

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH

*Component Unit Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2018*

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
JONESBORO, LOUISIANA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward Two Fire Protection District  
Of Jackson Parish  
Jonesboro, Louisiana

***Report on the Financial Statements***

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Ward Two Fire Protection District, a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements of the Fire District 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***

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward Two Fire Protection District  
Of Jackson Parish  
Jonesboro, Louisiana

### ***Opinions***

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of Ward Two Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 6; the budgetary comparison information on page 23; the schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of contributions related to the Firefighters' Retirement System on page 26 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurances.

### ***Other Information***

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head and Board of Commissioners is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 my opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head and Board of Commissioners 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*, I have also issued my report dated May 28, 2019, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Monroe, Louisiana  
May 28, 2019

*David M. Auld, CPA (APAC)*

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART A)**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF JACKSON PARISH  
Ruston, Louisiana

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Our discussion and analysis of Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish's (hereafter referred to as the District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements that begin on page 7.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities on pages 7 and 8 provide information about the activities of the District and present a long-term view of the District's financial position. The fund financial statements presented on pages 9 and 10 provide information on how the operations of the District are financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

**The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information in a way that shows the change in the District's financial condition resulting from the current year's activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most businesses. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's *net position* and the changes in net position. Net position is the difference between assets (what the District owns), plus deferred outflow of resources (consumption of assets that apply to a future period) and liabilities (what the District owes), and deferred inflow of resources (resources that apply to a future period) and is a way to measure the financial position of the District. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating. In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the District reports only governmental activities due to the fact that the District is engaged in one governmental program - fire protection. Property taxes and intergovernmental revenues finance most of this activity.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements begin on page 9 and provide more detailed information about the District's funds. The District has only one fund, the General Fund, which is reported as a governmental fund.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 OF JACKSON PARISH  
 Ruston, Louisiana  
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

All of the services provided by the District are accounted for in the General Fund. Governmental funds focus on how money flows into and out of the funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that are available to be spent in the near future.

The differences between governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and the governmental funds reported in the fund financial statements are reported in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF  
 FINANCIAL DATA**

**Government-Wide**

The District's net position decreased by \$56,979 during 2018. The decrease in net position is due primarily to the \$491,959 the District received in property tax revenue that was less than received in prior year. The following presents an analysis of net position and the changes in net position of the District's governmental activities:

	<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$2,808,797	\$2,716,989
Capital assets	<u>2,213,552</u>	<u>2,419,500</u>
Total assets	<u>5,022,349</u>	<u>5,136,489</u>
<b>Deferred outflow of resources</b>	<u>216,259</u>	<u>61,002</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	10,330	2,811
Long-term liabilities	<u>247,679</u>	<u>86,827</u>
Total liabilities	<u>258,009</u>	<u>89,638</u>
<b>Deferred inflow of resources</b>	<u>449,282</u>	<u>522,712</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,213,552	2,419,500
Unrestricted	<u>2,317,765</u>	<u>2,165,641</u>
Total net position	<u>\$4,531,317</u>	<u>\$4,585,141</u>

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 OF JACKSON PARISH  
 Ruston, Louisiana  
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Expenses - public safety	\$580,660	\$569,604
Program revenues	11,175	5,984
General revenues:		
Property taxes	491,959	602,108
State fire insurance rebate	7,484	8,255
Interest earnings	13,063	7,507
Miscellaneous	-	-
Special item:		
Loss on disposal of equipment	-	-
Total revenues and special items	512,506	617,870
Change in net position	(56,979)	60,560
Net position - beginning	4,588,296	4,527,736
Net position - ending	<u>\$4,531,317</u>	<u>\$4,588,296</u>

**Governmental Fund - General Fund**

Total revenues and other financing sources increased from \$623,854 in 2017 to \$523,681 in 2018 due from a \$110,149 decrease in property taxes. Total expenditures in 2018 increased \$11,056 from 2017 total expenditures due to capital outlay expenditure in 2017.

**OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION**

The District's net position decreased \$56,979 as a result of this year's operations. Unrestricted net position (those assets available to finance the daily operations of the district) were \$2,317,765 at year end. The net investment in capital assets was \$2,213,552 at year end.

**DISTRICT'S FUNDS**

At the end of the year, the District's General Fund reported an unassigned fund balance of \$2,369,149. The increase in unassigned fund balance for 2018 was \$177,683.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

At year end, actual revenues and other financing source exceeded budgeted revenues by \$75,155, and actual expenditures were \$102,525 less than budgeted expenditures due to a decrease in salaries and related benefits. The District did not amend its budget during the year.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF JACKSON PARISH  
Ruston, Louisiana  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of the year, the District had capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) totaling \$2,213,552. Capital assets include land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment costing \$250 or more. Total fixed asset additions were \$0 during the year. Additional information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

**Long-Term Obligations**

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the District adopted new accounting guidance, *GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, which revises and establishes new financial reporting requirements for governments that provide their employees with pension benefits. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the District is reporting a net pension liability of \$247,679 on the statement of net position for governmental activities at December 31, 2018. Additional information about the District's net pension liability is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The District's revenues are derived mainly from property taxes and a variety of grants and state fire insurance rebates. The District is not aware of any significant increases or decreases in those revenue sources or associated expenditures but in light of the current economic volatility, the District must continue to monitor its limited resources to fit the needs of the citizens of Richland Parish and be aware of other funding opportunities that may present themselves.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<i>Assets</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 742,603
Investments	1,647,448
Accounts Receivable	418,746
Capital Assets:	
Non-Depreciable	18,024
Depreciable	<u>2,195,528</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,022,349</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	
Resources Related to Pensions	216,259
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,330
Net Pension Liability	<u>247,679</u>
Total Liabilities	258,009
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	
Property Taxes	429,318
Resources Related to Pensions	<u>19,964</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	449,282
<i>Net Position</i>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,213,552
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u>2,317,765</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 4,531,317</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
Governmental Activities Public Safety	<u>\$ 580,660</u>	<u>\$ 11,175</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (569,485)</u>

General Revenues:	
Property Taxes	491,959
Insurance Rebate	7,484
Interest	13,063
Miscellaneous	-
Total General Revenues	<u>512,506</u>
Changes in Net Position	(56,979)
Net Position - Beginning	<u>4,588,296</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 4,531,317</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
BALANCE SHEET, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 742,603
Investments	1,647,448
Accounts Receivable	418,746

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 2,808,797

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 10,330
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Deferred Inflow of Resources

Property Taxes	429,318
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Fund Balance

Unassigned	2,369,149
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

\$ 2,808,797

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
BALANCE SHEET, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Net Position**

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are  
different because:*

Fund Balance, Governmental Funds:	\$ 2,369,149
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	2,213,552
Net pension liability does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore is not reported in the funds.	(247,679)
The net effect of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>196,295</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 4,531,317</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

<u>Operating Revenue</u>	
Property Taxes	\$ 491,959
Intergovernmental Revenues:	
Fire Insurance Rebate	7,484
Interest Earnings	13,063
Miscellaneous Revenue	-
Total Operating Revenue	<u>512,506</u>
 <u>Operating Expenses</u>	
Public Safety - Fire Protection:	
Current:	
Salaries and Related Benefits	183,580
Administrative	18,216
Fuel Allowance	12,284
Insurance	45,392
Building & Property Maintenance	3,390
Equipment Maintenance	3,518
Vehicle Maintenance	14,388
Utilities	14,155
EMS/Fire Training	13,947
Miscellaneous	-
Capital Outlay	7,787
Intergovernmental	18,166
Total Operating Expenses	<u>334,823</u>
 <u>Change in Fund Balance</u>	 177,683
 <u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	
Sales of Equipment	<u>-</u>
 <u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	 177,683
 <u>Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year</u>	 <u>2,191,466</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCE - END OF THE YEAR</u>	 <u><u>\$ 2,369,149</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 (CONTINUED)

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Activities**

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities  
are different because:*

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 177,683

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures,  
however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those  
assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Expenditures for capital assets	-	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(205,948)</u>	(205,948)

Governmental funds report current year pension contributions as  
expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, these  
contributions are reported as deferred inflows of resources and the  
District's proportionate share of the plans pension expense is  
reported as pension expense. (39,889)

The District's proportionate share of non-employer contributions  
to the pension plans do not provide current financial resources  
and are not reported in the governmental funds. 11,175

Changes in net position of governmental activities \$ (56,979)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

INTRODUCTION

Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish (the District) was created by resolution of the Jackson Parish Police Jury in August 1987, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining fire equipment and providing fire protection for the people included in the district according to the boundaries set by Richland Parish Police Jury. The District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members who serve without compensation. Two members are appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury, one member is appointed by each municipality in the District, and the fifth member, who is Chairman, is selected by the other four members. The District has one full-time and nineteen part-time employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the District is considered a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The District has no proprietary fund.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the entity's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

C. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

The District's investments consist of nonnegotiable certificates of deposits with original maturities that exceed 90 days that are reported in the accompanying financial statements at cost. The District's interest rate risk is limited by the investments of funds for no longer than 12 months.

D. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become delinquent on January 1 of each year. The following is a summary of authorized and levied Parcel Fees:

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Levied</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Property Taxes	10.00 Mills	10.00 Mills	2027

Delinquent property taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible fees is provided.

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets 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 District maintains a threshold level of \$250 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No construction occurred during the current fiscal year.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	40 Years
Vehicles	7-15 Years
Equipment	5-10 Years

F. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District is operated by volunteers and therefore has no policy for compensated absences.

G. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, capital leases and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

H. FUND EQUITY

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in government funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining Two classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

*Restricted Fund Balance* – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed Fund Balance* – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Commissioners – the government’s highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

H. FUND EQUITY (Continued)

*Assigned Fund Balance* – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Commissioners and management have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

I. 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.

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

*Budget Information:* Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer during November of each year. During November, the Board reviews the proposed budget and makes changes as it deems appropriate. The budget is then adopted during the December meeting. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and no amendments for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

*Custodial Credit Risk – deposits.* The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District’s policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require the financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2018.

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Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

The District has cash and investments – certificates of deposit (book balances) totaling \$2,390,051 at December 31, 2018 as follows:

Checking	\$ 742,603
Investments – Certificates of Deposit	<u>1,647,448</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,390,051</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2018, are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	\$ 2,393,302
FDIC Insurance	500,000
Pledged Collateral	<u>2,055,236</u>
Uninsured Amount	<u>\$ 2,555,236</u>

The accounts are managed by the District's fiscal agent and consist of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. Investments are in accordance with LRS 33:2955(A)(1)(e) and are not required to be covered by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

Note 4 - Accounts Receivable

At December 31, 2018, the District's accounts receivable consisted of the following:

Property Tax Receivable	\$ 418,746
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 418,746</u>

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Note 5 - Property, Plant and Equipment

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

	December 31, 2017			December 31, 2018
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 18,024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,024
Depreciable Assets:				
Trucks	2,695,957	-	-	2,695,957
Equipment	364,174	-	-	364,174
Buildings	<u>847,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>847,836</u>
Totals at Historical Cost	3,907,987	-	-	3,907,987
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Trucks	(1,041,720)	( 161,894)	-	(1,203,614)
Equipment	( 274,177)	( 26,727)	-	( 300,904)
Buildings	<u>( 190,614)</u>	<u>( 17,327)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 207,941)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,506,511)</u>	<u>(205,948)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,712,459)</u>
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</u>	<u>\$2,419,500</u>	<u>\$(205,948)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$2,213,552</u>

Depreciation expense was \$205,948 in 2018.

Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

*Plan Description*

The Jackson Parish Ward 2 Fire Protection District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters who earn more than \$375 per month and are employed by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the State of Louisiana.

Any member of the Plan can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with 25 years of creditable service.
2. Age 50 with a minimum of twenty or more years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with a minimum of twelve or more years of creditable service.

The monthly amount of benefits are 3 1/3% of their average final compensation multiplied by his total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final salary.

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

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Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Ward 2 Fire Protection District's total payroll for all employees was \$156,404. Total covered payroll was \$107,494. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Ward 2 Fire Protection District to active employees covered by the System.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, 3100 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or by visiting the System's website [www.lafirefightersret.com](http://www.lafirefightersret.com).

*Contributions*

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2018, total contributions due for employers and employees were 36.50%, 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. The employer and contribution rates for all members were 26.50%, and the employee contribution rate was 10.00% for the entire year. In accordance with state statute, the System 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.

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

At December 31, 2018, the District reported a liability of \$247,679 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Ward 2 Fire Protection District's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the District's proportion was .043059%, which was an increase of .019417% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Ward 2 Fire Protection District recognized pension expense of \$42,519 plus the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, (\$2,630). Total pension expense was \$39,889.

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Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

At December 31, 2018, the District 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	\$-	\$18,851
Changes in assumption	17,278	39
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan	16,105	-
Changes in employer's portion of beginning net pension liability	168,947	-
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	181	1,074
Subsequent measurement contributions	13,748	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$216,259</b>	<b>\$19,964</b>

The \$101,583 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Jackson Parish Ward 2 Fire Protection District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of Net Pension Liability in the year ended December 31, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2019	45,782
2020	36,751
2021	25,570
2022	32,835
2023	27,402
2024	14,860

*Actuarial Assumptions*

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 is as follows:

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Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

Valuation Date	June 30, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	7.30% per annum (net of investment expenses, including inflation) (decreased from 7.40% in 2017)
Mortality Rate Assumption	The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. The RP-2000 Combined Healthy with Blue Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Tables projected to 2031 using Scale AA were selected for employee, annuitant, and beneficiary mortality. The RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back five years for males and set back three years for females was selected for disabled annuitants. Setbacks in these tables were used to approximate mortality improvement
Salary increases	Vary from 15.0% in the first two years of service to 4.75% with 25 or more years of service; includes inflation and merit increases
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs)	For the purpose of determining the present value of benefits, COLAs were deemed not to be substantively automatic and only those previously granted were included.

The estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation, 2.75%. The resulting long-term expected arithmetic nominal rate of return was 8.09% as of June 30, 2018. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class includes in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018, are summarized in the following table:

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Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

	Asset Type	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	U.S. Equity	22.00%	6.14%
	Non-U.S. Equity	22.00%	7.46%
	Global Equity	10.00%	6.74%
Fixed Income	Fixed Income	26.00%	1.76%
Alternatives	Real Estate	6.00%	4.38%
	Private Equity	4.00%	8.73%
Multi-Asset Strategies	Global Tactical Asset Allocation	5.00%	4.31%
	Risk Parity	5.00%	4.89%
		100.00%	

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.30%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on System investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Ward 2 Fire Protection District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following presents the Ward 2 Fire Protection District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.40%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.40%) or one percentage-point higher (8.40%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease (6.30%)	Current Discount Rate (7.30%)	1.0% Increase (8.30%)
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$361,422	\$247,679	\$152,095

*Payables to the Pension Plan*

These financial statements include a payable to the pension plan of \$0, which is the legally required contribution due at December 31, 2018. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

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JACKSON PARISH  
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Note 6 - Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

*Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the System's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana Audit Report at [www.lafirefightersret.com](http://www.lafirefightersret.com).

Note 7 - Risk Management

The District purchases commercial insurance to reduce the risk of loss resulting from property damage or liability claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 28, 2019, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART B)**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u> <u>Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance With</u> <u>Final Budget</u> <u>Over(Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem tax	422,851	422,851	491,959	69,108
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Fire Insurance rebates	8,000	8,000	7,484	(516)
Interest and Dividend Earnings	6,500	6,500	13,063	6,563
Other revenues	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>437,351</u>	<u>437,351</u>	<u>512,506</u>	<u>75,155</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Insurance	42,500	42,500	45,392	(2,892)
Building, Equipment & Vehicles Maintenance	42,250	42,250	21,296	20,954
Fuel Allowance	10,500	10,500	12,284	(1,784)
Utilities	16,000	16,000	14,155	1,845
Capital Improvements	149,275	149,275	7,787	141,488
Small Tools & Supplies	-	-	-	-
Administrative	14,250	14,250	18,216	(3,966)
Training/EMS	10,250	10,250	13,947	(3,697)
Salaries & Related Benefits	151,923	151,923	183,580	(31,657)
Miscellaneous	400	400	-	400
Intergovernmental	-	-	18,166	(18,166)
Total Expenditures	<u>437,348</u>	<u>437,348</u>	<u>334,823</u>	<u>102,525</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	3	3	177,683	177,680
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Sale of Equipment	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	3	3	177,683	177,680
<b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>	<u>2,191,466</u>	<u>2,191,466</u>	<u>2,191,466</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,191,469</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,469</u>	<u>\$ 2,369,149</u>	<u>\$ 177,680</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
NOTES TO BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer during November of each year. During November, the Board reviews the proposed budget and makes changes as it deems appropriate. The budget is then adopted during the December meeting. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and no amendments for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBUREMENTS, BENEFITS  
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD,  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HEAD, OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Name	Office	Compensation	Reimbursements
M.A. (Mack) Williams	Commissioner	None	None
Alton Fallin	Commissioner	None	None
George Gryder	Commissioner	None	None
Charles Hopkins	Commissioner	None	None
William (Bill) Wheelis	Commissioner	None	None

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Schedule III

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Fiscal Year	Agency's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's covered payroll	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2015	0.00098%	\$ 5,268	\$ 16,198	33%	72.45%
2016	0.00744%	\$ 48,690	\$ 30,148	162%	68.16%
2017	0.02364%	\$ 135,512	\$ 71,340	190%	73.55%
2018	0.04306%	\$ 247,679	\$ 107,494	230%	74.76%

Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (previous fiscal year end).  
Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Schedule IV

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Fiscal Year	(a) Statutorily required contribution	(b) Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(a-b) Contribution deficiency	Agency's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2015	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,477	\$ -	\$ 16,198	27.64%
2016	\$ 7,687	\$ 7,687	\$ -	\$ 30,148	25.50%
2017	\$ 18,545	\$ 18,545	\$ -	\$ 71,340	26.00%
2018	\$ 28,486	\$ 28,486	\$ -	\$ 107,494	26.50%

Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.  
Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward Two Fire Protection District  
Of Jackson Parish  
Jonesboro, LA 71251

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated May 28, 2019.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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, detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. I did identify deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as 2018-1 and 2018-2 that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward Two Fire Protection District  
Of Jackson Parish  
Jonesboro, Louisiana

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

***Purpose of this Report***

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

This report is intended for the use of management of Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*David M. Sault, CPA (APAC)*

West Monroe, Louisiana  
May 28, 2019

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward Two Fire Protection District of  
Jackson Parish  
Jonesboro, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of Ward Two Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish, a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 and have issued my report thereon dated May 28, 2019. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2018, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditor's Results

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

Internal Control

Material Weakness \_\_\_ yes X no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be  
Material Weaknesses X yes \_\_\_ no

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements \_\_\_ yes X no

B. Federal Awards – N/A

Material Weakness Identified \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be  
Material Weaknesses \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Major Programs)

Unqualified \_\_\_ Qualified \_\_\_

Disclaimer \_\_\_ Adverse \_\_\_

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?  
N/A

C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

Name of Federal Program (or cluster) CFDA Number(s) N/A

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs. N/A

Is the auditee a “low-risk” auditee, as defined by the Uniform Guidance? N/A

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

**2018-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that accounting duties be performed by separate individuals so that one individual could not perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities without them being detected by another individual who was performing his or her assigned duties.

Condition: All accounting duties are performed by one employee.

Cause: Limited number of employees due to the small size of the District.

Effect: Errors or irregularities may not be detected within a timely period.

Recommendation: None

Management's Response: It is not feasible to correct this deficiency based on the size of the District.

**2018-2 Inadequate Controls Over Preparation of Annual Financial Statements.**

Criteria: The District is required to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and should have internal controls in place to prevent, detect or correct a misstatement of those financial statements.

Condition: Due to its small size, the District does not have an individual with the expertise to perform these internal control functions effectively.

Cause: Limited number of employees due to the small size of the District.

Effect: Misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected within a timely period.

Recommendation: None

Management's Response: It is not feasible to correct this deficiency based on the size of the District.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No findings were reported under this section.

Section III - Management Letter

No management letter was issued.

WARD TWO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
JACKSON PARISH  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

**2017-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that accounting duties be performed by separate individuals so that one individual could not perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities without them being detected by another individual who was performing his or her assigned duties.

Condition: All accounting duties are performed by one employee.

Recommendation: None

Finding Status: Unresolved, see 2018-1 in current year findings.

**2017-2 Inadequate Controls Over Preparation of Annual Financial Statements.**

Criteria: The District is required to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and should have internal controls in place to prevent, detect or correct a misstatement of those financial statements.

Condition: Due to its small size, the District does not have an individual with the expertise to perform these internal control functions effectively.

Recommendation: None

Finding Status: Unresolved, see 2018-2 in current year findings.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for this entity.

Section III - Management Letter

This section is not applicable for this entity.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Ward Two Fire Protection District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ward Two Fire Protection District (Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The findings obtained are described in the attachment to this report.

I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

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

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SUPPLEMENT TO INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON  
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

***Written Policies and Procedures***

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1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
  - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving
  - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
  - f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
  - g) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
  - h) ***Travel and expense reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
  - i) ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
  - j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Exceptions

Currently, the Ward Two Fire Protection District does not have written policies regarding travel and expense reimbursement, ethics and debt service. There were no exceptions regarding the other policies.

### ***Board or Finance Committee***

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2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

#### Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

### ***Bank Reconciliations***

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3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

#### Exceptions

The Entity is not initialing the preparation and review of the bank reconciliations. Except as noted, there are no exceptions identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

## Collections

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4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

## Exceptions

The employee receiving cash are bonded. Except than noted, no other exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

***Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)***

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
  - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
  - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

**Exceptions**

A listing of disbursements was obtained and from that, 25 disbursements were randomly selected. Purchase orders are used in purchasing and there is approval on the invoices, and they are presented each month to the Board at their monthly meetings and approved there as well. There is only one employee in charge of all areas of the accounting function. The employee can add vendors to the computer system and has signatory authority. The Secretary/Treasurer has signatory authority along with the Chairman and one other Board member. The Secretary/Treasurer initiates all purchases. Blank checks are maintained in the locked filing cabinet and no signature stamp is used.

***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

#### Exceptions

The District has no cards for purchases.

#### *Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)*

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14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
  - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

#### Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

#### *Contracts*

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15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

***Payroll and Personnel***

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- 16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity’s cumulative leave records.
- 18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management’s termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials’ cumulate leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials’ authorized pay rates in the employee/officials’ personnel files.
- 19. Obtain management’s representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers’ compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

### ***Ethics***

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20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity’s ethics policy during the fiscal period.

#### Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.

### ***Debt Service***

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21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

#### Exceptions

The District has no debt.

### ***Other***

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23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
24. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

#### Exceptions

No exceptions were identified in the performance of the procedures listed above.