmental Funds Balance Sheet**

December 31, 2024

	General Fund	4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	Total
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,395,172	\$ -	\$ 1,395,172
Investments	62,334	-	62,334
Accounts Receivable, Net	1,932,143	712,889	2,645,032
Due from Other Funds	-	36,241	36,241
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	498,311	498,311
Cash Held in Trust	441,341	10,193	451,534
Total Assets	\$ 3,830,990	\$ 1,257,634	\$ 5,088,624
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,969	\$ -	\$ 21,969
Due to Other Funds	36,241	-	36,241
Pension Fund Mandate Payable	71,054	28,436	99,490
Total Liabilities	129,264	28,436	157,700
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Sponsorships	25,000	-	25,000
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for Construction	441,341	-	441,341
Restricted for Debt Service	-	508,504	508,504
Unassigned	3,235,385	720,694	3,956,079
Total Fund Balances	3,676,726	1,229,198	4,905,924
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 3,830,990	\$ 1,257,634	\$ 5,088,624

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

Exhibit D

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit C) \$ 4,905,924

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

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

Governmental Capital Assets	14,478,855
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,329,063)

Prepaid Insurance at December 31, 2024	141,567
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In the statement of net position, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditures is reported when due.	(13,781)
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Current (Short-Term) Obligations:	
Revenue Bonds	(480,000)
Non-Current (Long-Term) Obligations:	
Revenue Bonds	<u>(4,280,000)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A) \$ 9,423,502

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit E**Ponchatoula, Louisiana**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General Fund	4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	Total
Revenues:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,835,827	\$ 738,251	\$ 2,574,078
State Revenue Sharing	131,166	-	131,166
Rental Income	33,782	-	33,782
Interest Income	29,618	10,232	39,850
Insurance Proceeds	5,000	-	5,000
Other Income	45,601	-	45,601
Total Revenues	<u>2,080,994</u>	<u>748,483</u>	<u>2,829,477</u>
Expenditures:			
Parks and Recreation:			
Salaries and Related Benefits	910,969	-	910,969
Legal and Professional	19,646	-	19,646
Repairs & Maintenance	235,251	-	235,251
Telephone and Utilities	142,825	-	142,825
Office Expenses	131,599	-	131,599
Insurance	211,511	-	211,511
Pension Fund Mandate	71,054	28,436	99,490
Other	68,346	-	68,346
Capital Outlay	501,399	-	501,399
Debt Service	-	639,225	639,225
Total Expenditures	<u>2,292,600</u>	<u>667,661</u>	<u>2,960,261</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenditures	(211,606)	80,822	(130,784)
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	<u>3,888,332</u>	<u>1,148,376</u>	<u>5,036,708</u>
Fund Balance - End of the Year	<u>\$ 3,676,726</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,198</u>	<u>\$ 4,905,924</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit F**Ponchatoula, Louisiana**

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

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit E) \$ (130,784)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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

Capital Outlay	501,399
Depreciation Expense	(415,854)

Governmental funds expense insurance payments when paid. In the statement of activities, only the portion applicable to the current year is expensed. The remaining is recorded in the statement of net position as prepaid insurance.

Prior Year Prepaid Insurance	(140,103)
Current Year Prepaid Insurance	141,567

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest from the prior year:

Prior Year Accrued Interest	14,849
Current Year Accrued Interest	(13,781)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

Repayments of Long-Term Debt	<u>465,000</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B) \$ 422,293

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1Exhibit G**Ponchatoula, Louisiana**

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

December 31, 2024

	PARD Sports Program
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,372
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,372</u>
Liabilities	
Due to Others	\$ 33,372
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 33,372</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Narrative Profile

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, was created by an ordinance of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on April 22, 1996, “...as a recreation district to consist of territorial lands and property, both real and personal, in the parish, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) 33:4562 et seq., and Article 6, Section 19 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, to be a body corporate in law and a subdivision of the State, known as “Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 (the “District”).”

The District contains within its limits one municipality, the City of Ponchatoula. The governing body of this municipality has given consent to the inclusion of such municipality in the District. The District shall be and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, within the meaning of the constitution and statutes of the State relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds therefore.

The objectives and purposes of the District are to own and operate playgrounds and other facilities and to engage in activities that would promote recreation and any related activity designed to encourage recreation and promote the general health and well-being of youths and all of the goals and purposes as authorized by law. Major revenues for the District include property taxes and state revenue sharing. Major expenditures of the District include capital outlay, debt service, maintenance, supplies, and salaries and related benefits.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

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

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes and to guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

B. Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Because the board members of the District are appointed by the Tangipahoa Parish Council, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Council, under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

C. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all of the District's 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 of the District.

General Fund – the primary operating fund of the District, which accounts for the operations of the District, except those operations required to be handled in a separate fund. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.

4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund – used to account for the collection of the 4-mil property tax dedicated for the construction and debt service for the gymnasium facility in the District.

Fiduciary Fund

The focus of the fiduciary fund is on net position and changes in net position. This fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, this fund has no measurement focus, but uses the modified accrual basis of accounting. The District reports a single fiduciary fund:

Sports Program Fund – this fund is used to account for registration fees collected and held by the District as an agent for local sports organizations.

D. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the non-fiduciary activities of the District with most of the interfund activities removed. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Interest earnings and other revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The District does not allocate indirect expenses.

Basic Financial Statements – Governmental Funds

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Governmental Fund 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 the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues – Ad valorem tax revenue, state revenue sharing revenue, and interest revenue are recorded when due. Other revenues are generally recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets (i.e. when the service is performed). Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures – Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Reconciliation – Explanation of differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented in Exhibit D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented in Exhibit F of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgetary procedures applicable to the District are defined in state law, LRS 39:1301-15. The major requirements of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are summarized as follows:

1. The District adopts a budget each year for the general fund and special revenue funds, if applicable.
2. The Chairman prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners for consideration no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. At the same time, if total proposed expenditures are \$500,000 or more, a notice of public hearing on the proposed budget must be published in the official journal.
3. All action necessary to adopt and implement the budget must be completed prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. A hearing on the proposed budget was held on December 14, 2023. The budget was adopted on December 14, 2023.
4. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board. The budget was amended on June 20, 2024 and on December 13, 2024.
5. The budgets are integrated into the accounting system, and the budgetary data, as presented in the financial statements for all funds with annual budgets, compare the expenditures with the amended budgets. All budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund presents actual expenditures in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America on a basis consistent with the legally adopted budgets as amended. Unexpended appropriations on annual budgets lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

F. Deposits and Investments

The District's cash is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments for the District are stated at fair value using published market values. The state investment pool (LAMP) operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

G. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

The District calculates its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

H. Inventory

The District utilizes the “purchase method” of accounting for supplies, whereby expendable operating supplies are recognized as expenditures when purchased. The District did not record any inventory at December 31, 2024, as the amount is immaterial.

I. Prepaid Items

The District recognizes expenditures for insurance and similar services extending over more than one accounting period when paid.

J. Capital Assets

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the governmental funds and as assets in the government-wide financial statements, to the extent the District's capitalization threshold of \$300 is met. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

K. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense / expenditure) until then.

L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, debt principal payments of both governmental activities are reported as decreases in the balance of the liability on the Statement of Net Position. In the fund financial statements, however, debt principal payments of governmental funds are recognized as expenditures when paid.

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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M. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policies related to sick and vacation leave:

Sick Leave

Full-time employees who have been with the District for one year will be given one-week sick leave. Full-time employees can accrue up to two weeks of sick leave time. When an employee has more than two weeks of sick leave available, they will lose the excess time.

Vacation Leave

All full-time employees who have been with the District for one year will be given one week of paid vacation based on their vacation hours earned. All full-time employees who have been with the District for two years or more will be given two weeks of paid vacation based on their vacation hours earned. Full-time employees can accrue vacation time up to three weeks. When an employee has more than three weeks' vacation time available, they will lose the excess time.

At the time of termination, full-time employees who have worked less than one year will not receive any paid vacation.

N. Net Position

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any 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.
2. Restricted – this component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted – all other net position is reported in this category

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.

O. Fund Balance

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

1. Nonspendable Fund Balance – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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2. Restricted Fund Balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes due to enabling legislation, State or Federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens. Funds in the 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund are considered to be restricted due to existing debt service paid from this fund.
3. Committed Fund Balance – amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners (the District's highest level of decision-making authority).
4. Assigned Fund Balance – amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
5. Unassigned Fund Balance – all amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

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

P. Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB issued GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 101 during 2024. The implementation of this standard had no impact on the District's financial statements as of December 31, 2024.

Q. Estimates

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

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. See Note 1-E for the procedures the District follows regarding budgets and budgetary accounting. The District complied with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act in adopting and amending its budget for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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B. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note 3, regarding deposits and investments, the District was in compliance with the deposit and investment laws and regulations.

C. Deficit Fund Equity

As of December 31, 2024, no District funds had deficit fund balances.

3. Deposits and Investments

As reflected on Exhibit A, the District has cash totaling \$2,345,017 (of which \$949,845 is restricted) and investments totaling \$62,334 at December 31, 2024. As reflected on Exhibit G, the District is holding cash totaling \$32,372 for fiduciary purposes at December 31, 2024.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The following is a summary of cash and investments at December 31, 2024, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledged securities:

Bank Balances:

Insured (FDIC Insurance)	\$ 250,000
Uninsured and Collateralized:	
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	2,162,302
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	-
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 2,412,302</u>

The \$451,534 shown as "Cash Held in Trust" represents the remaining cash proceeds from the sale of the \$3,310,000 Series 2018 Revenue Bonds. These funds are currently being held by Hancock Whitney Bank on behalf of the District. Hancock Whitney Bank maintains adequate insurance and collateral on these funds.

Even though the pledged securities are not held in the entity's name, LRS 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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At December 31, 2024, the District's investment balance was as follows:

	Reported Amount	Fair Value
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	\$ 62,334	\$ 62,334

Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LRS 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

- Credit Risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial Credit Risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of Credit Risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5% disclosure requirement.
- Interest Rate Risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate disclosure 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 or 762 days for U.S. Government floating / variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments was 29 days as of December 31, 2024.
- Foreign Currency Risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

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LAMP, Inc., issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc., 650 Poydras Street, Suite 2220, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or by calling (504) 525-LAMP.

4. Receivables

Receivables represent revenues earned in 2024 and received in 2025 as follows:

	General Fund	4-Mill Gymnasium Fund	Total
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,808,727	\$ 723,889	\$ 2,532,616
State Revenue Sharing	131,166	-	131,166
Other Receivables	20,000	-	20,000
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible	(27,750)	(11,000)	(38,750)
Accounts Receivable, Net	<u>\$ 1,932,143</u>	<u>\$ 712,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,032</u>

5. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, are as follows:

	Balance 12/31/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/24
Capital Assets not Depreciated:				
Construction in Progress	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land	<u>1,819,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,819,453</u>
Total Capital Assets not Depreciated	1,819,453	-	-	1,819,453
Other Capital Assets:				
Buildings	8,805,842	-	-	8,805,842
Land Improvements	4,326,202	452,024	-	4,778,226
Equipment	<u>858,478</u>	<u>49,375</u>	<u>13,066</u>	<u>894,787</u>
Total Other Capital Assets	13,990,522	501,399	13,066	14,478,855
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	2,099,195	220,584	-	2,319,779
Land Improvements	2,086,402	172,656	-	2,259,058
Equipment	<u>740,678</u>	<u>22,614</u>	<u>13,066</u>	<u>750,226</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>4,926,275</u>	<u>415,854</u>	<u>13,066</u>	<u>5,329,063</u>
Other Capital Assets, Net	<u>9,064,247</u>	<u>85,545</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,149,792</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 10,883,700</u>	<u>\$ 85,545</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,969,245</u>

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Depreciation expense of \$415,854 for the year ended December 31, 2024, was charged to the governmental activities.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method on the government-wide basis over the following useful lives:

Land	N/A
Construction in Progress	N/A
Buildings	40 Years
Land Improvements	20 - 30 Years
Equipment	15 Years

6. Leases

The District had no leases in effect as of December 31, 2024.

7. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Type of Debt	Balance at 12/31/23	Debt Issued	Debt Retired	Balance at 12/31/24	Due Within One Year
Series 2015 \$4,030,000 Revenue Bonds	\$ 3,335,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 3,175,000	\$ 160,000
Series 2018 \$3,310,000 Revenue Bonds	<u>1,890,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>1,585,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>
	<u>\$ 5,225,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 465,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,760,000</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>

As of December 31, 2024, long-term debt of the District consisted of the following:

Revenue Bonds:

\$4,030,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 dated December 23, 2015; Due in annual installments of \$25,000 - \$270,000 through June 1, 2039; With interest at variable rates (Payable from a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the 30-year, 10 mil ad valorem tax).

\$ 3,175,000

\$3,310,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 dated August 23, 2018; Due in annual installments of \$55,000 - \$330,000 through June 1, 2039; With interest at variable rates (Payable from a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the 30-year, 4 mil ad valorem tax).

\$ 1,585,000

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Payments of Revenue Bond principal and interest are secured primarily by a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mills, ten-year property tax renewed on October 14, 2023, and the four (4.00) mills, thirty year property tax approved by the voters in the District on November 4, 2008.

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at December 31, 2024, including interest payments of \$1,249,631 are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	\$4,030,000 Revenue Bonds	\$3,310,000 Revenue Bonds	Total
2025	\$ 273,750	\$ 366,300	\$ 640,050
2026	273,050	366,550	639,600
2027	276,250	85,706	361,956
2028	274,150	88,838	362,988
2029	276,750	86,888	363,638
2030 - 2034	1,370,477	452,332	1,822,809
2035 - 2039	1,371,488	447,102	1,818,590
	4,115,915	1,893,716	6,009,631
Less: Interest Portion	940,915	308,716	1,249,631
	<u>\$ 3,175,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,760,000</u>

8. Ad Valorem Taxes

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

General Fund	10.00 Mills
4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	4.00 Mills

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed and recognized as revenue when billed.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff bills and collects property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Tangipahoa Parish. For the year ended December 31, 2024, taxes were levied on property with taxable assessed valuations totaling \$193,355,850.

The total taxes levied were \$1,850,408 (10.00 Mil) and \$740,550 (4.00 Mills). At December 31, 2024, the ad valorem tax receivable was \$2,645,032 and the state revenue sharing receivable was \$131,166. Ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31, 2024, are recorded net of a 2% allowance for uncollectible taxes.

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9. Tax Abatements

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is an original state incentive program which offers attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, for up to ten years, local property taxes (ad valorem) on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. This exemption is granted per contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and will specify the buildings and / or personal property items covered by the exemption. There are currently nineteen (19) tax abatements in Tangipahoa Parish, related to eleven (11) companies, under the Louisiana ITEP. For the 2024 calendar year, estimated forgone ad valorem taxes due to this abatement program was \$15,100 for the District.

10. Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds – Ad Valorem Tax

Proceeds of the 10-year special tax of 10 mils on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in the District (2024 collections \$1,808,727) are dedicated for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, and / or operating recreational facilities and activities in and for the District.

Proceeds of the 30-year special tax of 4 mils on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in the District (2024 collections \$723,889) are dedicated for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, improve, and equip a multipurpose gymnasium facility and other recreation facilities within the District; to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith; and to authorize the funding of the proceeds of said tax into bonds.

The District, through its governing authority, adopted a resolution on December 23, 2015, authorizing the issuance of \$4,030,000 of Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, for the purpose of an advance refunding on the \$6,160,000 Limited Tax Revenue Bonds (Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Project), Series 2009. In that resolution, the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mils, ten (10) year property tax and the four (4.00) mils, thirty (30) year property tax were pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for payment of the bonds authorized and interest as they become due and for other purposes.

The District, through its governing authority, adopted a resolution on April 19, 2018, authorizing the issuance of \$3,310,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, for the purpose of financing the construction and equipping of additional recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, a new multi-purpose gymnasium facility within the District. In that resolution, the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mils, ten (10) year property tax and the four (4.00) mils, thirty (30) year property tax were pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for payment of the bonds authorized and interest as they become due and for other purposes.

After funds have been set aside out of the revenues of the taxes for each tax roll year sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds for the ensuing calendar year, then any excess of annual revenues of the taxes remaining for that tax roll year shall be free for expenditure by the District for the purposes for which the taxes were authorized by the voters.

As of December 31, 2024, the District was in compliance with all bond covenants.

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11. Deferred Compensation Plan

The District maintains an Oppenheimer Funds SIMPLE IRA plan under Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the plan, qualified employees may defer up to \$13,000 of their salary. The District will match up to 3% of the employee's salary. The District's contributions totaled \$13,479 during the year ended December 31, 2024.

12. Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the District at December 31, 2024.

13. Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated the subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 13, 2025. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Required Supplemental Information:
Budgetary Comparison Schedules

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Variance - Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,835,827	\$ 35,827
State Revenue Sharing	130,000	125,000	131,166	6,166
Rental Income	20,000	15,000	33,782	18,782
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	5,000	5,000
Other Income	55,250	44,105	75,219	31,114
Total Revenues	<u>2,005,250</u>	<u>1,984,105</u>	<u>2,080,994</u>	<u>96,889</u>
Expenditures:				
Parks and Recreation:				
Salaries & Related Benefits	830,000	1,002,000	910,969	91,031
Legal and Professional	35,000	37,500	19,646	17,854
Repairs & Maintenance	255,000	255,000	235,251	19,749
Telephone and Utilities	135,000	135,000	142,825	(7,825)
Office Expenses	118,500	116,500	131,599	(15,099)
Insurance	240,000	240,000	211,511	28,489
Pension Fund Mandate	65,000	65,000	71,054	(6,054)
Other	57,000	57,000	68,346	(11,346)
Capital Outlay	250,000	455,000	501,399	(46,399)
Total Expenditures	<u>1,985,500</u>	<u>2,363,000</u>	<u>2,292,600</u>	<u>70,400</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	19,750	(378,895)	(211,606)	167,289
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of the Year	<u>3,888,332</u>	<u>3,888,332</u>	<u>3,888,332</u>	-
End of the Year	<u>\$ 3,908,082</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,437</u>	<u>\$ 3,676,726</u>	<u>\$ 167,289</u>

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – 4-Mil Gymnasium Fund

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Final Budget Variance - Favorable / (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 645,000	\$ 706,000	\$ 738,251	\$ 32,251
Interest Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,232</u>	<u>10,232</u>
Total Revenues	<u>645,000</u>	<u>706,000</u>	<u>748,483</u>	<u>42,483</u>
Expenditures:				
Parks and Recreation:				
Pension Fund Mandate	21,000	21,000	28,436	(7,436)
Debt Service	<u>639,225</u>	<u>629,225</u>	<u>639,225</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>660,225</u>	<u>650,225</u>	<u>667,661</u>	<u>(17,436)</u>
Excess / (Deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	(15,225)	55,775	80,822	25,047
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of the Year	<u>1,148,376</u>	<u>1,148,376</u>	<u>1,148,376</u>	<u>-</u>
End of the Year	<u>\$ 1,133,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,198</u>	<u>\$ 25,047</u>

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Other Supplemental Information

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Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Agency Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Schedule 3

Unsettled Deposits - Beginning of the Year	\$ 32,538
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Additions:

Deposits:

Online Registrations	188,422
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Interest	<u>152</u>
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Total Additions	188,574
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Reductions:

Ponchatoula Youth Baseball/Softball	94,149
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Ponchatoula Basketball Association	44,840
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Ponchatoula Youth Volleyball	19,329
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Ponchatoula Little Conference Football	28,620
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Online Processing Fees	<u>802</u>
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Total Reductions	<u>187,740</u>
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Unsettled Deposits - End of the Year	<u>\$ 33,372</u>
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Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Terry Byers 40271 Byers Rd Ponchatoula, LA 70454	Chairman	-	April 2027
Roger Kennedy 39092 Dutch Lane Ponchatoula, LA 70454	Commissioner	-	April 2025
Marshall Graves 42238 Landing View Rd. Ponchatoula, LA 70454	Commissioner	-	April 2029
Patricia Landaiche 385 W. Chestnut Hammond 70403	Commissioner	-	April 2026
Kyle Mitchell 25353 Winston St Ponchatoula, LA 70454	Commissioner	-	April 2028
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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Agency Head: Paul Jacob Stevens, Park Director (Resigned in July 2024)

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 58,686
Benefits - Insurance	8,992
Benefits - Retirement	2,848
Deferred Compensation	-
Benefits - Other - Supplemental Pay	-
Cell Phone	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Conference Travel	-
Housing	-
Other	-
	<u>\$ 70,526</u>

Agency Head: Mark Verbois, Park Director (Hired in November 2024)

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 10,769
Benefits - Insurance	-
Benefits - Retirement	-
Deferred Compensation	-
Benefits - Other - Supplemental Pay	-
Cell Phone	-
Reimbursements	58
Travel	-
Registration Fees	275
Conference Travel	171
Housing	408
Other	-
	<u>\$ 11,681</u>

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**Other Independent Auditor's Reports and
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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*

Mr. Terry Byers, Chairman
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 (the "District"), as of for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and responses as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 to be material weaknesses.

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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

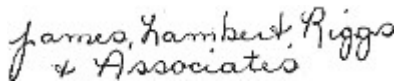
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and response as items 2024-003.

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and responses. The District's response was not subjected to the other 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 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.



James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 13, 2025

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Schedule of Current Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2025. Our audit of the basic financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Reports

1. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control:

Material Weakness	<u>X</u>	Yes	___	No
Significant Deficiencies	<u>X</u>	Yes	___	No

Compliance:

Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	<u>X</u>	Yes	___	No
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2. Management Letter

Was a management letter issued?	___	Yes	<u>X</u>	No
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Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

2024-001 – Financial Statement Preparation

Condition:

As is common in small organizations, management has chosen to engage the auditors to propose certain year-end adjusting journal entries and to prepare the annual financial statements. Consistent with this decision, internal controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and annual financial statements, complete with notes, have not been fully implemented. Under generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), this condition represents a material weakness in internal controls. GAAS does not provide exceptions to reporting deficiencies that are adequately mitigated with non-audit services rendered by the auditor or deficiencies for which the remedy would be cost prohibitive or otherwise impractical.

This condition was also noted in the prior year.

Criteria:

Internal controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and annual financial statements, complete with notes, are necessary in order for management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis.

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Cause:

This condition is intentional by management based on the District's lack of financial complexity, along with the cost prohibitive nature of acquiring the ability to prepare financial statements.

Effect:

Management and employees are unable to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation:

We recommend no action be taken.

Management's Response:

See the attached management response letter.

2024-002 – Internal Controls over Fixed Assets

Condition:

During our audit and testing of fixed assets, we noted several weaknesses in internal controls over fixed assets. The weaknesses we noted are summarized as follows:

- The District failed to perform the annual inventory of the District's fixed assets to determine which assets are still in use and those that should be surplus by the Board of Commissioners.
- The District failed to update the fixed asset tracking software used to reflect the current year fixed asset activity.

Criteria:

Internal controls over fixed assets should be suitably designed so that errors, irregularities, or fraud can be prevented or detected and corrected in a timely manner by management or employees during in the normal course of performing their assigned duties.

Cause:

The cause of this condition appears to be oversight by management and personnel changes with those individuals that are charged with the operation of controls over fixed assets.

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Effect:

These internal control weaknesses create an environment in which errors or irregularities in the processing of fixed assets could occur and not be either prevented or detected and corrected by District employees in a timely manner.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the District follow its existing internal control policies and procedures in regards to conducting an annual inventory of all fixed assets and maintaining a permanent record of fixed assets in the software system.

Management's Response:

See the attached management response letter.

Compliance and Other Matters

2024-003– Compliance with Louisiana Public Bid Law

Condition:

The District failed to comply with a certain provision of the Louisiana Public Bid Law for the public works project – Bulkhead Improvement Project on Selsers Creek.

Criteria:

Public bid law procedures applicable to the District are specified in state law, Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 38:2211-2296. The pertinent part of the law and the manner in which the District did not comply was as follows:

LRS 38:2212(G) requires the following:

“The advertisement required by this subsection for any contract for public works shall be published once a week for three different weeks in a newspaper in the locality, and the first advertisement shall appear at least twenty-five days before the opening of bids. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, a public entity may also publish an advertisement by electronic media available to the general public.”

The District only advertised this public works project twice in the official journal before the bid opening.

Cause:

The cause of this condition appears to be lack of understanding or oversight of the specific requirements of the Public Bid Law by management.

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Effect:

Failure to follow the precise requirements of Public Bid Law in place at the time of the public works project resulted in the District not complying with the public bid laws specified in LRS 38:2212(G).

Recommendation:

We recommend that the District familiarize itself with all aspects of the Public Bid Laws according to LRS 38:2211-2296.

Management's Response:

See the attached management response letter.

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Ponchatoula, Louisiana
Schedule of Prior Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Ref #</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Findings Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Findings</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>
<u>Internal Control over Financial Reporting</u>			
2023-001	December 31, 2023	Financial Statement Preparation	None
2023-002	December 31, 2023	Internal Control Deficiency over Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation Review	Resolved
2023-003	December 31, 2023	Lack of Adequate Internal Controls over Credit Cards	Resolved
2023-004	December 31, 2023	Internal Controls over Fixed Assets	Not Resolved
<u>Compliance and Other Matters</u>			
2023-005	December 31, 2023	Failure to Pay Simple IRA Contributions When Due	Resolved

Note: This schedule prepared by management of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1.



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June 13, 2024

Dear Mr. Riggs.

In response to the Audit Report by James Lambert Riggs & Associates of Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 for the year ended December the 31st. 2024:

The district accepts all findings of the 2024 Annual Financial Statement and will adjust per James Lambert Riggs & Associates recommendations.

Sincerely,

Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary

Mark Verbois, Director

Terry Byers
Chairman

Roger Kennedy
Commissioner

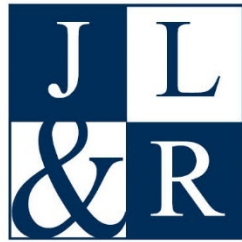
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PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1
STATEWIDE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Mr. Terry Byers, Chairman
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Louisiana Legislative Auditor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's (the "District") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are detailed in Schedule "A."

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 13, 2025

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - **Results:** The District does have a policy on Purchasing, however, it does not contain item (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list.
 - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iv. ***Receipts / Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - v. ***Payroll / Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - vi. ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - vii. ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

viii. ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

ix. ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

x. ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure / EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

xi. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing / verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches / updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

- **Results:** The District does have a policy on Information Technology Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity, however, it does not comply with all items listed above.

xii. ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

- **Results:** The District does have a policy on Prevention of Sexual Harassment, however, it does not contain items (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

2) Board or Finance Committee

A. Obtain and inspect the board / finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and

i. Observe that the board / finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, review the minutes from all regularly scheduled board / finance committee meetings held during the fiscal year and observe whether the minutes from at least one meeting each month referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity*

relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- iv. Observe whether the board / finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
- **Results:** The minutes of the board meetings did not reference any discussions regarding the progress of resolving prior year audit findings.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
- **Results:** Of the five bank accounts tested, two of the reconciliations were not prepared within two months of the related statement closing date.
- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
- **Results:** Of the five bank accounts tested, two of the reconciliations did not have written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared.

iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

- **Results:** Of the five bank accounts tested, four of the reconciliations did not have documentation reflecting management has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash / checks / money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that

i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers / registers;

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee / official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee / official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and / or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and / or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee / official verifies the reconciliation.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - **Results:** One of the deposits selected for testing did not have a copy of the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - **Results:** Two of the deposits selected for testing were not made within one business day of receipt.
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding / modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - **Results:** The employee responsible for processing payments is allowed to add or modify vendor files. No other employee documents a review of changes to the vendor files.
- iv. Either the employee / official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- v. Only employees / officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial / date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
 - **Results:** For one of the selected transactions, there was no evidence of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above.

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*
- **Results:** For two of the selected transactions, there was no approval by those authorized to disburse funds per the District's policy, nor were they approved by the required number of authorized signers per the District's policy.

6) Credit Cards / Debit Cards / Fuel Cards / Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit / debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
 - **Results:** For one of the selected statements, there was finance charges assessed.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business / public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.
- **Results:** For one of the selected transaction, there was no itemized receipt identifying precisely what was purchased. For three of the selected transactions, there was no written documentation of the business / public purpose.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms / prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana (doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/) or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business / public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees / officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee / official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- B. Inquire and / or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees / officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee / official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result of the above listed procedures.



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June 13, 2025

Dear Mr. Riggs.

In response to the statewide Agreed- upon procedures Engagement for the year ended December the 31st. 2024:

Written policies and procedures

The district will update the Purchasing policy to contain how vendors are added to the vendor list.

The district will update the information technology disaster recovery business continuity to better reflect the district's current IT procedures and information.

Board or Finance Committee

The board will discuss any audit findings during board meetings, and it will reflect them in the board minutes.

Bank reconciliation

Bank statements will be reconciled within 2 months of the statement's closing date.

All bank accounts and reconciliations will be reviewed, signed, and dated by management or a board member within one month of the date the reconciliation is prepared.

Management will research outstanding items and document the findings.

Collections

The district will ensure that documentation of bank deposits is available.

Deposits will be made within one business day.

Non-Payroll Disbursements

An employee other than the employee responsible for processing payments will periodically review the vendor list.

Documentation of disbursement will be initialed and dated, along with the purpose of the disbursement.

Terry Byers
Chairman

Roger Kennedy
Commissioner

Marshall Graves
Commissioner

Patricia Landaiche
Commissioner

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Transactions will obtain approval

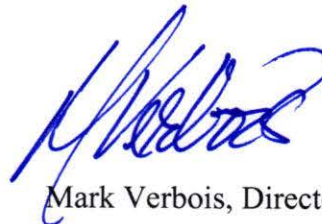
Credit Cards/ Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards

The district will address finance charges and late fees by using electronic payment and will obtain two signatures.

Written documentation will be obtained for transactions and will be initialed and dated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Letisha Smith".

Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Verbois".

Mark Verbois, Director