ACADIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
(A Component Unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury)
Crowley, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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To the Board of Commissioners Acadia Parish Communications District Crowley, Louisiana

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Acadia Parish Communications District (the District), a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Acadia Communications District as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements. We conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted its discussions and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 34 through 36 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The comparative statements on pages 34 and 35 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The prior year comparative information on these statements has been derived from the financial statements, which was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, was fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The comparison schedule on page 36 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana June 20, 2025 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

#### Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024

	Governmental
	Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$3,483,492
Certificate of deposits	626,332
Investments	1,511,065
Franchise taxes receivable	194,010
Prepaid expenses	47,059
Total current assets	5,861,958
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	_1,128,358
Total noncurrent assets	6,990,316
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	24,960
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	4,879
Compensated absences	961
Due to other governmental agencies	104,815
Total current liabilities	110,655
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	14,413
Net pension liability	8,263
Total noncurrent liabilities	22,676
Total liabilities	133,331
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	3,668
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,128,358
Restricted - capital grant	3,027
Unrestricted	_5,746,892
Total net position	\$6,878,277

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

### Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in
		Program	Revenues	Net Position
			Operating	
		Charges for	Grants and	Governmental
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities
Governmental activities:				
Public safety	\$ 738,996	\$	\$ -	\$ (738,996)
	General revenue	es:		
	Franchise taxe	es		949,272
	Rent income			15,600
	Investment ea	rnings		47,798
	Nonemployer	contributions		858
	Miscellaneous	S		466
	Change	in net position		293,024
	Net position - Ja	anuary 1, 2024		6,585,253
	Net position - D	December 31, 2024	ŀ	\$6,878,277

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)** 

#### Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds December 31, 2024

	General Fund
ASSETS	Tund
Cash	\$3,483,492
Certificate of deposit	626,332
Investment	1,511,065
Franchise taxes receivable	194,010
Prepaid expenses	47,059
Total assets	\$5,861,958
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,879
Due to other governmental agencies	104,815
Total liabilities	109,694
Fund balances:	
Nonspendable - prepaid insurance	47,059
Restricted - capital grant	3,027
Assigned - training and equipment	35,662
Unassigned	5,666,516
Total fund balances	5,752,264
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$5,861,958

#### Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024

Total fund balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2024		\$5,752,264
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 funds. Those assets consist of:  Land  Buildings and improvements, net of \$537,405 of accumulated depreciation  Equipment, net of \$330,004 of accumulated depreciation	\$ 54,000 463,321 611,037	1,128,358
The deferred outflows of expenditures for the net pension liability in accordance with GASB 68 is not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.  Deferred outflow of resources - related to net pension liability		24,960
Noncurrent liabilities at December 31, 2024: Net pension liability		(8,263)
Accrued compensated absences is not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(15,374)
The deferred inflows of resources for the net pension liability in accordance with GASB 68 is not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.  Deferred inflow of resources - related to net pension liability		(3,668)
Net position at December 31, 2024		\$6,878,277

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Franchise taxes	\$ 949,273
Rent income	15,600
Intergovernmental revenues	18,026
Investment earnings	47,798
Miscellaneous revenue	465
Total revenues	1,031,162
Expenditures:	
Current -	
Public safety	662,978
Capital outlay	16,890
Total expenditures	679,868
Net change in fund balance	351,294
Fund balance, beginning	5,400,970
Fund balance, ending	\$ 5,752,264

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Total net changes in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2024 per statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances		\$	351,294
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,			
in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over			
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.			
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement			
of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	\$ 16,890		
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2024	(79,655)		(62,765)
Differences between the amount reported as expenses in the statement			
of activities with those reported as expenditures in the fund financial statements:			
Pension expense	2,769		
Compensated absences	868		3,637
Nonemployer's contribution to the District employee's pension plan			858
Total change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2024 per statement of activities		<b>C</b>	202.024
Statement of activities		Φ	293,024

#### Notes to Basic Financial Statements

#### INTRODUCTION

#### (1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Acadia Parish Communications District was created pursuant to an ordinance of the Acadia Parish Police Jury and was established for the purpose of creating and maintaining an enhanced 911 emergency service. The District is governed by seven commissioners. These seven commissioners are referred to as the Board of Commissioners and are appointed by the Acadia Parish Police Jury. The Board of Commissioners is not compensated.

Because the Acadia Parish Police Jury appoints the Board of Commissioners of the District and can influence the scope of public service, the District is determined to be a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the governing body of the parish and the governmental entity with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental entity, or the other governmental entities that comprise the financial reporting entity.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with professional standards.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid the District by segregating transactions related to certain District's functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. For reporting purposes, the General Fund of the District is considered to be a major fund. The funds of the District are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. The General Fund is financed through franchise taxes earned by the District. Resources of the fund are used to supplement the cost of operating the District's office.

#### C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after the year end. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

#### D. Investments

Under state law, the District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, other states in the union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana Law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50, investments meeting the criteria specified in the Statement are stated at fair value, which is quoted market prices.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

#### Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include fees and charges for services.

#### Prepaid expenditures

Payments made for insurance and other expenditures that will benefit periods beyond the end of the fiscal year are recorded as prepaid expenditures.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. 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.

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 estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	10 - 40
Equipment	5 - 20

#### Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, the District's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are attributed to the pension plan.

#### **Equity Classifications**

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund equity is classified as fund balances and are classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or legally or contractually required to remain intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable as of December 31, 2024, by the District are nonspendable in form. The District has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted Includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Committed Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to directives of the District who has the highest level of decision-making. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through actions of the District.
- d. Assigned Includes amounts that the District intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. The District may assign amounts to this classification.
- e. Unassigned Includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund.

#### Use of restricted resources

When an expenditure is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (fund balances), the District considers to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources. In governmental funds, the District considers to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to other, less restrictive classifications — committed and then assigned fund balances before using unassigned fund balances.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

#### Revenues

Intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

#### Expenditures/Expenses

Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

#### F. Compensated Absences

Full-time employees of the District earn annual leave in amounts ranging from 5 to 20 days per year, depending upon length of service. Upon voluntary resignation or retirement, an employee may be compensated for accumulated leave to the date of separation, not to exceed 20 days, provided, in the case of resignation, they have completed 12 or more months of continuous service and also provided the employee has submitted notice to his department head or Chairman of the District, at least two weeks in advance of the effective date of resignation. At the end of each year, all unused annual leave is automatically converted into sick leave.

Permanent full-time employees of the District earn one day of sick leave for each month of continuous employment. Permanent part-time employees accumulate sick leave on a pro rata basis. Sick leave may be accumulated by an employee without limitation as to the maximum number of days. Upon voluntary resignation or retirement, an employee may be compensated for sick leave accumulated to the date of separation, not to exceed 60 days, provided he has completed 12 or more months of continuous service and also provided they have submitted notice of resignation or retirement to the department head or Chairman of the District at least two weeks in advance of his retirement or resignation. The District intends to pay the above accumulated unpaid sick leave upon separation.

#### G. 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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (2) <u>Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits</u>

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. As of December 31, 2024, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$4,109,824 attributable to governmental activities.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. 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 bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. As of December 31, 2024, bank balances in the amount of \$4,136,399 were as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 4,136,399</u>
Federal deposit insurance	289,071
Pledged securities	3,847,328
Total	<b>\$</b> 4,136,399

Deposits in the amount of \$3,847,328 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized, 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 the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. The District does not have a policy for custodial risk.

#### (3) <u>Investments</u>

As of December 31, 2024, the District's investments were as follows:

Investment Type	Maturity	Fair <u>Value</u>	
Governmental Activities:			
State Investment Pool (LAMP)	Less than one year	\$ 1,511,065	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The District participates in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The financial statements for LAMP may be accessed on their website (https://www.lamppool.com). The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA - R.S. 33:2955.

The investment in LAMP is not exposed to custodial credit risk. LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will be unable to meet its obligations. LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the estimated fair value of an investment. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM of LAMP's total investments is 68 days as of December 31, 2024.

LAMP's financial statements can be obtained by contacting LAMP at 650 Poydras Street, Suite 200 New Orleans Louisiana 70130 or by contacting the administrative office at 800-249-5267, and the financial statements are also available on the Louisiana Legislative Auditors website at <a href="https://lla.la.gov/">https://lla.la.gov/</a>.

#### (4) Receivables

The following is a summary of franchise taxes receivable as of December 31, 2024:

#### Amounts due from:

Landline providers	\$ 35,194
Voice over internet protocol (VOIP) providers	1,838
Wireless providers	138,401
Prepaid phone providers	18,203
Other	374
	\$ 194,010

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (5) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	1/1/2024	Additions	Deletions	12/31/2024
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 54,000	<u>\$</u>	\$ -	\$ 54,000
Total capital assets not depreciated	54,000			54,000
Capital assets being depreciated				
Building and improvements	1,001,602	-	-	1,001,602
Equipment	927,055	16,890	3,780	940,165
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,928,657	16,890	3,780	1,941,767
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Building and improvements	511,875	25,530	-	537,405
Equipment	279,659	54,125	3,780	330,004
Total accumulated depreciation	791,534	79,655	3,780	867,409
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	1,137,123	(62,765)		1,074,358
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	\$1,191,123	\$ (62,765)	<u>\$ - </u>	\$1,128,358

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$79,655 was charged to public safety.

#### (6) <u>Due to Other Governmental Agencies</u>

Due to other governmental agencies in the amount of \$104,815 as of December 31, 2024 is owed to the Acadia Parish Sheriff for reimbursement of expenses for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2024.

#### (7) Related Party Transactions

In an agreement dated January 1, 2021, the District is to lease office space to Acadia Parish Police Jury, a related party, in the amount of \$1,300, paid monthly. The lease is for a term of four years maturing on December 31, 2024. At December 31, 2024 the amount of lease income was \$15,600.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (8) Employee Retirement Systems

The District participates in a cost-sharing defined benefit plan, the Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS), administered by a separate public employee retirement system. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the District to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan administered by this public employee retirement system to the State Legislature. The plan is not closed to new entrants. Substantially all District employees participate in the system.

#### Plan Description

PERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1901 and 11:1941. The District participates in Plan A.

PERS' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector.

A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plan is provided in the following table:

Final average salary

Final average compensation

Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits

30 years of any age

25 years age 55\*

10 years age 60\*

7 years age 65\*

Benefit percent per years of service

3.00%

\* Employees hired after January 1, 2007: 30 years age 55, 10 years age 62, 7 years age 67.

#### **Contributions**

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the District to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. In addition, PERS receives a percentage of ad valorem taxes collected by parishes. These entities are not participating employers in the pension system and are considered to be nonemployer contributing entities. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the contribution percentages for employees and employers were 9.5% and 11.50%, respectively. The amounts contributed from non-employer contributing entities and from the District for the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$858 and \$7,662, respectively.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### **Net Pension Asset**

The District's net pension liability at December 31, 2024 of \$8,263 is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to the cost-sharing plan. The District's net pension liability for the plan was measured as of the plan's measurement date, December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the plan was based on the District's required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers.

As of the most recent measurement date, the District's proportion for the plan was .008676%, a decrease of .000593% from the prior measurement date.

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was December 31, 2023, the net pension liability/asset is based upon fiduciary net position for the plan as of that date. Detailed information about the plan's assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the District's net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial report which may be accessed on their website at http://www.persla.org/.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Date of experience study on

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability:

which significant assumptions are based	1/1/2013 - 12/31/2017
Expected remaining service lives	4
Inflation Rate	2.30%
Projected salary increases	4.75%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None
Source of mortality assumptions	RP-2000 Hea

RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Sex Distinct Mortality Tables
Projected to 2031 using Scale AA
RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table for disabled annuitants
set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females
RP-2000 Employees Sex Distinct Tables set back 4 years
for males and 3 years for females

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### **Cost of Living Adjustments**

PERS has the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the PERS to grant a COLA is effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The District to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonably estimable.

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the District's total pension liability for the plan and the significant assumptions used in the determination of the discount rate was 6.40%, which remained the same rate as the prior valuation. Plan cash flow assumptions are that the plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and sponsor contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rate.

The discount rate used to measure the District's total pension liability for the pension plan is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits. The rate was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), a treasury yield curve approach and an equity building block model. Risk return and correlation are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Long-term
		Expected
	Target	Real Rate
Asset Class	Allocation	of Return
Fixed Income	33%	1.12%
Equities	51%	3.20%
Alternative Investments	14%	0.67%
Real Assets	2%	0.11%
Total	100%	5.10%
Inflation		2.40%
Expected Return		7.50%

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

### Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Pension Plan:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized \$7,662 in pension expense related to its pension plan. The plan recognized revenues in the amount of \$0 in ad valorem taxes collected from non-employee contributing entities.

As of December 31, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to its pension plan from the following sources:

	ed Outflows Lesources	Deferred Infloor		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,913	\$	2,218	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	13,317		-	
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	68		10	
Changes in assumptions	-		1,440	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date Total	\$ 7,662 24,960	<u> </u>	3,668	

Deferred outflows of resources of \$7,662 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending December 31, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and (deferred inflows of resources) related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Recognized in Pension Expense
2025	\$ 1,132
2026	6,692
2027	11,217
2028	(5,411)
	\$ 13,630

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

### Sensitivity of the District's Proportional Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability of the plan, calculated using the discount rate, 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 or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Current				
	1%	1%			
	Decrease	Rate	Increase		
	5.4%	6.4%	7.4%		
Net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 58,958	\$ 8,263	\$ (34,290)		

#### Payables to Pension Plan

At December 31, 2024, the District had no outstanding payables to PERS.

#### (9) Change in Noncurrent Liabilities

The following is a summary of noncurrent liability transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 2024:

					Due	
	Balance			Balance	Within	
	1/1/2024	Increases	Decreases	12/31/2024	One Year	
0	<b># 14 50 6</b>	<b>.</b> 0.00	Φ	Ф 15 2 <b>7</b> 4	Φ 061	
Compensated absences	<u>\$ 14,506</u>	<u>\$ 868</u>	\$ -	<b>\$</b> 15,374	<u>\$ 961</u>	

#### (10) Addenda to Financial Report Required by LA R.S. 33:9101 et seq

The collection of the Wireless E911 tax is authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9109. According to the statute, the District is to collect the tax from the providers of wireless communications. The proceeds of the tax are restricted in use for payment of service suppliers' and the District's costs associated with the implementation of Phase I and Phase II enhancements required by the FCC. Once these expenditures have been made and the system implementation is complete, the proceeds become unrestricted and may be used for any lawful purpose of the District. All Phase I and Phase II system implementation requirements are complete. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the District collected wireless communication taxes totaling \$691,796.

#### Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (11) Concentrations

Substantially all of the District's revenues are in the form of communications and cellular tax revenues. The communications and cellular taxes collected during 2024 accounted for approximately 96% of the District's total revenues.

#### (12) Operating Leases

The District has one operating lease in effect at year end. The lease is for the use of a piece of equipment, however, the lease is cancelable. The total lease expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$1,471.

#### (13) Risk Management

The District is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of professional liability, auto liability, general liability, and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

#### (14) Compensation of Board Members

Board members for the year ended December 31, 2024, served without compensation and are as follows:

Ralph Lacombe
Kaitlyn Sonnier
Debrah Spell

#### (15) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Mary T. Richard, Director, for the year ended December 31, 2024 follows:

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 66,629
Benefits - insurance	6,336
Benefits - retirement	9,000
Benefits - payroll taxes	4,200
Cell phone	458
Dues	365
Reimbursements	1,918
Total	\$ 88,906

#### Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (16) Litigation

As of December 31, 2024, the District's office is not involved in any litigation.

#### (17) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 20, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

				Variance with	
				Final Budget	
	Buc	lget		Positive	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues:					
Franchise taxes	\$ 885,000	\$ 868,500	\$ 949,273	\$ 80,773	
Rent income	15,600	15,600	15,600	-	
Intergovernmental revenues	-	10,000	18,026	8,026	
Investment earnings	10,000	39,572	47,798	8,226	
Miscellaneous revenue	200	465	465		
Total revenues	910,800	934,137	1,031,162	97,025	
Expenditures:					
Current -					
Public safety	769,918	653,003	662,978	(9,975)	
Capital outlay	30,000	17,000	16,890	110	
Total expenditures	799,918	670,003	679,868	(9,865)	
Net change in fund balance	110,882	264,134	351,294	87,160	
Fund balance, beginning	_5,400,970	5,400,970	5,400,970		
Fund balance, ending	\$5,511,852	\$5,665,104	\$5,752,264	\$ 87,160	

#### Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability For the Year Ended December 31, 2024\*

		Employer's							
	Employer	En	nployer			Propo	ortionate Share		
	Proportion	Prop	ortionate			of th	e Net Pension	Plan Fiduciary	
	of the	Sha	re of the			Liabil	ity (Asset) as a	Net Position	
Year	Net Pension	Net	Pension	En	ployer's	Per	centage of its	as a Percentage	
Ended	Liability	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$	iability	C	overed		Covered	of the Total	
December 31,	(Asset)	(,	Asset)	F	ayroll		Payroll	Pension Liability	
2015	0.0101%	\$	2,754	\$	57,000		4.8228%	99.15%	
2016	0.0099%		26,168		57,000		45.9088%	92.23%	
2017	0.0096%		19,794		57,000		34.7263%	94.15%	
2018	0.0093%		(6,874)		57,000		-12.0596%	101.98%	
2019	0.0098%		43,620		60,420		72.1946%	88.86%	
2020	0.0097%		458		62,857		0.7286%	100.12%	
2021	0.0094%		(16,501)		62,857	-	-26.2517%	103.99%	
2022	0.0094%		(44,132)		62,857		-70.2102%	110.46%	
2023	0.0093%		35,663		62,857		56.7367%	91.74%	
2024	0.0087%		8,263		66,626		12.4021%	98.01%	

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years.

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

#### Schedule of Employer Pension Contributions For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

			Contri	butions in					Contributions	
			Rel	ation to					as a % of	
Year	Cont	ractually	Con	tractual	Cont	ribution	En	iployer's	Covered	
Ended	Re	quired	Re	quired	Def	iciency	Covered		Employee	
December 31,	Con	tribution	Cont	Contributions (Excess)		(Excess) Payroll		Payroll	Payroll	
2015	\$	8,265	\$	8,265	\$	_	\$	57,000	14.50%	
2016		7,410		7,410		-		57,000	13.00%	
2017		7,125		7,125		-		57,000	12.50%	
2018		6,948		6,948		-		60,420	11.50%	
2019		7,087		7,087		-		61,624	11.50%	
2020		7,700		7,700		-		62,857	12.25%	
2021		7,700		7,700		-		62,857	12.25%	
2022		7,229		7,229		-		62,857	11.50%	
2023		7,229		7,229		- '		62,857	11.50%	
2024		7,662		7,662		-		66,626	11.50%	

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years.

#### Notes to Required Supplementary Information

#### (1) Budgetary and Budgetary Accounting

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

- a. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the District for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- f. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the District. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

#### (2) Pension Plan – Parochial Employees' Retirement System

Changes of Assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plan.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### Comparative Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activit		
	2024	2023	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 3,483,492	\$ 4,617,464	
Certificate of deposits	626,332	623,591	
Investment	1,511,065	<u>-</u>	
Franchise taxes receivable	194,010	270,321	
Prepaid expenses	47,059	16,353	
Total current assets	5,861,958	5,527,729	
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets, net	1,128,358	1,191,123	
Total assets	6,990,316	6,718,852	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	24,960	47,399	
LIABILITIES	,		
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	4,879	19,753	
Compensated absences	961	907	
Due to other governmental agencies	104,815	107,006	
Total current liabilities	110,655	127,666	
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	14,413	13,599	
Net pension liability	8,263	35,663	
Total noncurrent liabilities	22,676	49,262	
Total liabilities	133,331	176,928	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	3,668	4,070	
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	1,128,358	1,191,123	
Restricted - capital grant	3,027	3,027	
Unrestricted	5,746,892	5,391,103	
Total net position	\$ 6,878,277	\$ 6,585,253	

#### Comparative Balance Sheet - General Fund December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 3,483,492	\$ 4,617,464
Certificate of deposit	626,332	623,591
Investment	1,511,065	-
Franchise taxes receivable	194,010	270,321
Prepaid expenses	47,059	16,353
Total assets	\$ 5,861,958	\$ 5,527,729
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,879	\$ 19,753
Due to other governmental agencies	104,815	107,006
Total liabilities	109,694	126,759
Fund balances:		
Nonspendable - prepaid insurance	47,059	16,353
Restricted - capital grant	3,027	3,027
Assigned - training and equipment	35,662	41,424
Unassigned	5,666,516	5,340,166
Total fund balances	5,752,264	5,400,970
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 5,861,958	\$ 5,527,729

#### Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 With Comparative Actual Balances for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2024					
	Budget			Variance with Final Budget Positive	2023	
	Original		Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Revenues:						
Franchise taxes	\$ 885,0		\$ 868,500	\$ 949,273	\$ 80,773	\$ 963,242
Rent income	15,	500	15,600	15,600	9.006	15,600
Intergovernmental revenues	- 10	200	10,000	18,026	8,026	11,258
Investment earnings	10,		39,572	47,798	8,226	16,797
Miscellaneous revenues		<u>200</u> .	465	465		245
Total revenues	910,	800	934,137	1,031,162	97,025	1,007,142
Expenditures:						
Current -						
Public safety:						
Administrative fees	-	000	8,000	8,329	(329)	8,255
Personnel costs	104,		95,009	94,688	321	90,278
Communications		000	5,588	5,673	(85)	5,665
Contract services	375,		376,567	376,558	9	366,470
Equipment and maintenance	· -	000	60,133	59,658	475	79,314
Insurance	29,		30,026	28,864	1,162	27,138
Lease - copier	-	472	1,471	1,471	-	1,467
Lease - 911 equipment		500	8,840	10,964	(2,124)	24,828
Telephone equipment	23,		3,000	3,073	(73)	439
Office supplies and copying	-	000	3,263	6,272	(3,009)	2,124
Postage, printing, and publishing		000	1,600	1,646	(46)	1,606
Professional fees		000	18,345	20,345	(2,000)	18,085
Public relations and recognition		200	1,200	1,270	(70)	715
Repairs and maintenance	-	000	5,900	5,944	(44)	11,014
Road signs and maintenance		000	6,866	6,866	-	6,684
Training, dues, and subscriptions	-	700	6,520	10,691	(4,171)	4,227
Transportation		000	1,175	1,117	58	890
Utilities		828	12,500	12,363	137	13,650
Other	13,	500	7,000	7,186	(186)	9,791
Total public safety	769,	918	653,003	662,978	(9,975)	672,640
Capital outlay	30,	000	17,000	16,890	110	9,017
Total expenditures	799,		670,003	679,868	(9,865)	681,657
•						
Net change in fund balance	110,	882	264,134	351,294	87,160	325,485
Fund balance, beginning	5,400,	970	5,400,970	5,400,970		5,075,485
Fund balance, ending	\$ 5,511,	<u>852</u>	\$ 5,665,104	\$ 5,752,264	\$ 87,160	\$ 5,400,970

# INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS

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To the Board of Commissioners Acadia Parish Communications District Crowley, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Acadia Parish Communication District (the District), a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2025.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we 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 our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **District's Response to Finding**

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

June 20, 2025 Lafayette, Louisiana

### Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

#### Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

#### A. Internal Control Findings -

**2024-001** Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The District did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CRITERIA: The District should have a control policy according to which no person should be given responsibility for more than one related function.

CAUSE: Due to the size of the District, there are a small number of available employees.

EFFECT: The District has employees that are performing more than one related function.

RECOMMENDATION: The District should establish and monitor mitigating controls over functions that are not completely segregated.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTION ACTION PLAN: Due to the size of the operations and the costbenefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

#### B. Compliance Findings -

There are no findings to report under this section.

#### Part II. Prior Year Findings

#### A. Internal Control Findings -

**2023-001** Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The District did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

RECOMMENDATION: The District should establish and monitor mitigating controls over functions that are not completely segregated.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See finding 2024-001.

#### B. Compliance Findings -

There are no findings to report under this section.