

**Basic Financial Statements
And Independent Accountants' Review Report
St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District
Opelousas, Louisiana
June 30, 2024**

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To the Board of Commissioners
St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District of Opelousas, Louisiana ("the District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 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. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountants' Responsibility

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

We are required to be independent of the St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District of Opelousas, Louisiana, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountants' Conclusion

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 18 and 19 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

Other Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. The information was subject to our compilation engagement, but we have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Joseph Williams, Co., LLC

Lake Charles, Louisiana
December 16, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT – WIDE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (GWFS)

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 255,282
Accounts receivable	39,225
Certificates of deposit	<u>64,646</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 359,153</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 16,700
Accrued compensated absences	<u>13,679</u>
Total Liabilities	30,379
NET POSITION	
Restricted	12,819
Unassigned	<u>315,955</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>328,774</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 359,153</u></u>

See independent accountants' review report.

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 182,969	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (182,969)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 182,969</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(182,969)

General revenues:

Farm bill funds	69,721
NRCS-PSS	47,695
Local drainage districts	7,000
State funds	38,729
NACD grant	40,984
UL land judging	1,210
Interest income	3,780
Rentals	900
Total general revenues	<u>210,019</u>

Change in net position 27,050

Net position at beginning of year 301,724

Net position end of year \$ 328,774

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund
June 30, 2024

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND		TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	JUNE 30, 2024
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,977	\$ 7,305	\$ 255,282
Accounts receivable	25,442	13,783	39,225
Certificates of deposit	64,646	-	64,646
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 338,065	\$ 21,088	\$ 359,153
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,431	\$ 8,269	\$ 16,700
Total liabilities	8,431	8,269	16,700
<u>Fund Equity:</u>			
Restricted	-	12,819	12,819
Unassigned	329,634	-	329,634
Total fund equity	329,634	12,819	342,453
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 338,065	\$ 21,088	\$ 359,153
Fund Balance of governmental fund			\$ 342,453
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:			
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Those liabilities consist of:			
Compensated absences payable			(13,679)
Net Position of governmental activities			<u>\$ 328,774</u>

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ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	JUNE 30, 2024
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenue:			
Farm bill funds	\$ 69,721	\$ -	\$ 69,721
NRCS-PSS	-	47,695	47,695
Local drainage districts	7,000	-	7,000
State funds	38,729	-	38,729
NACD grant	-	40,984	40,984
Other Revenue:			
UL land judging	1,210	-	1,210
Interest income	3,780	-	3,780
Rentals	900	-	900
Total Revenues	<u>121,340</u>	<u>88,679</u>	<u>210,019</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Operating:			
Operating services	2,704	-	2,704
Personal services	85,570	83,424	168,994
Supplies	1,159	-	1,159
Travel	1,422	-	1,422
Feral hog traps grant	45	-	45
UL land judging	1,483	-	1,483
Total Expenditures	<u>92,383</u>	<u>83,424</u>	<u>175,807</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	28,957	5,255	34,212
Fund Balances-Beginning	<u>300,677</u>	<u>7,564</u>	<u>308,241</u>
Fund Balances-Ending	<u>\$ 329,634</u>	<u>\$ 12,819</u>	<u>\$ 342,453</u>
Total net change in fund balance-governmental fund-per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance			\$ 34,212
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:			
Compensated absences			(7,162)
Change in Net Position of governmental activities			<u>\$ 27,050</u>

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ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

INTRODUCTION

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements- and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999; Statement 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Net Position* and Statement 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. Such accounting and reporting policies also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.

The significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District are discussed below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

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

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District’s basic financial statements consists of government- wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include the fund of the reporting entity, which is considered to be a governmental activity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients for goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. These funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as the fund balance. In general, the fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District has two funds, the General Fund and a Special Revenue Fund which are considered its major funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/ BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" revenues, expenditures, expenses, transfers of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources—are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/ BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the operations.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues are classified by source and expenditures are classified by function and character. Expenditures (including capital outlays) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY

Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. The cash includes amounts in time deposits and investments with original maturities of 90 days or less as cash equivalents. Under state law (LSA R.S. 33:2955), the District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. In addition, local governments may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana laws and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

Receivables / Payables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivables for the governmental activities are related to intergovernmental revenue. All receivables are current and therefore due within one year. Allowances are reported when accounts are proven to be uncollectible. There are no allowances reported.

Payables consist of necessary and ordinary expenses of the Fund.

Compensated Absences

The cost of leave privileges is recognized as current year expenditure in the general fund when the leave is actually taken. The cost of leave privileges not requiring current resources is reflected in the government-wide financial statements. At June 30, 2024, employees of the District’s office have accumulated \$13,679 of leave.

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY (continued)

Equity Classifications

Net Position

The District classifies net position in the government-wide financial statements, as follows:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – Consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- *Restricted net position* – net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the District's bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
- *Unrestricted net position* – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

The District's policy is to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

Fund Balances

In accordance with GASB 54, the district classifies fund balances in governmental funds as follows:

- *Nonspendable* – Amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) because they are legally and contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted* – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors or higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- *Committed* – Amounts constrained by the District itself. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes the action to remove or change the constraint.
- *Assigned* – Amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.
- *Unassigned* – All amounts not included in other spendable.

The District would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

E. ESTIMATES

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

ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As of June 30, 2024, the District has cash (book balances) totaling \$255,282 in interest bearing demand deposits.

The cash of the St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District is subject to the following risks:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. 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 or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

As of June 30, 2024, the District has \$255,282 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 2024 consists of \$39,225 for services.

4. COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The board members of the District were paid per diem of:

	Amount
Richard M. Hollier, III	\$ 420
Lee Hampton	420
Ike Boudreaux	420
Fred Lavergne	315
	<u>\$ 1,575</u>

5. LITIGATION

Management has advised that there is no litigation pending against the District as of June 30, 2024.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Governmental Fund - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	GENERAL FUND			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
Farm bill funds	\$ 63,000	\$ 69,721	\$ 69,721	\$ -
Local drainage districts	7,600	7,000	7,000	-
State funds	38,940	38,729	38,729	-
Other Revenue:				
UL Land Judging	1,500	1,215	1,210	(5)
Interest income	912	3,867	3,780	(87)
Miscellaneous	400	-	-	-
Rentals	-	900	900	-
Total Revenues	<u>112,352</u>	<u>121,432</u>	<u>121,340</u>	<u>(92)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Operating:				
Operating services	2,200	2,800	2,704	96
Personal services	73,250	88,000	85,570	2,430
Supplies	1,500	1,050	1,159	(109)
Travel	1,210	1,495	1,422	73
Feral hog traps grant	-	46	45	1
UL Land Judging	1,676	1,485	1,483	2
Total Expenditures	<u>79,836</u>	<u>94,876</u>	<u>92,383</u>	<u>2,493</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	32,516	26,556	28,957	
Fund Balances-Beginning	<u>300,677</u>	<u>300,677</u>	<u>300,677</u>	
Fund Balances-Ending	<u>\$ 333,193</u>	<u>\$ 327,233</u>	<u>\$ 329,634</u>	

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**ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Governmental Fund - Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	SPECIAL REVENUE			VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
NRCS-PSS	\$ 44,700	\$ 48,800	\$ 47,695	\$ (1,105)
NACD grant	40,800	40,989	40,984	(5)
Water quality	650	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>86,150</u>	<u>89,789</u>	<u>88,679</u>	<u>(1,110)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Operating:				
Operating services	-	88,160	-	88,160
Personal services	85,842	-	83,424	(83,424)
Supplies	308	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>86,150</u>	<u>88,160</u>	<u>83,424</u>	<u>4,736</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	1,629	5,255	
Fund Balances-Beginning	<u>7,564</u>	<u>7,564</u>	<u>7,564</u>	
Fund Balances-Ending	<u>\$ 7,564</u>	<u>\$ 9,193</u>	<u>\$ 12,819</u>	

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**ST. LANDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Ike Boudreaux
Chairman

	Purpose	Amount
Per diem		\$ 420
		\$ 420

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Independent Accountants' Report
on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To St. Landry Soil and Water Conservation District ("District") and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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 District's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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 as follows:

Public Bid Law

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

Management provided us with a listing of all expenditures, there were none over the thresholds noted above.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Management provided us with the requested information.

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

Management provided us with the requested information.

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

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

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

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget and all amendments.

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

We traced adoption of the original budget and amended budget to documentation in the minutes of the meeting of the District's commissioners held on June 12, 2023, September 11, 2023, and June 10, 2024.

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

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Neither actual revenues or expenditures for the year exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

(a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Each of the disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Each of the six selected disbursements were properly approved at the monthly board meetings in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

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

Management represented that the District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. Management provided evidence of the public notice posted on a bulletin board by the suite door in the main lobby of the service center.

Debt

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

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

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

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

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

The District's report was due on January 2, 2025, and was submitted timely.

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

Management represented that the District was not on the noncompliance list.

Prior-Year Comments

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

Our prior year report, dated December 29, 2024, did not include any suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, or comments.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We 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 the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Lake Charles, Louisiana

December 21, 2024

ATTACHMENTS:

SIGNED LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ (Date Transmitted)

_____ (CPA Firm Name)
_____ (CPA Firm Address)
_____ (City, State Zip)

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of 6/30/24 (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [☒]

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [☒]

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

Yes [☒] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [✓]

Meetings

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

Debt

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes [] No [] N/A [✓]

General

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [✓] No [] N/A []

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

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

Yes [☒] No [☐] N/A [☐]

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

Yes [☒] No [☐] N/A [☐]

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

Keith Latiola Melissa Hallen 12/18/24
(District SA) Secretary 12-18-24 Date

Keith Latiola Treasurer 12-18-24 Date

John Boudreau President 12-19-24 Date