

**Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor**  
A Component Unit of the Natchitoches Parish Government  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements  
with Independent Auditor's Report

As of and For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2020  
with Supplemental Information Schedules

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

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**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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.

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## ***Other Matters***

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, the schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, the schedule of employer contributions, and the schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2021 on our consideration of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Kenneth D. Fadden & Co., CPAs*

Jonesboro, Louisiana

June 25, 2021

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
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Statement of Net Position  
As of December 31, 2020

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 205,553
Investments	6,283,720
Accounts receivable	1,281,832
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>28,510</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>7,799,615</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension	361,093
Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB	<u>695,564</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>1,056,657</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	3,935
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>	
Net other post employment benefits obligation	2,890,792
Net pension liability	<u>151,175</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>3,045,902</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	242,212
Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB	<u>587,024</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>829,236</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	28,510
Unrestricted	<u>4,952,624</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 4,981,134</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Major Funds			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Functions/Programs</u>					
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 1,197,639	\$ 18,499	\$ -	\$ -	(1,179,140)
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,197,639	\$ 18,499	\$ -	\$ -	(1,179,140)
<u>General Revenues</u>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					1,428,704
Intergovernmental					72,352
Investment earnings					20,781
GASB 68 Non-Employer Contribution Revenue					144,443
Net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments					284,544
Total general revenues					1,950,824
Change in net position					771,684
Net position - December 31, 2019					4,209,450
Net position - December 31, 2020					\$ 4,981,134

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# **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
As of December 31, 2020

		Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and equivalents	\$	205,553
Investments		6,283,720
Accounts receivable		1,281,832
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>7,771,105</u></b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$	3,935
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b><u>3,935</u></b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>		
Unassigned		<u>7,767,170</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b><u>7,767,170</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>7,771,105</u></b>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
As of December 31, 2020

Total Fund Balances at December 31, 2020 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)	\$	7,767,170
Total Net Position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds, net of depreciation.		28,510
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Net other post employment benefits		(2,890,792)
Net pension liability		(151,175)
Deferred outflows of resources		1,056,657
Deferred inflows of resources		<u>(829,236)</u>
Net Position at December 31, 2020	\$	<u><u>4,981,134</u></u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem tax	\$ 1,428,704
Intergovernmental	72,352
Charges for services	18,499
<b>Total revenues</b>	1,519,555
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current:	
General government	
Personnel services	806,230
Repairs and maintenance	15,744
Contractual services	140,641
Insurance	355
Office	22,300
Training, education, and travel	17,477
Capital outlay	2,733
<b>Total expenditures</b>	1,005,480
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	514,075
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>	
Investment earnings	20,781
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	284,544
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	305,325
<b>Net changes in fund balances</b>	819,400
<b>Fund balances - December 31, 2019</b>	6,947,769
<b>Fund balances - December 31, 2020</b>	\$ 7,767,169

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Funds Balances to the Statement of Activities  
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Total net change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Statement E)	\$	819,401
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets capitalized over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay differs from depreciation for the period.

Depreciation		(10,016)
Capital outlay		2,733

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. These timing differences are summarized below:

Net other post employment benefits		(114,398)
Net pension liability decrease (increase)		73,964
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	\$	771,684

**NOTES TO THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Assessors are elected by the voters of each parish and serve terms of four years. The Assessors assess property, prepare tax rolls, and submit tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The Assessor's office is located in the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The Assessor employs six deputies. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor bases real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing by May 1 of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies.

### **1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **A. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements of the Assessor have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Assessor applies all relevant GASB pronouncements, and GAAP, as applicable to governmental entities. Also, the Assessor's financial statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 24:513 and Audits of State and Local Government Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

#### **B. Reporting Entity**

GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Natchitoches Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Natchitoches Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, establishes criteria for determining which, if any, component units should be considered part of the Natchitoches Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. GASB Statement No. 61 provides additional criteria for classifying entities as component units. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability, which includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
  - i. The ability of the government to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - ii. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the government.

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2. Organizations for which the government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the government and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or a jointly appointed board.

3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Since the Assessor is fiscally dependent on the parish government, the Assessor has been determined to be a component unit of the Natchitoches Parish Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Assessor and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

### **C. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The Assessor's government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of the governmental activities for the Assessor. Fiduciary activities of the Assessor are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the Assessor's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in Net Position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's governmental activities.

**Program Revenues** - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) derive directly from parties outside the Assessor's taxpayers or citizenry, including (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Assessor's general revenues.

**Direct Expenses** - The Assessor reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

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Indirect Expenses - The Assessor reports all indirect expenses separately on the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Indirect expenses are those expenses that are not clearly identifiable with a function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense.

General revenues are taxes and other items that are not properly included among program revenues.

**D. Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses, as appropriate, additions, and deductions. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Funds of the Assessor are classified into one category: governmental.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide financial statements. The Assessor has presented all major funds.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Balance Sheets. Amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. Long-term debts are reported as an other financing source, and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in fund balance.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period.

"Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash and when collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The primary operating fund of the Assessor, the General Fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Assessor policy.

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*Revenues*

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues:

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes and charges for services.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded as unrestricted grants-in-aid at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible-to-accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred, all other grant requirements have been met, and the susceptible-to-accrual criteria have been met.

Interest earnings are recorded when the investments have matured and the interest is available.

*Expenditures*

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording expenditures:

Purchases of various operating supplies, etc. are recorded as expenditures when the related fund liability is incurred.

Principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized when due.

*Other Financing Sources (Uses)*

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording other financing sources (uses):

Sales of fixed assets and long-term debt proceeds and payments are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

**E. Equity Classifications**

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is classified as net position and reported in three components:

Net investment in capital assets: This classification consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets.

Restricted net position: This classification consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position: Any other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net position. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

The Governmental Fund Financial Statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Assessor is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

**Nonspendable:** This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Assessor did not have any nonspendable funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Restricted:** This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Assessor did not have any restricted funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Committed:** This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Assessor. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Assessor removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Assessor typically establishes commitments through the adoption and amendment of the budget. The Assessor did not have any committed funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Assigned:** This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Assessor's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Assessor or through the Assessor for specific purposes. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund. The Assessor has no assigned funds for year ended December 31, 2020.

**Unassigned:** This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts. All funds of the Assessor are designated as unassigned.

The Assessor would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

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**F. Budgets**

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget can be amended before the end of the fiscal year under the same process used to adopt a budget. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The 2020 General Fund budget was published in the official journal and made available for public inspection. The budget was adopted by the Assessor on December 19, 2019. The budget had no amendments.

**G. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor may deposit funds in demand deposits in stock-owned federally insured depository institutions organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana or of any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. The Assessor may invest in certificates and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity date of 90 days or less when purchased.

Under state law, the Assessor may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Those with maturities of 90 days or less would be classified as cash equivalents and all other reported as investments.

**H. Investments**

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's investments comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Assessor may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or government-backed agency securities or certificates, and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. These deposits are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at fair value except for those which are permitted under GASB Statement No. 31 to use a different valuation measurement.

In accordance with paragraph 69 of GASB Statement No. 72, the Assessor reports at amortized cost money market investments and participating interest-bearing investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations.

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**I. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are recorded in the governmental column of the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Acquisitions of property and equipment are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Assessor maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized.

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

Furniture, fixtures, equipment	5-10 years
Buildings, improvements	10-20 years

**J. Deferred Outflows of Resources**

The Assessor reports decreases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The Assessor will not recognize the related expenses until a future event occurs. The Assessor reported deferred outflows of resources of \$1,056,657, but no deferred outflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements. Deferred outflows of resources of \$361,093 are related to the net pension liability, and deferred outflows of resources of \$695,564 are related to the net other post employment benefits obligation.

**K. Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The Assessor reports decreases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred inflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The Assessor will not recognize the related revenues until a future event occurs. The Assessor reported deferred inflows of resources of \$829,236, but no deferred inflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements. Deferred inflows of resources of \$242,212 are related to the net pension liability, and deferred inflows of resources of \$587,024 are related to the net other post employment benefits obligation.

**L. Estimates**

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

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**2. Ad Valorem Tax**

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

The Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's office bills and collects property taxes. The Assessor recognizes property tax revenues when levied.

Property Tax Calendar

Assessment date	January 1
Levy date	June 30
Tax bills mailed	October 15
Total taxes are due	December 31
Penalties and interest added	January 31
Lien date	January 31
Tax sale	May 15

The Assessor is permitted to levy taxes up to 10% of the assessed property valuation for each specified purpose after the approval by the voters of the parish. Property taxes are recorded as receivables and revenues in the year assessed.

Assessed values are established by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor each year on a uniform basis at the following ratios to fair market value:

10% land	15% machinery
10% residential	15% commercial improvements
15% industrial improvements	25% public services properties, excluding land

**3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At December 31, 2020, the Assessor had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$205,553, details shown below. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.



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At December 31, 2020, the Assessor had \$232,463 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$88,037 federal deposit insurance. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 30:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Louisiana R.S. 39:1224 requires bonds, or other such instruments furnished as security, to be deposited with the depositing authority or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company, Federal Reserve Bank, or any Federal Home Loan Bank or its successor. This security is deemed to be under the control and in the possession of the public entity and deemed to be held in its name. The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor has complied with these requirements of state law.

Cash and investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Assessor at December 31, 2020. Deposits are considered to be exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are (a) uncollateralized, (b) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or (c) collateralized with securities held by the the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name. The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor has cash and cash equivalents that are covered up to \$250,000 of federal depository insurance. The Assessor does not have a custodial credit risk policy.

	Amount
Cash on hand	\$ 50
Interest-bearing demand deposits	205,503
Total	<u>\$ 205,553</u>

#### 4. Investments

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor maintains investment accounts as authorized by the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Under state law, the Assessor may invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, or certificates of deposit. Investments are carried at fair market value as of the balance sheet date.

There are three fair valuation techniques that are prescribed in GASB Statement No. 72: the market approach, the cost approach, or the income approach. The Assessor values all investments using the market approach which uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving similar assets or groups of assets.

The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs-other than quoted prices included within Level 1-that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset, and the government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Below are the fair value measurements of the investments held by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor at December 31, 2020.

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Type of Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other	Total
Money market accounts	\$ 5,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,407
U.S. Government securities	5,212,158	-	-	-	5,212,158
LAMP Investments	-	-	-	1,066,155	1,066,155
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,217,565</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,155</b>	<b>\$ 6,283,720</b>

Investment earnings at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Unrealized gains (losses)	284,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 284,544</b>

At December 31, 2020, the Assessor had funds (book balances) totaling \$1,066,155 on deposit at LAMP, which are stated at cost. The Assessor maintains accounts in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP was established and is administered by LAMP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. LAMP accepts deposits from public entities. Upon making an investment, a public entity becomes a member of LAMP, Inc., similar to a corporate shareholder, and maintains certain rights with respect to the governance of the corporation.

The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality vehicles for investment. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government, or one of its agencies. The dollar weighted average portfolio of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their balances.

### 5. Receivables

The receivables of \$1,281,832 at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Taxes	\$ 1,281,584
Accrued interest on investments	248
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,832</b>

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**6. Capital Assets**

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2020, is as follows:

	Balance, January 01, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance, December 31, 2020
Capital assets being depreciated				
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	\$ 238,220	\$ 2,733	\$ -	\$ 240,953
Vehicles	23,229	-	-	23,229
Total capital assets depreciated	<u>261,449</u>	<u>2,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264,182</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	224,494	5,370	-	229,865
Vehicles	1,161	4,646	-	5,807
Total capital assets depreciated	<u>225,656</u>	<u>10,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,672</u>
Net capital assets	<u>35,793</u>	<u>(7,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,510</u>
Governmental Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 35,793</u>	<u>\$ (7,283)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,510</u>

Depreciation expense of \$10,016 was charged to the general government function.

**7. Payables**

The payables of \$3,935 at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Accounts	\$ 3,935
Total	<u>\$ 3,935</u>

**8. Retirement Systems - Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund**

*Plan Description*

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor contributes to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. Substantially, all employees participate in the Plan. The Fund was created by Act 91 Section 1 of the 1950 regular Legislative Session, and it functions under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:1401 through 1494. Membership in the Fund is a condition of employment for Assessors and their full-time employees.

Any member of the Fund who was hired prior to October 1, 2013, can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with 30 years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 with a minimum of 12 years of creditable service.

Eligibility for retirement for members hired on or after October 1, 2013, is as follows:

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1. Age 60 after 12 years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 after 30 years of creditable service.

Employees who became members prior to October 1, 2006, are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to three and one-third percent of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay, multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final compensation. Employees who become members on or after October 1, 2006, will have their benefits based on the highest 60 months of consecutive service. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint/survivor annuity.

The Fund also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's total payroll for all employees was \$470,569. Total covered payroll was \$470,569. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor to active employees covered by the Plan.

The Fund issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Fund. The report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

*Contributions*

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the actual employer contribution rate was 8.00%, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's contributions to the Plan for the year ending December 31, 2020 were \$37,646.

Members are required by state statute to contribute 8.00% of their annual covered salary. The contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor to the Plan monthly.

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

At December 31, 2020, the Assessor reported a liability of \$151,175 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of September 30, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2020, the Assessor's proportion was 0.989520%, which was an increase of 0.003486% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2019.

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For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor recognized pension expense of \$102,275 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which was (\$31,797). Total pension expense for the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$70,478.

At December 31, 2020, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor 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
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,838	\$ 120,782
Changes in assumptions	335,619	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan	-	118,879
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning net pension liability	9,952	2,119
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	601	431
Contributions after the measurement period	10,083	-
Total	<u>\$ 361,093</u>	<u>\$ 242,211</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31:</u>	
2021	\$ 11,726
2022	43,263
2023	38,113
2024	(4,412)
2025	20,106

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*Actuarial Assumptions*

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of September 30, 2020, are as follows:

Valuation Date	September 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Inflation Rate	2.10%
Salary increases	5.25%
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Active members mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Disabled lives mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.

*Discount Rate*

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses 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, of 2.5%, and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting long-term expected arithmetic nominal return was 8.37% as of September 30, 2020. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2020, are summarized in the following table.

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	7.50%
International equity	8.50%
Domestic bonds	2.50%
International Bonds	3.50%
Real Estate	4.50%
Alternative Assets	5.87%

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The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes 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 contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position 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 Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following presents the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.75%, as well as what the Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (4.75%) or one percentage-point higher (6.75%) than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 686,238	\$ 151,175	(303,712)

*Fund Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the Fund's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund Audit Report.

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**9. Other Post-Employment Benefits**

On January 1, 2018, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 entitled "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Other Than Pensions (GASB 75). The most notable change under GASB 75 is that the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) has been eliminated and the Net OPEB Liability will be an item on the employer's financial statement rather than a footnote entry. GASB 75 governs the specifics of accounting for public OPEB plan obligations for participating employers and is required to be implemented for employer fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. GASB 75 requires a liability for OPEB obligations, known as the Net OPEB Liability (Total OPEB Liability for unfunded plans), to be recognized on the balance sheets of participating employers. Changes in the Net OPEB Liability (Total OPEB Liability for unfunded plans) will be immediately recognized as OPEB Expense on the income statement or reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources depending on the nature of the change.

*Funding Policy and Participant Data*

The Louisiana Assessors' Insurance Fund is a public entity risk pool. These benefits for the retirees are provided through an insurance company on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Assessor contributes 100% of the cost of the current-year premiums for seven active participants, four retirees and surviving spouses, and spouse of current retirees. Participant data is as of January 1, 2020. The Assessor recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (Assessor's cost of premiums) as an expenditure when the monthly premiums are paid.

*Plan Description*

The Assessor provides certain continuing health insurance benefits for its active participants, retired employees and their spouses or beneficiaries. Eligibility for medical coverage is based on the following:

1. 55 years old and 12 years of service, or
2. 30 years of service at any age

*Relationship Between Valuation Date, Measurement Date, and Reporting Date*

The Valuation Date is January 1, 2020. This is the date as of which the actuarial valuation is performed. The Measurement Date is December 31, 2020. This is the date as of which the total OPEB liability is determined. The Reporting Date is December 31, 2020. This is the plan's and/or employer's fiscal year ending date.

*Significant Changes*

There have been no significant changes between the valuation date and the fiscal year end.



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*Total OPEB Liability*

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the valuation date, calculated based on the discount rate and actuarial assumptions below, and was then projected forward to the measurement date. Any significant changes during this period have been reflected as prescribed by GASB 75.

Total OPEB Liability	\$	2,890,792
Covered Payroll		460,569
Total OPEB liability as a % of covered payroll		627.66%

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Year Bond Municipal Index.

Discount rate	2.12%
20 Year Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Yield	2.12%

*Other Key Actuarial Assumptions*

The plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2020
Measurement Date	December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases including inflation	3.00%
Medical Trend Rate	See table below.

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Year	Non-Medicare Medical Trend	Medicare Medical Trend	All Retirees Dental Trend
2020	6.40%	5.40%	3.00%
2021	5.70%	5.10%	3.00%
2022	5.00%	4.80%	3.00%
2023	4.90%	4.70%	3.00%
2024	4.80%	4.60%	3.00%
2025	4.70%	4.50%	3.00%
2026	4.60%	4.50%	3.00%
2027	4.50%	4.40%	3.00%
2028-2032	4.40%	4.30%	3.00%
...	...%	...%	...%
2074 +	3.70%	3.70%	3.00%

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*Changes in Total OPEB Liability*

	Increase (Decrease) Total OPEB Liability
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 2,634,839
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	95,543
Interest on total OPEB liability	74,074
Effect of plan changes	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	(128,819)
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	
Change due to Claims Costs update	11,121
Change due to Trend update	(31,973)
Change due to Mortality update	(32,034)
Change due to Discount Rate update	322,335
Total assumption changes	269,449
Benefit payments	(54,294)
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 2,890,792

*Sensitivity Analysis*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Assessor, calculated using the discount rate of 2.12%, as well as what the Assessor's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.12%) or 1 percentage point higher (3.12%) than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 3,534,628	\$ 2,890,792	\$ 2,394,590

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Assessor, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the Assessor's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current trend rates.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 2,469,220	\$ 2,890,792	\$ 3,452,821

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*OPEB Expense*

	January 01, 2020 to December 31, 2020
Service cost	\$ 95,543
Interest on total OPEB liability	74,074
Effect of plan changes	-
Recognition of Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources	
Recognition of economic/demographic gains or losses	7,008
Recognition of assumption changes or inputs	(7,933)
OPEB Expense	168,692

As of December 31, 2020, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 101,785	\$ (111,002)
Changes in assumptions	593,779	(476,022)
Amounts paid subsequent to the measurement date	-	-
Total	\$ 695,564	\$ (587,024)

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

Year Ended December 31:	
2021	\$ (925)
2022	(925)
2023	(925)
2024	(925)
2025	81,228
Thereafter*	31,012

\* Note that additional future deferred inflows and outflows of resources may impact these numbers.

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*Schedule of Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources*

	Original Amount	Date Established	Original Rec. Period*	Amount Recognized in Expense for FYE 12/31/20	Amount Recognized in Expense through 12/31/20	Balance of Deferred Inflows 12/31/20	Balance of Deferred Inflows 12/31/20
Economic/demographic (gains) or losses	\$ (128,819)	12/31/2020	7.2	\$ (17,817)	\$ (17,817)	\$ (111,002)	\$ -
	\$ 176,260	12/31/2018	7.1	\$ 24,825	\$ 74,475	\$ -	\$ 101,785
Total				7,008	56,658	(111,002)	101,785
Assumption changes or inputs	269,449	12/31/2020	7.2	37,268	37,268	-	232,181
	503,402	12/31/2019	7.1	70,902	141,804	-	361,598
	(824,331)	12/31/2018	7.1	(116,103)	(348,309)	(476,022)	-
Total				(7,933)	(169,237)	(476,022)	593,779
Amounts paid subsequent to the measurement date						-	-
Total deferred (inflows)/outflows						(587,024)	695,564
Total net deferrals						108,540	

\* Economic/demographic (gains)/losses and assumption changes or inputs are recognized over the average remaining service life for all active and inactive members.

**10. Expenses Paid by the Natchitoches Parish Government**

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's office is located in the parish courthouse. Expenditures for the operations and maintenance of the parish courthouse, as required by state statute, are paid by the Natchitoches Parish Government and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

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**11. Leases**

The Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor is a party to an operating lease of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe through Mears Motor Leasing. The terms of the lease call for payments of \$791.68 per month for 48 months with payments that began on March 7, 2019.

**12. Grants**

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor didn't receive any grant income.

**13. Risk Management**

The Assessor is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the Assessor maintains commercial insurance policies covering each of these risks of loss. The Assessor believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Assessor. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years, which exceeded the policies' coverage amount.

**14. Litigation and Claims**

At December 31, 2020, the Assessor was not involved in any lawsuits nor is aware of any outstanding claims, which are not covered by insurance.

**15. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 25, 2020, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.



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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and  
Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2021. 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.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Kenneth D. Falden & Co., CPAs*

Jonesboro, Louisiana  
June 25, 2021



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget - Original	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem tax	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,428,704	\$ 153,704
Intergovernmental	50,000	72,352	22,352
Charges for services	10,000	18,499	8,499
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>1,335,000</u>	<u>1,519,555</u>	<u>184,555</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General government			
Personnel services	800,000	806,230	(6,230)
Repairs and maintenance	19,000	15,744	3,256
Contractual services	225,000	140,641	84,359
Insurance	1,000	355	645
Office	48,600	22,300	26,300
Training, education, and travel	56,400	17,477	38,923
Capital outlay	10,000	2,733	7,267
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>1,160,000</u>	<u>1,005,480</u>	<u>154,520</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>514,075</u>	<u>339,075</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Interest earnings	25,000	20,781	(4,219)
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	-	284,544	284,544
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>305,325</u>	<u>280,325</u>
<b>Net changes in fund balances</b>	200,000	819,400	619,400
<b>Fund balances - December 31, 2019</b>	6,947,769	6,947,769	-
<b>Fund balances - December 31, 2020</b>	<u>\$ 7,147,769</u>	<u>\$ 7,767,169</u>	<u>\$ 619,400</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund  
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.989520%	0.986034%	0.971561%	0.935493%	0.859678%	0.900453%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 151,175	\$ 260,098	\$ 188,875	\$ 164,152	\$ 303,338	\$ 471,228
Employer's covered employee payroll	\$ 454,876	\$ 438,676	\$ 428,251	\$ 410,701	\$ 374,282	\$ 382,700
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	33.23 %	59.29 %	44.10 %	39.97 %	81.05 %	123.13 %
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	96.79 %	94.12 %	95.46 %	95.61 %	90.68 %	85.57 %

The amounts presented have a measurement date of September 30.

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund  
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 37,646	\$ 35,310	\$ 34,446	\$ 41,426	\$ 47,846	\$ 51,665
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	37,646	35,310	34,446	41,426	47,846	51,665
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 470,569	\$ 441,376	\$ 430,576	\$ 421,276	\$ 378,976	\$ 382,700
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	8.00 %	8.00 %	8.00 %	9.83 %	12.63 %	13.50 %

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Service cost	\$ 95,543	\$ 71,005	\$ 104,040
Interest on total OPEB liability	74,074	85,330	91,519
Effect of plan changes	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains (losses)	(128,819)	-	176,260
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	269,449	503,402	(824,331)
Benefit payments	(54,294)	(69,531)	(117,500)
Net change in total OPEB liability	255,953	590,206	(570,012)
Total OPEB liability, beginning	2,634,839	2,044,633	2,614,645
Total OPEB liability, ending	2,890,792	2,634,839	2,044,633
Covered payroll	460,569	441,376	428,197
Total OPEB liability as a % of covered payroll	627.66%	596.96%	477.50%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, recalculations of prior years are not required, and if prior years are not reported in accordance with the current GASB standards, they should not be reported.

# **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the year ended December 31, 2020

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2021. 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 Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2020 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

A. Summary of Auditor's Report

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness       Yes     No      Significant Deficiencies       Yes     No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements       Yes     No

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

Current Year

**No current year findings.**

Prior Year

**No prior year findings.**

Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the year ended December 31, 2020

Dollie Mahoney Tax Assessor	
Salary	\$ 144,976
Deferred compensation	12,000
Benefits - Retirement	23,196
Benefits - Insurance	25,654
Telephone	862
	<u>\$ 206,688</u>