RED RIVER PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2023

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RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT PO BOX 407 COUSHATTA, LA 71019

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

As management of the Red River Parish Communications District, Louisiana (the "District"), we offer the readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Red River Parish Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements and supplementary information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

Financial Highlights

The Red River Parish Communications District experienced an increase in its net position of \$79,437 during the year ended December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023, the total assets of the District were \$889,632 compared to \$807,874 at December 31, 2022.

The District's total general and program revenues were \$163,899 during the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$187,775 during the year ended December 31, 2022. This is a decrease of \$23,876.

The District's governmental funds report total ending fund balance this year of \$762,536. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$696,979, showing an increase of \$65,557 for the current year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts - management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Red River Parish Communications District:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's governmental operations, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements illustrate how general government services, like public safety, were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Red River Parish Communications District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include two statements:

- The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position". Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.
- The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

Fund Financial Statements

The services provided by the District are financed through a governmental fund. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District conducts its day-to-day operations through a governmental fund, the General Fund. These statements provide a short-term view of the District's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the District

Notes to the financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the general fund to demonstrate budget compliance.

Other Supplementary Information

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the chaiman is presented to fulfill the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(A)(3).

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Summary of Statement of Net Position

ASSETS:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current and other assets	\$764,857	\$696,979
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation Total Assets	124,775 \$889,632	110,895 \$807,874
LIABILITIES:		
Current liabilities	\$ <u>2,321</u>	\$ <u> </u>
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted Total Net Position	\$124,775 <u>762,536</u> \$ <u>887,311</u>	\$110,895 696,979 \$ <u>807,874</u>

- The District's assets increased \$81,758 from prior year.
- Unrestricted net position of \$762,536 represents the portion available to meet the ongoing obligations to the citizens of Red River Parish.

Summary of Statement of Activities

REVENUES:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Charges for Services- Telephone Surcharges Interest & Dividends	\$163,819 <u>80</u>	\$187,625
Total revenues	\$163,899	\$187,775
EXPENSES:		
Public safety	84,462	98,243
Change in net position	\$ <u>79,437</u>	\$ <u>89,532</u>

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- Total revenues decreased by \$23,876 over the previous year.
- The function of the District is public safety. Total expenses decreased \$13,781 from the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. The budget policy of the District complies with state law, as amended and as set forth in Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39, Chapter 9, Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (LSA - R.S. 39:1301 et seq.). The District amended the original budget primarily to accommodate for increased wireless fees and increased expenses for supplies. Budgeted revenues were less than actual revenues by \$17,399 (12%) and actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by \$54,958 (36%). The District is in compliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

Capital Assets

The Red River Parish Communications District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2023 totaled \$360,701 (net of accumulated depreciation of \$235,926).

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District is dependent on E911 fees from telephone customers and \$10 permit fees to obtain electric service for approximately 99 percent of its revenues. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the following factors were considered when the budget was prepared:

- The District expects slow growth in revenues.
- The District expects an increase in expenses as the next generation of 911 services is implemented.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to the Red River Parish Communications District, P. O. Box 407, Coushatta, Louisiana 71019.

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To the Board of Directors of Red River Parish Communications District Coushatta, Louisiana 71019

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Red River Parish Communications District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule, listed as required supplementary information in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. This information is the representation of management. We have no performed an audit, review or compilation on the required supplementary information and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to the chairman is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the representation of management. This information was subject to our compilation engagement; however, we have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on such supplementary information.

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August 5, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Red River Parish Communications District Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

Current Assets:

Cash Revenue Receivable	\$760,388 <u>4,469</u>
Total Current Assets	\$764,857
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	124,775
Total Assets	\$ <u>889,632</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ <u>2,321</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted	\$124,775 <u>762,536</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>887,311</u>

Red River Parish Communications District Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges	Operating Grants	Revenue and Changes
		for	and	in Net Position
<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	Services	Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities: Public Safety	\$ <u>84,462</u>	\$ <u>163,819</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ 79,357
1 done Safety	\$ <u>84,402</u>	\$ <u>103,819</u>	Ф <u>Ф</u>	\$ 17,331
	General R	evenues:		
	Interest	& Dividends		80
	Change in Net Position			\$ 79,437
	Net Positi	on December	31, 2022	807,874
	Net Positi	on December	31, 2023	\$ <u>887,311</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Red River Parish Communications District Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund December 31, 2023

Assets:

Cash Revenue Receivable	\$760,388 <u>4,469</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>764,857</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,321
Fund Balance:	
Unassigned	<u>762,536</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ <u>764,857</u>

Red River Parish Communications District Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Fund at December 31, 2023

\$ 762,536

360,701

(235,926)

Total Net Position reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements. Those assets consist of:

Buildings, Improvements & Equipment
Less: Accumulated Depreciation

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2023 \$887,311

Red River Parish Communications District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund BalanceGovernmental Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES:

Charges for Services- E911 Fees	\$163,819
Interest & Dividends	<u>80</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>163,899</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Public Safety-	
Current-	
Professional Services	\$ 17,834
E911 Trunk Lines	3,900
Supplies	1,524
Telephone & Internet	5,926
Technology & Software	2,923
Repairs & Maintenance	14,399
Training/Travel	2,723
Capital Expenditures	49,113
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>98,342</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 65,557
Fund Balance- Beginning of Period	696,979
Fund Balance-End of Period	\$ <u>762,536</u>

Red River Parish Communications District Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total Net Change in Fund Balance at December 31, 2023,
per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance

\$ 65,557

The following used in Governmental Activities are not current financial resources; and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet-

Capital Assets Purchased	46,004
Depreciation Expense	(32,124)

Total Changes in Net Position at December 31, 2023, per Statement of Activities

\$ 79,437

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction:

The Red River Parish Communications District (District) was created on September 14, 2006, by Ordinance 05-2006 of the Red River Police Jury. The District is charged with forming and operating an emergency response system for Red River Parish to be operated as a "911" system. The District is governed by a board of seven commissioners appointed by the Police Jury.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Reporting Entity-

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by Statement No. 61, establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Although the District is a legally separate entity possessing the right to levy taxes, approve its own budget and issue debt, under provisions of this Statement, the District is considered a *component unit* of the Red River Police Jury, the *primary government*, since a level of control is maintained by the Red River Police Jury through appointment of the District's Board and through fiscal interdependency.

B. Basis of Presentation-

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting government. Governmental activities generally are financed through charges for services, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the 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. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District maintains only one fund. It is categorized as a governmental fund. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity.

The major fund of the District is described below:

Governmental Fund-

General Fund

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

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting-

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues "available" if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity-

Cash and Cash Equivalents-

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and all demand deposits with banks or financial institutions. Cash and cash equivalents also include all short term, highly liquid investments of the District.

Capital Assets-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are reported at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. 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:

Buildings & Improvements 10-40 years Furniture & Equipment 5-10 years

Compensated Absences-

The District does not have any full-time employees; therefore, no liability for compensated absences has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Equity Classifications-

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and 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 that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position Consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position All other net resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted resources first, unless a determination is made to use restricted resources. 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 expenses.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$762,536. If applicable, the District would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

E. Budget-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the District adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the full accrual basis of accounting. The District amends its budget when projected revenues are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or projected expenditures are expected to be more than budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

F. 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.

G. Long-term Liabilities-

The District had no long-term debt as of December 31, 2023.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The cash and cash equivalents of the District are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the District's name.

At December 31, 2023, bank balances totaled \$760,388, which are fully secured by \$250,000 FDIC insurance and \$510,388 pledge securities.

3. Capital Assets:

The District's capital asset balances and activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

<u>Activities</u>	Balance <u>12/31/22</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/23</u>
Capital Assets Depreciated: Buildings & Improvements Furniture & Equipment	\$ 47,351 <u>267,346</u>	\$ 0 _46,004	\$0 <u>0</u>	\$ 47,351 313,350
Total Capital Assets	\$ 314,697	\$ 46,004	\$0	\$ 360,701
Less, Accumulated Depreciation:	(203,802)	<u>(32,124)</u>	<u>0</u>	(235,926)
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>110,895</u>	\$ <u>13,880</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>124,775</u>

Depreciation expense of \$32,124 was charged to the public safety function.

4. Compensation Paid to Board Members:

The members of the Board of Commissioners of the District receive no compensation for their services. As of December 31, 2023, the members of the Board were as follows:

Cindy Coffey- Secretary/Treasurer Tom Jones
Jessie Davis- Vice Chairman Joe Taylor

Glen Edwards John Youngblood- Chairman

Shane Felts

5. Related Party Transactions:

The District had no related party transactions.

6. <u>Subsequent Events</u>:

Management has evaluated events through August 5, 2024, the date which financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in the financial statements.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Red River Parish Communications District General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Budget</u> Original/Final	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			,
Charges for Services-			
E911 Fees	\$146,500	\$163,819	\$17,319
Interest income	0	80	80
Total Revenues	\$ <u>146,500</u>	\$ <u>163,899</u>	\$ <u>17,399</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Public Safety:			
Current-			
Professional Services	\$ 53,000	\$ 17,834	\$35,166
E911 Trunk Lines	4,500	3,900	600
Supplies	2,300	1,524	776
Telephone & Internet	9,000	5,926	3,074
Technology & Software	5,000	2,923	2,077
Repairs & Maintenance	15,000	14,399	601
Training/Travel	4,500	2,723	1,777
Capital Expenditures	60,000	49,113	10,887
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>153,300</u>	\$ 98,342	\$ <u>54,958</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			
over Expenditures	\$ (6,800)	\$ 65,557	\$72,357
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	696,979	696,979	0
Fund Balance-End of Year	\$ <u>690,179</u>	\$ <u>762,536</u>	\$ <u>72,357</u>

Red River Parish Communications District Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

General Budget Policies

The Communications District is required by state law to adopt an annual budget. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

A proposed budget is prepared by the governing board in November and made available for public inspection no later than 15 days prior to December 31 of each year. In open meeting prior to December 31, the budget is adopted and becomes part of the official minutes of the Communications District. The proposed budget for the General Fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Once a budget is approved, it can be amended by approval of a majority of the Board. Amendments are presented at a regular open meeting for Board approval. The budget was amended once during the year.

Budget Basis of Accounting

The general fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board. Legally, the Board must adopt a balanced budget, that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses.

The Louisiana Local Government Budget Act provides that "the total proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuing year." The "total estimated funds available" is the sum of the respective estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year and the anticipated revenues for the current year. Amendments to the adopted budget are required if total revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and/or total actual expenditures exceed total budgeted expenditures by 5% or more.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Red River Parish Communications District Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Chairman December 31, 2023

Chairman: John Youngblood

Type of Payment Amount

Reimbursements \$0

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August 5, 2024

Red River Parish Communications District P. O. Box 407 Coushatta, Louisiana 71019

RE: Management letter

Compilation Report – December 31, 2023

We have performed our compilation of the Red River Parish Communications District and we have the following information to report to you.

LA Revised Statutes require that financial reports be submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months after the end of the fiscal year. We recommend that the Red River Communications District institute procedures to ensure the financial reports will be submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months after the end of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPA's

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