

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 31, 2025

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Year Ended July 31, 2025

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TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

July 31, 2025

MAYOR

The Honorable Sampson LeJeune

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Ricky Monceaux
Ms. Debbie Abshire
Mr. Duke Broussard

Mr. Corey Conner
Mr. Mahlon LeBlanc

LEGAL COUNSEL

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TOWN CLERK

Mrs. Mindy Marcantel

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Lake Arthur
Lake Arthur, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended July 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town'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 respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, as of July 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Street and Alley Fund 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 Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements



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

Responsibilities of Management 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 Town'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 auditors' 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 judgement 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 judgement 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 disclosure 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 Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana'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 Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Employer's Pension Contributions 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 Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Mayor, Justice

System Funding Schedule, Debt Service Coverage Ratio Worksheet, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Mayor, Justice System Funding Schedule, Debt Service Coverage Ratio Worksheet, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2026, on our consideration of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of 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 Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana'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 Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the
Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Mr. Elroy Quik & Bunch

Lake Charles, Louisiana
February 24, 2026

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
July 31, 2025

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 3,130,735	\$ 1,622,790	\$ 4,753,525
Investments	759,750	401,629	1,161,379
Receivables	154,171	103,266	257,437
Lease receivables	-	501,090	501,090
Prepays	-	3,736	3,736
Due from other funds	(185,092)	185,092	-
Restricted cash	-	101,141	101,141
Capital assets not being depreciated	911,358	413,448	1,324,806
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,219,872</u>	<u>1,304,188</u>	<u>6,524,060</u>
Total assets	<u>9,990,794</u>	<u>4,636,380</u>	<u>14,627,174</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>38,108</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>39,048</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	40,665	230,843	271,508
Customer meter deposits	-	101,141	101,141
Other payables	90,841	14,915	105,756
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	62,650	2,088	64,738
Due after one year	316,301	47,007	363,308
Net pension liability	<u>194,474</u>	<u>27,233</u>	<u>221,707</u>
Total liabilities	<u>704,931</u>	<u>423,227</u>	<u>1,128,158</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	30,896	2,214	33,110
Deferred inflows related to leases	<u>-</u>	<u>499,847</u>	<u>499,847</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>30,896</u>	<u>502,061</u>	<u>532,957</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	5,800,214	1,676,324	7,476,538
Restricted for:			
Debt service	158,046	-	158,046
Streets and drainage	471,865	-	471,865
Unrestricted	<u>2,962,950</u>	<u>2,035,708</u>	<u>4,898,658</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,293,075</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,032</u>	<u>\$ 13,005,107</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended July 31, 2025

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	
		<u>Fees, Fines and Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental activities:			
General government	\$ 528,951	\$ 110,110	\$ 51,120
Highways and streets	487,144	-	-
Public safety	885,408	88,781	66,358
Health and recreation	593,641	407,746	-
Economic development	13,406	7,902	21,400
Community center	51,575	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>2,560,125</u>	<u>614,539</u>	<u>138,878</u>
Business-type activities:			
Water and sewer	<u>647,826</u>	<u>654,669</u>	<u>-</u>
Total activities	<u>\$ 3,207,951</u>	<u>\$ 1,269,208</u>	<u>\$ 138,878</u>

General revenues:

Taxes:

 Property taxes
 Sales and use taxes
 Franchise taxes

Intergovernmental
Interest and investment earnings
Lease income
Miscellaneous

 Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position, beginning of year, as restated

Net position, end of year

See accompanying notes to financial statements

(Expense) Revenues
and Changes in Net Position

Capital Grants	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
\$ -	\$ (367,721)	\$ -	\$ (367,721)
-	(487,144)	-	(487,144)
43,005	(687,264)	-	(687,264)
384,801	198,906	-	198,906
-	15,896	-	15,896
-	(51,575)	-	(51,575)
<u>427,806</u>	<u>(1,378,902)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,378,902)</u>
<u>221,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,654</u>	<u>228,654</u>
<u>\$ 649,617</u>	<u>\$ (1,378,902)</u>	<u>\$ 232,990</u>	<u>\$ (1,150,248)</u>

\$ 292,729	\$ -	\$ 292,729
976,478	71,245	1,047,723
151,474	-	151,474
404,952	-	404,952
20,218	14,061	34,279
-	10,956	10,956
<u>227,854</u>	<u>108,405</u>	<u>336,259</u>
<u>2,073,705</u>	<u>204,667</u>	<u>2,278,372</u>
694,803	433,321	1,128,124
<u>8,598,272</u>	<u>3,278,711</u>	<u>11,876,983</u>
<u>\$ 9,293,075</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,032</u>	<u>\$ 13,005,107</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
July 31, 2025

ASSETS	<u>General</u>	<u>Street & Alley</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,534,696	\$ 260,390
Investments	662,952	-
Receivables	85,609	28,802
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,283,257</u>	<u>\$ 289,192</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 31,477	\$ 9,188
Other payables	51,304	-
Due to other funds	<u>102,329</u>	<u>13,149</u>
Total liabilities	<u>185,110</u>	<u>22,337</u>
Fund balances:		
Restricted for:		
Street and alley maintenance	-	266,855
Drainage maintenance	-	-
Sidewalk maintenance	-	-
Debt service	-	-
Unassigned	<u>3,098,147</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,098,147</u>	<u>266,855</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,283,257</u>	<u>\$ 289,192</u>

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

- Total fund balance - total governmental funds
- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds
- Amounts related to pension recognition are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds
- Long-term liabilities, including bonds and capital lease payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Total net assets - governmental activities

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

<u>LCDBG Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 335,648	\$ 3,130,734
-	96,798	759,750
38,480	1,280	154,171
-	5,500	5,500
<u>38,480</u>	<u>439,226</u>	<u>\$ 4,050,155</u>

\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,665
38,480	1,057	90,841
-	75,113	190,591
<u>38,480</u>	<u>76,170</u>	<u>322,097</u>

-	-	266,855
-	145,402	145,402
-	59,608	59,608
-	158,046	158,046
-	-	3,098,147
-	363,056	3,728,058
<u>\$ 38,480</u>	<u>\$ 439,226</u>	<u>\$ 4,050,155</u>

\$ 3,728,058

6,131,230

(187,262)

(378,951)

\$ 9,293,075

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 Year Ended July 31, 2025

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street & Alley</u>
Revenue:		
Taxes	\$ 903,126	\$ 397,118
Licenses and permits	110,110	-
Intergovernmental	565,435	-
Charges for services	414,416	-
Fines	88,781	-
Interest	16,824	267
Other	241,915	7,339
Total revenues	<u>2,340,607</u>	<u>404,724</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General and administrative	503,559	-
Highways and streets	-	442,151
Public safety	879,568	-
Health and recreation	588,476	-
Economic development	13,406	-
Community center	52,614	-
Other	491	-
Debt service:		
Principal	-	-
Interest	11,172	-
Total expenditures	<u>2,049,286</u>	<u>442,151</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	291,321	(37,427)
Other financing sources (uses):		
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>(197)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net changes in fund balance	291,124	(37,427)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>2,807,023</u>	<u>304,282</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 3,098,147</u>	<u>\$ 266,855</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

<u>LCDBG Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 120,437	\$ 1,420,681
-	-	110,110
384,801	-	950,236
-	-	414,416
-	-	88,781
-	3,127	20,218
-	-	249,254
<u>384,801</u>	<u>123,564</u>	<u>3,253,696</u>
-	-	503,559
-	42,566	484,717
-	-	879,568
384,801	197	973,474
-	-	13,406
-	-	52,614
-	-	491
-	35,000	35,000
-	5,894	17,066
<u>384,801</u>	<u>83,657</u>	<u>2,959,895</u>
-	39,907	293,801
-	197	-
-	40,104	293,801
-	322,952	3,434,257
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 363,056</u>	<u>\$ 3,728,058</u>

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended July 31, 2025

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

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds \$ 293,801

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those
assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and
reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by
which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current
period. 323,670

The issuance of long-term debt 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 assets.
This amount is the net effect of these differences in
the treatment of long-term debt and related items. 63,064

Net effect of pension liability recognition 14,268

\$ 694,803

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

PROPRIETARY FUND - UTILITY FUND

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

July 31, 2025

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,622,790
Investments	401,629
Receivables	103,266
Lease receivables	501,090
Due from other funds	185,092
Prepaid expenses	3,736
Total current assets	<u>2,817,603</u>
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	101,141
Capital assets not being depreciated	413,448
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,304,188</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,636,380</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred outflow related to pensions	<u>\$ 940</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	230,843
Other payables	14,915
Customer meter deposits	101,141
Total current liabilities	<u>346,899</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	2,088
Due after one year	47,007
Net pension liability	27,233
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>76,328</u>
Total liabilities	<u>423,227</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,214
Deferred inflows related to leases	499,847
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>502,061</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,676,324
Unrestricted	<u>2,035,708</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,712,032</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

PROPRIETARY FUND - UTILITY FUND
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 Year Ended July 31, 2025

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ <u>654,669</u>
Operating expenses:	
Personal services	126,176
Other services and charges	124,856
Materials and supplies	105,036
Heat, light and power	86,486
Depreciation	<u>205,157</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>647,711</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>6,958</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Interest income	14,061
Interest fiscal charges	(115)
Lease income	10,956
Sales tax	71,245
Miscellaneous	<u>330,216</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>426,363</u>
Change in net position	433,321
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>3,278,711</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 3,712,032</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

PROPRIETARY FUND - UTILITY FUND
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 Year Ended July 31, 2025

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	\$ 649,485
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(98,641)
Cash payments to employees for services	<u>(127,543)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>423,301</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Miscellaneous	330,216
Lease income	10,956
Lease related receivables/deferred inflows	(518)
Sales tax	71,245
Increase in customer deposits	4,577
Advances from (to) other funds	<u>(167,340)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>249,136</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from loan	106,168
Forgiveness on loan	(79,629)
Principal payments on bonds	(1,000)
Purchase of property and equipment	(768,440)
Interest paid on bonds	<u>(115)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	<u>(743,016)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on investments	14,061
Purchase of investments	<u>(11,196)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>2,865</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(67,714)
Cash and cash equivalents:	
Beginning of year	<u>1,791,645</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,723,931</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,622,790
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>101,141</u>
	<u>\$ 1,723,931</u>

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TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
Year Ended July 31, 2025
(Continued)

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating (loss)	\$ 6,958
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	205,157
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(5,184)
Increase (decrease) in payables	217,737
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(5,449)
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	4,336
Changes in deferred inflows and outflows of resources	<u>(254)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 423,301</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
Year Ended July 31, 2025

		Budget			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual		
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 725,900	\$ 925,900	\$ 903,126		\$ (22,774)
Licenses and permits	77,300	77,300	110,110		32,810
Intergovernmental	471,353	571,353	565,435		(5,918)
Charges for services	374,175	374,175	414,416		40,241
Fines	65,500	65,500	88,781		23,281
Interest	10,000	10,000	16,824		6,824
Other	184,383	244,383	241,915		(2,468)
Total revenues	<u>1,908,611</u>	<u>2,268,611</u>	<u>2,340,607</u>		<u>71,996</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General and administrative	453,658	503,658	503,559		99
Public safety	818,025	868,025	879,568		(11,543)
Health and recreation	550,702	550,702	588,476		(37,774)
Economic development	8,550	8,550	13,406		(4,856)
Community center	65,200	65,200	52,614		12,586
Other	400	400	491		(91)
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	35,000	35,000	-		35,000
Interest	2,000	2,000	11,172		(9,172)
Total expenditures	<u>1,933,535</u>	<u>2,033,535</u>	<u>2,049,286</u>		<u>(15,751)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(24,924)	235,076	291,321		56,245
Other financing sources (uses):					
Operating transfers in (out)	-	-	(197)		(197)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(197)</u>		<u>(197)</u>
Net changes in fund balance	(24,924)	235,076	291,124		56,048
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>2,807,023</u>	<u>2,807,023</u>	<u>2,807,023</u>		<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,782,099</u>	<u>\$ 3,042,099</u>	<u>\$ 3,098,147</u>		<u>\$ 56,048</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA
STREET AND ALLEY FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
Year Ended July 31, 2025

		Budget			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual		with Final Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 327,000	\$ 397,000	\$ 397,118	\$	118
Interest	250	250	267		17
Other	-	-	7,339		7,339
Total revenues	327,250	397,250	404,724		7,474
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Highways and streets	297,079	437,079	442,151		(5,072)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	30,171	(39,829)	(37,427)		2,402
Fund balance, beginning of year	304,282	304,282	304,282		-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 334,453	\$ 264,453	\$ 266,855	\$	2,402

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
July 31, 2025

1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana was incorporated in 1904, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor-Town Council form of government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guidance set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include the various departments, activities, and organizational units that are controlled by, or dependent on the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Control by or dependence on the Town was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body and other general oversight authority.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the Town of Lake Arthur has no other fiscal or significant managerial responsibility over any other governmental unit that is not included in the financial statements of the Town of Lake Arthur.

B. Basis of Presentation

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and,

therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of 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 Town segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Separate statements are presented for governmental and proprietary activities. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements; all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into two broad fund categories as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The term "proceeds of specified sources" established that one or more specific restricted or committed revenues shall be the foundation for a special revenue fund.

Capital Projects Funds - These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for capital acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. Debt service funds should be used to report resources if legally mandated. Financial resources that are being accumulated for principal and interest maturing in future years also should be reported in debt service funds.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a)

that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to which transactions are recorded within various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures (or expenses) are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for government funds. The primary effect of internal activity (between or within funds) has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are accounted for using a financial resources measurement focus whereby only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet and increases or decreases in net current assets are presented in the operating statements. These funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Certain revenues such as sales tax, property tax, and charges for services are assessed and collected in such a manner that they can be accrued appropriately. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due. Also, expenditures for accrued compensated absences are not recognized until they are payable from current available financial resources.

The proprietary funds, also in the fund financial statements, are accounted for and reported using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The operating statements for the proprietary fund present increases or decreases in net total assets.

D. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

E. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

Fund balances:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Net position:

Net position is displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be placed on the use, either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of

other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- c. Unrestricted net position - Net amount of the assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to July 31, the Town Clerk submits to the Mayor and Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following August 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comment.
3. Prior to July 31, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. Any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Council. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations on a fund level.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
6. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Town Council.
7. All budgetary appropriations except for Capital Projects lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
8. Budgets are amended by resolution approved by the Town Council.

Encumbrance accounting is not used.

H. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and U.S. Government Agencies securities with maturities of three months or less.

Louisiana state statutes, as stipulated in R.S. 39:1271, authorize the Town to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having the principal office in the State of Louisiana. The state statutes also authorize the Town to invest in any other federally insured investment, or in mutual or trust fund institutions, which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Security Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the United States government or its agencies. Investing is performed in accordance with investment policies complying with State Statutes and those adopted by the Town Council.

Investments are stated at cost.

I. Inventory

Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased, and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of the fiscal year.

J. Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the receivable.

K. Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide or financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Town maintains a minimum threshold level for capitalizing capital assets of \$1,500.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Prior to the adoption of GASB 34, it was the Town's policy not to record infrastructure; therefore, the Town did not have a complete listing of infrastructure. The Town has opted not to do a detailed analysis of existing infrastructure, and will begin accumulating infrastructure information prospectively.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

Water and sewer lines	30 years
Machinery and equipment	3-10 years
Autos and trucks	3-5 years
Infrastructure	10-40 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

M. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the governmental funds and proprietary funds that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to debt service interest sinking and reserve accounts and utility meter deposits. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

N. Compensated Absences

The Town's policy on annual leave is that if the time is not taken during the year earned it will be forfeited; that is, no carryover of time or compensation in lieu of time off will be allowed.

The Town's policy on sick leave is 10 days per year. Unused sick leave can be accumulated up to 30 days to be used for prolonged illness, but the town will not pay for unused sick leave upon termination.

O. Leases

The Town is a lessor for a lease of Town property. The Town recognizes a lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received

during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over life of the lease term.

The Town uses the incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the lease. The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease.

The Town monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease, and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

P. Change in Accounting Principle and Restatement - Implementation of GASB Statement No.101

During the year ended July 31, 2025, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. This statement establishes recognition and measurement criteria for compensated absences, including annual and sick leave, and certain other leave benefits and requires that a liability be recognized for leave that has been earned and is available to be used or paid to employees.

As a result of implementing GASB 101, the Town changed its method of accounting for compensated absences. Previously, the Town did not recognize a liability under prior guidance. Under GASB 101, the Town recognizes a liability for leave that has been earned and is both attributable to services already rendered and is available to be used by employees or is payable upon termination or retirement.

This change in accounting principle has been applied retroactively by restating beginning balance of net position/retained earnings in accordance with GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections.

<u>Reporting Unit</u>	<u>Beginning Net Position Previously Reported</u>	<u>Adjustment For GASB 101</u>	<u>Beginning Net Position as Restated</u>
Governmental activities	\$ 8,647,719	\$ (49,447)	\$ 8,598,272
Business-type activities	3,282,158	(3,447)	3,278,711

2) Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Custodial credit risk - deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it.

In accordance with a fiscal agency agreement which is approved by the Town Council, the Town of Lake Arthur maintains demand and time deposits through local depository banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits in excess of federally insured amounts are required by Louisiana state statute to be protected by collateral of equal market value. Authorized collateral includes general obligations of the U.S. government, obligations issued or guaranteed by an agency established by the U.S. government, general obligation bonds of any state of the U.S., or of any Louisiana parish, municipality, or school district. The Town's bank demand and time deposits at year end were fully collateralized.

The deposits at July 31, 2025 are as follows:

	<u>Demand Deposits</u>	<u>Time Deposits</u>
Carrying amount	\$ 4,852,866	\$ 1,161,379
Bank balances:		
a. Federally insured	\$ 250,000	\$ 69,196
b. Collateralized by securities Held by the pledging financial institution	4,699,714	1,092,183
c. Uncollateralized and uninsured	-	-
Total bank balances	\$ 4,949,714	\$ 1,161,379

As of July 31, 2025, the Town had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (in Years)</u>			
		<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>More Than 10</u>
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,161,379	\$ 1,161,379	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Interest rate risk. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit risk. State law limits investments to United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having a principal office in the State of Louisiana. Local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in LAMP. The Town has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of credit risk. The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer. All of the Town's investments are in certificates of deposit.

3) Ad Valorem Taxes

The Town levies taxes on real and business personal property located within its boundaries. Property taxes are levied by the Town on property values assessed by the Jeff Davis Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

For the year ended July 31, 2025 taxes of 26.08 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$11,352,314 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	8.14 mills
Drainage maintenance	5.51 mills
Street and alley maintenance	5.51 mills
Debt service	4.10 mills
Recreation	2.82 mills

The Town property taxes are levied on November 1 and are due December 31, and are delinquent by January 1st. Delinquent property taxes attach as enforceable liens on property as of April 30.

4) Changes in Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended July 31, 2025, was as follows:

	July, 31 2024	Additions	Deletions	July, 31 2025
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 911,358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 911,358
Construction in progress	<u>40,556</u>	<u>441,441</u>	<u>481,997</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>951,914</u>	<u>441,441</u>	<u>481,997</u>	<u>911,358</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	5,922,204	533,931	-	6,456,135
Buildings	1,319,026	-	-	1,319,026
Furniture and equipment	876,288	258,929	-	1,135,217
Vehicles	<u>2,216,061</u>	<u>63,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,279,202</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>10,333,579</u>	<u>856,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,189,580</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	2,600,417	245,161	-	2,845,578
Buildings	844,719	36,919	-	881,638
Furniture and equipment	661,520	84,441	-	745,961
Vehicles	<u>1,371,280</u>	<u>125,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,496,531</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,477,936</u>	<u>491,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,969,708</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>4,855,643</u>	<u>364,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,219,872</u>
Government activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,807,557</u>	<u>\$ 805,670</u>	<u>\$ 481,997</u>	<u>\$ 6,131,230</u>
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 36,404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,404
Construction in Progress	<u>87,966</u>	<u>618,070</u>	<u>328,992</u>	<u>377,044</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>124,370</u>	<u>618,070</u>	<u>328,992</u>	<u>413,448</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Sewer system	4,383,185	6,870	-	4,390,055
Water system	1,862,387	472,492	-	2,334,879
Vehicles	81,492	-	-	81,492
Furniture and equipment	<u>310,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,228</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>6,637,292</u>	<u>479,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,116,654</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Sewer system	4,048,342	103,841	-	4,152,183
Water system	1,292,573	51,238	-	1,343,811
Vehicles	32,541	22,977	-	55,518
Furniture and equipment	<u>233,853</u>	<u>27,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,954</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,607,309</u>	<u>205,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,812,466</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,029,983</u>	<u>274,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,304,188</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,154,353</u>	<u>\$ 892,275</u>	<u>\$ 328,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,717,636</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental and business-type activities as follows:

General and administrative	\$ 39,528
Public safety	76,433
Highway and streets	93,716
Health and recreation	282,095
Water utility	<u>205,157</u>
 Total depreciation	 <u>\$ 696,929</u>

5) Leases

The Town has entered into an agreement with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the use of elevated water storage tank space. The lease agreement qualifies as other than short-term lease under GASB 87, and therefore, has been recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments of the date of their inception.

The terms of this agreement include a payment of \$1,000 per month to the Town. This lease commenced on October 1, 2023, with a term of 5 years, with 6 additional options to renew for additional 5-year terms. Each renewal term the monthly rent shall increase by 10%.

For the year ended July 31, 2025, the Town recognized \$10,956 in lease revenue and \$1,562 in interest revenue related to this lease. As of July 31, 2025, the Town's receivable for lease payments was \$501,090. Also, the Town has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease terms. As of July 31, 2025, the balance of deferred inflow of resources was \$499,847.

Future payments included in the measurement of the lease receivable as of July 31, 2025 for each of the next five fiscal years and in five-year increments thereafter are as follows:

Years Ending <u>July 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	10,837	1,163	12,000
2027	11,250	750	12,000
2028	11,682	318	12,000
2029	11,438	1,765	13,203
2030	11,479	1,721	13,200
2031-2035	62,360	6,289	68,649
2036-2040	68,591	6,919	75,510
2041-2045	75,448	7,616	83,064
2046-2050	83,013	8,373	91,386
2051-2055	91,295	9,207	100,502
2056-2059	63,697	3,973	67,670
Total	<u>\$ 501,090</u>	<u>\$ 48,094</u>	<u>\$ 549,184</u>

6) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is comprised of the following at July 31, 2024:

Governmental activities:

Direct Placement:

\$500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007,
interest payable ranging from 1.75% to 3.75%,
principal and interest payable through the year
2027 \$ 75,000

Direct Borrowing:

\$300,000 Government Obligation Contract, Republic
First National Corporation interest rate of 4.06%,
principal and interest payable through the year
2033 256,016

Business-type activities:

State of Louisiana - Department of Environmental Quality:

\$63,098 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan,
interest rate of 0.45 % and administrative fee of 0.50% 41,312
\$ 372,328

Long-term liability activity for the year ended July 31, 2025, was as follows:

	As Restated Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 35,000
Note payable	282,568	-	26,552	256,016	27,650
Accrued Compensated Absences	49,447	-	1,512	47,935	-
Net pension liabilities	<u>231,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,999</u>	<u>194,474</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental	<u>\$ 673,488</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100,063</u>	<u>\$ 573,425</u>	<u>\$ 62,650</u>
Business-type activities:					
Clean water state revolving loan	\$ 15,773	\$ 106,168	\$ 80,629	\$ 41,312	\$ 2,088
Accrued Compensated Absences	3,446	4,337	-	7,783	-
Net pension liabilities	<u>32,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,448</u>	<u>27,233</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type	<u>\$ 51,900</u>	<u>\$ 110,505</u>	<u>\$ 86,077</u>	<u>\$ 76,328</u>	<u>\$ 2,088</u>

Debt service requirements at July 31, 2025 were as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

<u>Year Ended July 31,</u>	<u>DIRECT PLACEMENT</u>		<u>DIRECT BORROWING</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 35,000	\$ 2,778	\$ 27,650	\$ 10,589
2027	40,000	1,500	28,794	9,445
2028	-	-	29,985	8,255
2029	-	-	31,225	7,014
2030	-	-	32,517	5,723
2031-2033	-	-	105,845	8,874
	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,278</u>	<u>\$ 256,016</u>	<u>\$ 49,900</u>

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:

<u>Year Ended July 31,</u>	<u>DIRECT BORROWING</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 2,088	\$ 186
2027	2,097	177
2028	2,106	167
2029	2,116	158
2030	2,125	148
2031-2035	10,771	596
2036-2040	11,016	351
2041-2044	8,993	101
	<u>\$ 41,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,884</u>

Interest charged to expense during the year ended July 31, 2025 totaled \$17,181, of which \$17,066 was for governmental activities and \$115 was for business-type activities.

7) Interfund Transactions

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances which are not expected to be repaid within a year at July 31, 2025 were:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
General fund	\$ -	\$ 102,329
Street and alley maintenance	-	13,149
Utilities system fund	185,092	-
Non-major funds	-	69,614
	<u>\$ 185,092</u>	<u>\$ 185,092</u>
	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>

General fund	\$	-	\$	197
Non-major funds		<u>197</u>		<u>-</u>
	\$	<u>197</u>	\$	<u>197</u>

8) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at July 31, 2025:

Customers deposits		<u>\$ 101,141</u>
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9) Fund Balance

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Town classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable -

includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.

Restricted -

includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained or due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed -

includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority (Board of Aldermen) and does not lapse at year end. Formal action by the same authority is required to rescind such a commitment.

Assigned -

includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the Mayor.

Unassigned -

includes positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Town uses restricted/committed amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the government would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Town does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

The purpose of each major special revenue fund and revenue source is listed below:

Major special revenue fund	Revenue source
Streets and Alley Fund	32% of 2½% sales tax described in Note 10

10) Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - 2 ½% Sales and Use Tax

Proceeds of a 2 ½% sales and use tax levied by the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana (2025 collections \$1,047,724) are dedicated to the following purposes:

General Fund	60%
Streets	32%
Water	6.8%
Sidewalks	0.8%
Drainage	0.4%

11) Pension Plan

Plan Descriptions

Substantially all employees of the Town of Lake Arthur are members of the following statewide retirement system: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) or Municipal Police Employee Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS). These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the state legislature. The systems issue annual, publicly available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. The reports for MERS and MPERS may be obtained at www.mersla.com and www.lampers.org, respectively.

Plan Description- MERS

MERS was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana and is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the Town of Lake Arthur are members of Plan B. All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in MERS.

Plan Description- MPERS

All full-time police department employees engaged in law enforcement are

required to participate in MPERS providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria. MPERS provides retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through MPERS in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233.

Benefits Provided

Retirement Benefits- MERS

Any member of Plan B hired before January 1, 2013 may retire at any age with 30 years of creditable service or at age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service. Any member of Plan B hired on or after January 1, 2013 may retire at age 67 with at least 7 years of creditable service, at age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or at age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013 are also eligible to retire at any age with at least 25 years of creditable service, but their benefit will be actuarially reduced from the earliest age of which the member would be entitled to a vested deferred benefit under any of the previously-mentioned provisions if the member had continued in service to that age. Members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2% of the member's final compensation (defined below) multiplied by the member's years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

Final compensation is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average for a member whose first employment made him or her eligible for membership in the system on or before June 30, 2006. Final compensation is the employee's average salary over the 60 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average for a member whose first employment made him or her eligible for membership in the system after June 30, 2006. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

Retirement Benefits- MPERS

Members of MPERS with membership beginning prior to January 1, 2013 are eligible for regular retirement after he or she has been a member of MPERS and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years of creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he or she has

been a member of MPERS for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit. Members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to three and one-third percent (3.33%) of the member's final compensation (employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average) multiplied by the member's years of creditable service.

Members of MPERS with membership beginning on or after January 1, 2013 are eligible for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits based on Hazardous Duty and Non-Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he or she has been a member of MPERS and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the Non-Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he or she has been a member of MPERS and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he or she has been a member of MPERS for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55. Under the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Duty sub plans, the benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

In 1999, the State Legislature authorized MPERS to establish an Initial Benefit Option program. This is available to MPERS members who are eligible for regular retirement but have not participated in DROP. This program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 46 months of the regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life.

Deferred Retirement Options

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of MERS who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. A MERS member may participate in DROP only once. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment, are credited to the MERS member's individual DROP account. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the participation period, the member may receive a lump sum from the account or a true annuity based on the account balance. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three year DROP participation period, payments into the DROP account cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in MERS.

A member of MPERS is eligible to enter DROP when he or she is eligible for

regular retirement based on the members' sub plan participation. At the entry date into DROP, employee and employer contributions cease. The amount deposited into the DROP account for MPERS members is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by participant date of application. Interest is earned when the MPERS member has completed DROP participation. Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the participation period, the MPERS member may receive a lump sum from the account, or a true annuity based on the account balance.

Disability Benefits

A member of MERS Plan B is eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he or she has at least 10 years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The monthly maximum retirement benefit under Plan B of MERS is the lesser of an amount equal to two percent of member's final compensation multiplied by years of service (not less than 30% of member's final compensation) or an amount equal to what the member's normal retirement benefit would be based on final compensation at time of disability, but assuming continuous service until member's earliest normal retirement age.

A member of MPERS is eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he or she has been certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. If the disability incurred is job-related, there is no minimum creditable service requirement. If the disability is non-job-related, a minimum of 10 years of creditable service is required if the member was employed on or after July 1, 2008. Members of MPERS employed prior to July 1, 2008 must have a minimum of 5 years of creditable service to be eligible to retire with disability benefits if the disability incurred is non-job-related. The disability benefit received by a MPERS member is equal to three percent of his or her final average compensation multiplied by years of creditable service (not less than 40%, nor more than 60% of final average compensation). At the time the disabled MPERS member reaches normal retirement age, he or she will have the option to continue to receive the disability retirement benefit or to receive his or her vested retirement benefit.

Survivor's Benefit

The surviving spouse (defined as someone married to the deceased member for at least 12 months immediately preceding the member's death) of a MERS Plan B member (not eligible for retirement at the time of death) will receive a survivor benefit, provided that the member had 5 or more years of creditable service. The surviving spouse will be paid either a monthly benefit equal to 30% of member's final compensation, payable when surviving spouse attains the age of 60 or becomes disabled, or a monthly benefit equal to actuarial equivalent of the benefit described previously (not less than 15% of member's final compensation), payable upon the death of the member. A MERS Plan B member who is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits

on behalf of the surviving spouse upon the date of death. Benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Survivor benefits for MPERS members are payable to the surviving spouse or surviving minor child/children of a deceased active contributing member or a deceased disability retiree. Survivor benefits are not payable to survivors of retirees receiving benefits under the provisions of early or normal service retirement. The maximum benefit for a surviving spouse of a MPERS member is equal to the regular retirement formula, regardless of age, but not less than 40% or more than 60% of the deceased member's final average compensation. There is no requirement for minimum years of creditable service. If the MPERS member is killed in the line of duty, the surviving spouse shall receive a benefit equal to 100% of the deceased member's final average compensation, less any survivor benefits payable to a child or children. Each surviving minor child of the MPERS member will receive a benefit equal to 10% of deceased member's final average compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater. Benefits for a surviving child cease upon the child's attainment of age 18 or upon marriage, whichever occurs first. The benefit may continue after age 18 if the child meets certain educational or disability requirements. The surviving minor child may receive an increased benefit if there is no surviving spouse of the MPERS member.

Cost of Living Increases

MERS is authorized under state law to grant an annual cost of living adjustment to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available. The cost of living increase must be paid from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

MPERS is authorized to provide annual cost of living adjustments to members who have been retired for at least one full fiscal year. The adjustment cannot exceed 3% in any given year. MPERS members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost of living adjustment until they reach regular retirement age.

Contributions

The MERS and MPERS employer contribution rates are established annually under La R.S 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the system's actuary. Each plan pays a separate actuarially-determined employer contribution rate. For the year ending July 31, 2025 the employer contribution rate for MERS Plan B was 14.00% and MPERS was 35.60%. Employer contributions to MERS and MPERS were \$42,386 and \$12,177, respectively, for the year ended July 31, 2025. Employees participating in MERS are required to contribute 5.00%, hazardous employees participating in MPERS are required to contribute 10%, and non hazardous employees participating in MPERS are required to contribute 8%.

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. MERS receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. MPERS receives insurance premium tax monies appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. The Town of Lake Arthur recognizes revenue in an amount equal to its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended July 31, 2025, the Town of Lake Arthur recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$12,214 for its participation in MERS and \$3,023 for its participation in MPERS.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At July 31, 2025, the Town of Lake Arthur reported a liability for MERS and MPERS of \$151,291 and \$70,415, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2025 and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The Town of Lake Arthur's proportion of the net pension liability for the retirement system was based on a projection of the Town of Lake Arthur's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2025, the Town of Lake Arthur's proportion for MERS and MPERS was 0.316448% and 0.010196%, respectively. This reflects an increase for MERS of 0.017221%, and an increase of MPERS of 0.001080% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2024.

For the year ended July 31, 2025, the Town of Lake Arthur recognized pension expense, for which there were no forfeitures, as follows:

	<u>Pension Expense</u>
MERS	\$ 22,572
MPERS	<u>28,343</u>
Total	<u>\$ 50,915</u>

At July 31, 2025, the Town of Lake Arthur reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	MERS	MPERS	Total	MERS	MPERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual	-	3,414	3,414	2,113	1,863	3,976
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-	3,574	3,234	6,808
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	-	5,466	5,547	11,013

Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,224	30,410	35,634	1,151	10,162	11,313
Total	<u>\$ 5,224</u>	<u>\$ 33,824</u>	<u>\$ 39,048</u>	<u>\$ 12,304</u>	<u>\$ 20,806</u>	<u>\$ 33,110</u>

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

Year Ended June 30:	MERS	MPERS
2026	\$ 13,091	\$ 26,667
2027	(9,540)	(8,958)
2028	(7,482)	(2,367)
2029	<u>(3,149)</u>	<u>(2,324)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (7,080)</u>	<u>\$ 13,018</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The components of the net pension liability of MERS and MPERS employers as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	MERS Plan B	MPERS
Total pension liability	\$ 316,741,429	\$3,824,098,346
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(268,932,307)</u>	<u>(3,133,488,618)</u>
Total net pension liability	<u>\$ 47,809,122</u>	<u>\$ 690,609,728</u>

The Town of Lake Arthur's allocation is 0.316448% of the Total Net Pension Liability for MERS and 0.010196% of the Total Net Pension Liability for MPERS.

The total pension liabilities for MERS and MPERS in the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

	MERS	MPERS
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Cost	Entry Age Normal Cost
Expected remaining service lives	2 years for Plan B	4 years

Investment rate of return	6.85%, net of investment expense	6.75%, net of investment expense
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	9.5% for 1-2 years of service, 4.6% for more than 2 years of service	13% for 1-2 years of service, 4.75% for more than 2 years of service
Cost of living adjustments	None	None
Mortality	<p>PubG-2010(B) Employee Table for active members (equal to 115% for males and 120% for females, each adjusted using respective MP2021 scales):</p> <p>PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table for annuitants (equal to 115% for males and 120% for females, each adjusted using respective MP2021 scales):</p> <p>PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table for disabled annuitants (equal to 115% for males and 120% for females with the full generational MP2021 scale).</p>	<p>Pub-2016 Employee Table for active members (equal to 125% for males and females using MP2021 scales)</p> <p>Pub-2016 Healthy Retiree Table for healthy annuitants (equal 125% for males and females using MP2021 scales)</p> <p>Pub-2016 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled annuitants (equal to 125% for males and females using MP2021 scales)</p>

The MERS actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an experience study for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. The MPERS actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an experience study for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

The forecasted long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return for MERS is 6.85% and MPERS is 8.12% for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation for MERS and MPERS as of June 30, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocations</u>		<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	
	<u>MERS</u>	<u>MPERS</u>	<u>MERS</u>	<u>MPERS</u>
Equity	53%	51%	2.31%	3.20%

Fixed income	29%	35%	1.26%	1.21%
Alternatives	<u>18%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>0.78%</u>	<u>1.04%</u>
Subtotal	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	4.35%	5.45%
Inflation adjustment			<u>2.50%</u>	<u>2.67%</u>
Total			<u>6.85%</u>	<u>8.12%</u>

Discount Rates

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for MERS was 6.85% and MPERS was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PERSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the actuary. Based on those assumptions, the net position of MERS and MPERS was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates

The following table presents the Town of Lake Arthur's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 6.85% for MERS and 6.75% for MPERS, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.85% for MERS and 5.75% for MPERS) or one percentage-point higher (7.85% for MERS and 7.75% for MPERS) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
MERS	\$ 260,976	\$ 151,291	\$ 58,566
MPERS	<u>115,504</u>	<u>70,415</u>	<u>32,654</u>
Total	<u>\$ 376,480</u>	<u>\$ 221,706</u>	<u>\$ 91,220</u>

Payables to the Pension Plans

At July 31, 2025, payable to MERS and MPERS was \$3,899 and \$3,045, respectively, for July 2025 employee and employer legally-required contributions.

12) Landfill Joint Venture

The Town is a participant in a joint venture referred to as the Jefferson Davis Parish Sanitary Landfill Commission. This entity was chartered on February 17,

1984. The Commission's purpose is the establishment of a long-term plan for the disposal of solid wastes in Jefferson Davis Parish. According to the charter, each participant in the Commission is responsible for a pro rata share of any operating deficits. Likewise, any distributions of surpluses are also shared on a pro rata basis. Each participant's pro rata share is based on the number of households within each participant's unit to the total number of households within all participating units. These proportions were determined using the 1980 U.S. Census as follows:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Number of Households</u>	<u>Percentages</u>
Jennings	4,161	.421196
Welsh	1,167	.118129
Lake Arthur	1,212	.122684
Parish (excluding Jennings, Welsh, Lake Arthur and Elton)	<u>3,339</u>	<u>.337991</u>
Totals	<u><u>9,879</u></u>	<u><u>1.000000</u></u>

The Commission consists of six commissioners as follows: two residents of Jennings, one resident of Welsh, one resident of Lake Arthur, and two residents of Jefferson Davis Parish living outside the city limits of Jennings, Welsh, Lake Arthur and Elton. The Commission members are to be appointed by the governing body of their place of residence.

The Commission has the power and authority to employ personnel, adopt its own budget and enter into agreements necessary for the operation of the Landfill. In certain instances, some agreements must be consented to by all six members of the Commission.

Condensed financial information for the Jefferson Davis Parish Sanitary Landfill as of December 31, 2024 (the latest available audited financial statements which is available in a separately issued financial report) was as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lake Arthur (12.2684%)</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows	\$ 6,280,139	\$ 770,472
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	62,188	7,629
Total net position	6,217,951	762,843
Total revenues	4,207,272	516,165
Total expenditures	4,170,176	511,614
Increase in net position	37,096	4,551

As of December 31, 2024, the Commission had no long-term debt outstanding.

The Landfill Commission as owner of a sanitary landfill is subject to recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that require monitoring the landfill site for 30 years following closure of the site in addition to other

closure requirements. These regulations also mandate that landfill owners provide financial assurances that they will have the resources available to satisfy the post closure standards. These guarantees can be third-party trusts, surety bonds, letters of credit, insurance, or state sponsored plans. According to the Commission's contract with the site operator, "...the contractor shall be responsible for closure in accordance with the permit...". Additionally, "...the contractor's post closure care, maintenance and monitoring responsibility shall be three (3) years, or as required by law...". In the event the operator is for whatever reason unwilling or unable to fulfill this requirement, the responsibility for closure and post closure monitoring will revert back to the Commission.

Additionally, because of the industry the Commission participates in, certain potential liabilities are always present. These include, but are not limited to, environmental cleanup costs and EPA penalties for violation of its regulations. The EPA is empowered by law (through the Superfund legislation) to seek recovery from anyone who ever owned or operated a particular contaminated site, or anyone who ever generated or transported hazardous materials to a site (these parties are commonly referred to as potentially responsible parties, or PRPs). Potentially, the liability can extend to subsequent owners or to the parent company of a PRP. While there are no asserted or unasserted potential costs or penalties at the date of this report that the Commission is aware of, the potential is present.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Commission voted to make a distribution to the four local government bodies that participate in the Landfill Commission and funded its construction and early operations. The distributions were made in the same proportions as the original investments by the governments. For the Town of Lake Arthur, the distribution amounted to \$382,180 which is recorded as "landfill revenues" in the General Fund in the fiscal year ended July 31, 2025.

13) Amounts Paid Members of Governing Board

Mr. Sampson LeJeune	\$ 16,800
Mr. Ricky Monceaux	5,600
Mr. Corey Conner	5,400
Ms. Debbie Abshire	5,600
Mr. Duke Broussard	5,600
Mr. Mahlon LeBlanc	<u>5,200</u>
	<u>\$ 44,200</u>

14) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the financial statements were available to be issued February 24, 2026. Subsequent to year-end, the Town entered into a construction contract for the LCDBG Water System Improvement Project with JWD Directional Inc. in the amount of \$2,112,237.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Employer's Proportionate
Share of the Net Pension Liability

Schedule of Employer's Pension
Contributions

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
Year Ended July 31, 2025*

Plan Year	Employer Proportionate of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of It's Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
MERS:					
2025	0.316448%	\$ 151,291	\$ 302,757	50.0%	84.91%
2024	0.299227%	181,563	273,008	66.5%	80.10%
2023	0.304257%	243,972	256,128	95.3%	73.25%
2022	0.343483%	301,572	276,156	109.2%	69.56%
2021	0.326013%	188,862	250,755	75.3%	79.14%
2020	0.416983%	377,881	323,155	116.9%	66.26%
2019	0.423489%	370,474	325,502	113.8%	66.14%
2018	0.402881%	340,770	299,586	113.7%	65.60%
2017	0.424578%	367,360	314,976	116.6%	62.49%
2016	0.428656%	355,317	317,823	111.8%	63.34%
MPERS:					
2025	0.010196%	\$ 70,415	\$ 34,340	205.1%	81.94%
2024	0.009116%	82,591	50,276	164.3%	75.84%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the plan year end.

* This schedule will contain ten years of historical information once such information becomes available.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended July 31, 2025*

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percent of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
MERS:					
2025	\$ 42,042	\$ 42,042	\$ -	\$ 301,055	13.96%
2024	41,732	41,732	-	273,008	15.29%
2023	40,526	40,526	-	265,868	15.78%
2022	42,141	42,141	-	271,880	15.50%
2021	39,332	39,332	-	255,557	15.39%
2020	44,733	44,733	-	319,524	14.00%
2019	45,979	45,979	-	328,851	13.98%
2018	39,703	39,703	-	299,586	13.25%
2017	35,147	35,147	-	309,411	11.36%
2016	30,340	30,340	-	318,795	9.52%
MPERS:					
2025	\$ 13,607	\$ 13,607	\$ -	\$ 38,223	35.60%
2024	18,036	18,036	-	50,276	35.88%

* This schedule will contain ten years of historical information once such information becomes available.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year ended July 31, 2025

Changes to benefit terms:

There were no changes in benefit terms for the measurement period ending June 30, 2025.

Changes in Assumptions:

- Expected remaining service lives for MERS changed from 3 years for Plan B to 2 years for Plan B.
- Projected salary increases for MPERS changed from 12.3% for 1-2 years of service to 13% and 4.7% for more than 2 years of service to 4.75%.
- Actuarial assumptions for MPERS were based on the results of an experience study for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. Assumptions were previously based on the results of the same study for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
July 31, 2025

	<u>Sidewalk Maintenance</u>	<u>Drainage Maintenance</u>	<u>Combined Bond Fund</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 53,388	\$ 178,334	\$ 103,927
Investments	-	-	96,798
Accounts receivable	720	560	-
Due from other fund	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 59,608</u>	<u>\$ 178,894</u>	<u>\$ 200,725</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Interest payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,057
Other payables	-	-	-
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>33,491</u>	<u>41,622</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,491</u>	<u>\$ 42,679</u>
 FUND BALANCE			
Restricted	<u>59,608</u>	<u>145,403</u>	<u>158,046</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 59,608</u>	<u>\$ 178,894</u>	<u>\$ 200,725</u>

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
July 31, 2025

Sales Tax	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 335,648
-	96,798
-	1,280
-	<u>5,500</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 439,226</u>

\$ -	\$ 1,057
-	-
-	<u>75,113</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 76,170</u>

-	<u>363,056</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 439,226</u>

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 Year Ended July 31, 2025

	<u>Sidewalk Maintenance</u>	<u>Drainage Maintenance</u>	<u>Combined Bond Fund</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 8,382	\$ 66,038	\$ 46,017
Interest	-	435	2,692
Intergovernmental income	-	1	-
Total revenues	<u>8,382</u>	<u>66,474</u>	<u>48,709</u>
Expenditures:			
Highways and streets	4,988	37,578	-
Health and recreation	-	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	-	35,000
Interest	-	-	5,894
Total expenditures	<u>4,988</u>	<u>37,578</u>	<u>40,894</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	3,394	28,896	7,815
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net changes in fund balance	3,394	28,896	7,815
Fund balance, beginning	<u>56,214</u>	<u>116,507</u>	<u>150,231</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 59,608</u>	<u>\$ 145,403</u>	<u>\$ 158,046</u>

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 Year Ended July 31, 2025

<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 120,437
-	<u>3,127</u>
-	<u>123,564</u>
-	42,566
197	197
-	35,000
-	<u>5,894</u>
<u>197</u>	<u>83,657</u>
(197)	39,907
<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>
-	40,104
-	<u>322,952</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 363,056</u>

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO MAYOR
Year Ended July 31, 2025

Mayor Sampson LeJeune

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 16,800
Travel	3,404
Convention	<u>400</u>
	<u>\$ 20,604</u>

Town of Lake Arthur
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Schedule

Cash Basis Presentation
 As Required by La. R.S. 24:515.2

	Amount for 08/01/2024 - 01/31/2025	Amount for 02/01/2025 - 07/31/2025
1. Beginning Cash Balance	-	-
2. Collections		
a. Civil Fees	-	-
b. Bond Fees	-	-
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	6,532	5,588
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	-	-
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	33,040	41,528
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
n. Other	-	-
Total Collected	39,572	47,116
3. Deductions: Collections Retained by the Town of Lake Arthur		
I. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
II. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	33,040	41,528
III. Other Amounts "Self-Disbursed" [Enter amounts on appropriate collection type lines]	-	-
a. Civil Fees	-	-
b. Bond Fees	-	-
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	6,532	5,588
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	-	-
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	-	-
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees [excluding amounts reported in bullets I and II above]	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
n. Other	-	-
Total Collections Retained by the Town of Lake Arthur	39,572	47,116
4. Deductions: Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits		
a. Collection/Processing Fees Paid to Third Party Entities	-	-
b. Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
c. Bond Refunds	-	-
d. Restitution Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	-	-
e. Other Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	-	-
Total Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits		
5. Deductions: Total Disbursements to Other Governments & Nonprofits		
6. Total Amounts Disbursed/Retained	39,572	47,116
7. Ending Cash Balance		
8. Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed		
9. Other Information:		

I. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Yet Collected [i.e. total ending receivable balances]	-	-
II. Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period [i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service]	-	-

Town of Lake Arthur
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DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE RATIO WORKSHEET

For the Period Ended, July 31, 2025

Revenue Bonds:

$$\frac{\text{Net Operating Income + Depreciation}}{\text{Interest to be Paid + Principal to be Paid}} = \text{Debt Service Coverage Ratio}$$

		Totals
Net Operating Income	=	6,958.00
Depreciation	=	205,157.00
Interest to Be Paid	=	821.16
Principal to be Paid	=	29,532.00
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	=	6.99

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON
INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Lake Arthur
Lake Arthur, 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended July 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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



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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2025-001, 2025-002, and 2025-004 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 two instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2025-003.

Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana'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 the response.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide

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

M. Elroy Quirk + Burch

Lake Charles, Louisiana
February 24, 2026

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON
COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Lake Arthur
Lake Arthur, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Lake Arthur's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Lake Arthur's major federal programs for the year ended July 31, 2025. The Town of Lake Arthur's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of Lake Arthur complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended July 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.



We are required to be independent of the Town of Lake Arthur and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Lake Arthur's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Town's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town of Lake Arthur's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town of Lake Arthur's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Town of Lake Arthur's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Town of Lake Arthur's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on

the effectiveness of the Town of Lake Arthur's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Town of Lake Arthur, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Mr. Gray, Quil & Burch

Lake Charles, Louisiana
February 24, 2026

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TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AMOUNTS
For Period Ending July 31, 2025

<u>Grant Type</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Total Current Expenditures</u>	<u>Subrecipient Payments</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Passed through Louisiana Office of Community Development: Community Development Block Grant	14.228	Water Sector	221,811	-
Passed through Louisiana Department of Administration: Community Development Block Grant	14.228	Street Improvements	346,321	-
Total Assistance Listing Number 14.228			<u>568,132</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development			<u>568,132</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
Direct Program: Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grant	16.710	COPS Grant	29,188	-
Passed Through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement Crime Victims Assistance	16.575	LCLE Victims Assistance	31,504	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>60,692</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Direct Program: Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disaster)	97.036	FEMA 4559-DR-LA	244,789	-
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			<u>244,789</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Passed Through Louisiana Department of Health Clean Water State Revolving Fund	66.458	221954-01	36,209	-
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			<u>36,209</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 909,822</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended July 31, 2025

Note A. Scope of Audit

The audit was performed pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1996 and the Uniform Guidance.

Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared on the full accrual basis of accounting used by the Town in preparation of the government wide financial statements that report these awards. The accounting policies of the Town conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain assumptions that affect the reported amounts of expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note B. Disbursements

Disbursements reported in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards cannot be traced, in every case, directly to the disbursements reported in the Town's Financial Report. However, the detailed information regarding the disbursements reflected in both issued reports can be traced to the Town's detailed general ledger with adjustments for any year-end financial statement accruals and reversals.

Note C. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal award programs of the Town that were received directly from federal agencies or passed through other entities and governmental agencies.

Note D. Indirect Cost Rate

The Town did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended July 31, 2025

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified? Yes No

Significant deficiency identified not
considered to be material weakness? Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements
noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness identified? Yes No

Significant deficiency identified not
Considered to be material weakness? Yes None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance
for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required
to be reported in accordance with the Uniform
Guidance? Yes No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number(s) Name of Federal Program or Cluster

14.228 Community Development Block Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

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TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended July 31, 2025
(Continued)

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2025-001 Segregation of Duties

Condition: Because of the entity's size and the limited number of accounting personnel, it is not feasible to maintain a complete segregation of duties to achieve effective internal control.

Criteria: Effective internal control requires adequate segregation of duties among client personnel.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties, errors within the financial records or fraud could go undetected.

Recommendation: To the extent cost effective, duties should be segregated and management should attempt to mitigate this weakness by supervision and review procedures.

Response: As the Town grows and as new positions are added, we will ensure that sufficient segregation of duties are developed and implemented to ensure an optimal and effective control structure.

2025-002 Controls Over Financing Reporting

Condition: In our judgment, the Town's accounting personnel and those charged with governance, in the course of their assigned duties, lack the capable resources to prepare the financial statements and related footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to detect and correct a material misstatement, if present.

Criteria: Many small organizations rely on their auditor to generate the annual financial statements including footnotes. Auditing guidance emphasizes that the auditor cannot be part of your system of internal control over financial reporting.

Effect: Material misstatements in financial statements could go undetected.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended July 31, 2025

(Continued)

Recommendation: In our judgment, due to the lack of resources available to management to correct this material weakness in financial reporting, we recommend management mitigate this weakness by having a heightened awareness of all transactions being reported.

Response: We concur with this recommendation. Management has implemented supervision and review procedures to the extent possible.

2025-003 Late Filing of Audited Financial Statements

Condition: The July 31, 2025, audited financial statements were not filed with the Legislative Auditor's office within six months after the fiscal year ended as required by LSA-RS 24:514.

Criteria: Louisiana State Audit Law requires audited financial statements to be filed within six months after the fiscal year end of government entities.

Cause: The necessary information from state pension funds is not available in time to meet the statutory deadline.

Effect: The Town is not in compliance with LSA-RS 24:514.

Recommendation: In the future, the Town should file audited financial statements in a timely manner, if possible.

Response: The Town will make its best effort to file its audits in a timely manner in the future, but it's success will be dependent on the availability of certain external reports needed to calculate the Town's pension liability.

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended July 31, 2025

(Continued)

2025-004 Controls Over Journal Entries

Condition: The Town's accounting personnel have unrestricted access to posting entries within the accounting software.

Criteria: Effective internal control requires proper user access controls within accounting software so accounting personnel can't post entries outside the scope of their responsibilities.

Effect: Without proper restrictions, adjustments to the financial records can be made and go undetected, resulting in a material misstatement.

Recommendation: The Town should set up access controls within the accounting software to restrict personnel so they are only able to make adjustments within relevant modules in the system and ensure adequate review of all entries posted.

Response: The Town will properly restrict accounting personnel's access within the accounting software and develop an adequate review process to ensure the control is effective.

SECTION III - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

No findings to report

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended July 31, 2025

SECTION IV - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-001 Segregation of Duties

Condition: This finding was a material weakness relating to the entity's size and limited number of accounting personnel which made it impossible to achieve effective internal accounting control.

Recommendation: To the extent cost effective, duties should be segregated and management should attempt to mitigate this weakness by supervision and review procedures.

Current Status: The condition still exists but management is mitigating its effect through review procedures. See finding 2025-001.

2024-002 Controls over Financing Reporting

Condition: This finding was a material weakness relating to the inability of the entity to produce financial statements and footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend management mitigate the weakness by having a heightened awareness of all transactions being reported.

Current Status: This condition still exists but management is mitigating its effect through review procedures. See finding 2025-002.

2024-003 Late Filing of Audited Financial Statements

Condition: The July 31, 2024, audited financial statements were not filed with the Legislative Auditor's office within six months after the fiscal year ended as required by LSA-RS 24:514 resulting in an instance of noncompliance.

Recommendation: In the future, the Town should file audited financial statements in a timely manner, if possible.

Current Status: This condition still exists. See finding 2025-003.

SECTION V - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

No Prior Year Findings.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas of the Town of Lake Arthur identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Town of Lake Arthur 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 August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. 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 as follows:

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.*

No exceptions noted.

*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.

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

No exceptions noted.

- 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).

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

- vii. Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

No exceptions noted.

- 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, and (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g. determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

No exceptions noted.

- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 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.

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

As of July 31, 2025, the Town did not have written policies and procedures that addressed this area

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

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 selected each account, and observe that:

- 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).

One reconciliation was not prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include 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 (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).

Five reconciliations did not include evidence that they were reviewed by a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash.

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

Reconciling items have not been researched.

4) Collections

- 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):

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

Employees share cash drawers.

- 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.

Employees responsible for collecting cash are also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.

Employees responsible for collecting cash are also responsible for posting collection entries.

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

Employees responsible for reconciling cash collection to the general ledger are also responsible for collecting cash.

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

No exceptions noted.

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). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions noted.

ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions noted.

iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

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).

Two deposits not made within one day of receipt.

v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding credit card purchases/payments, 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).

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

Employees responsible for processing payments also mail the checks after they are signed.

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

- 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 deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

One disbursement did not show evidence of segregation of duties.

- 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.

Not applicable. No non-payroll-related disbursements.

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

No exceptions noted.

- 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:

- i. 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.

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

Two transactions did not have written documentation of the business/public purpose.

7) Travel and Expense Reimbursement

- 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 by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

No exceptions noted.

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

No exceptions noted.

- 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).

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

8) Contracts

A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions noted.

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment: and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval).

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

No exceptions noted.

B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials:

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records:

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No exceptions noted.

- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, and workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the five randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain ethics documentation from management and:

- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

- 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:

No exceptions noted.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants):

No exceptions noted.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

No misappropriations of assets during the fiscal period.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds:

No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267²⁵. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and

- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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 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.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Observe 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).

No exceptions noted.

- 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.

No exceptions noted

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action.

No exceptions noted.

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions noted.

We were engaged by the Town of Lake Arthur 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 Town of Lake Arthur 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.

Ms. Cheryl Quirk - Beach

Lake Charles, Louisiana
February 24, 2026



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In response to Written Policies and Procedures, The Town will develop written policies and procedures to address all categories and subcategories noted above.

In response to #3 A i Bank Reconciliations, Reconciliations will be completed in a more timely manner.

In response to #3 A ii Bank Reconciliations, In the future, someone other than the Town Clerk will review the monthly bank reconciliations whenever feasible.

In response to #3 A iii Bank Reconciliations, When preparing the bank reconciliations, the Town Clerk will search for outstanding reconciling items more than 12 months and address those items as necessary.

In response to #4 B i Collections, The Town will implement procedures so that different employee collecting cash do not share cash drawers/registers.

In response to #4 B ii Collections, The Town will implement procedures so that different employees collect cash and prepare/make bank deposits.

In response to #4 B iii Collections, The Town will implement procedures so that different employees collect cash and post collection entries.

In response to #4 B iv Collections, The Town will implement procedures so that different employees reconcile cash collections and collect cash.

In response to #4 D iv Collections, The Town will make deposits within one business day of receipt.

In response to #5 B iv Non-Payroll Disbursements, The Town will have a person not related to the payment processing function mail the checks after they have been signed.

In response to #5 C ii Non-Payroll Disbursements, The Town will initial/date all disbursements.

In response to #6 C Credit Cards, The Town document the business/public purpose on all transactions.

Signature


MAYOR

Date

2-20-26

Title