

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

**A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Honorable James A. Laurent, Jr.  
Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor  
New Roads, Louisiana

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

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

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

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 7 and on page 32 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, including the pension and other post-employment benefits information on pages 33 through 36, 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.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information schedules and other information as listed in the foregoing table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplemental information schedules and other information as listed in the foregoing table of contents are 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 our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 13, 2021, on our consideration of Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Major, Morrison & David  
New Roads, Louisiana  
May 13, 2021

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2020

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor (Assessor) provides an overview and overall review of the Assessor's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the Assessor's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the Assessor's financial statements found in the financial section starting on page 9, and the notes thereto. MD&A is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- \* The Assessor's total net position decreased by \$298,925 over the course of this year's operations.
- \* During the year, the Assessor's expenses were \$1,540,730 more than the \$195,345 generated in charges for services and operating grants for governmental programs.
- \* The total cost of the Assessor's programs was \$1,736,075, an increase of approximately \$32,994 or 1.9 percent.
- \* Total revenues including general revenues were \$1,437,150, a decrease of \$91,829 or 6.0 percent.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Assessor:

- \* The first two statements on pages 9 and 10 are government-wide financial statements that provide information about the activities of the Assessor as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Assessor's finances.
- \* The remaining statements starting on page 11 are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Assessor's government, reporting the Assessor's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
  - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services, such as assessment services, were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detailed data. The notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements as well as providing budgetary comparison data. The last section of the report contains additional supplemental information regarding the governmental fund-general fund. The rest of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

#### Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Assessor as a whole using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to that which is used by private sector companies. The statement of net position on page 9 includes all of the Assessor's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities on page 10, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Assessor's net position and changes in them. Net position – the difference between the Assessor's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the Assessor's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases and decreases in the Assessor's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other nonfinancial factors will also need to be considered to assess the overall health of the Assessor.



# **POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**December 31, 2020**

The government-wide financial statements of the Assessor, report only one type of activity – governmental activities. All of the Assessor's services are included here, such as assessment services and general administration.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements, beginning on page 11, provide more detail about the Assessor's most significant funds – not the Assessor as a whole. State laws require the establishment of some funds. Funds are accounting devices that the Assessor uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

The Assessor uses only the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the Assessor's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on how cash and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash flow in and out of those funds, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These 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 therefore provide a detailed short-term view of the Assessor's general government operations and the basic services it provides, and helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Assessor's programs. Since this information does not include the additional long-term focus of government-wide statements, we provide reconciliations on the subsequent pages that explain the relationship (or differences) between the two different type statements.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ASSESSOR AS A WHOLE**

**Net position.** The Assessor's combined net position changed between fiscal years 2019 and 2020, decreasing by \$298,925 to approximately (\$462,355). (See Table 1 below)

**Table 1**  
**Assessor's Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities 2019</b>	<b>Governmental Activities 2020</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 3,774,908	\$ 4,010,195
Capital assets	40,911	29,146
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,815,819</b>	<b>\$ 4,039,341</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows:</b>		
Resources related to pensions and OPEB	1,106,549	1,506,787
<b>Total deferred outflows</b>	<b>\$ 1,106,549</b>	<b>\$ 1,506,787</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current liabilities	30,517	4,379
Noncurrent liabilities	3,584,654	4,219,434
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,615,171</b>	<b>\$ 4,223,813</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows:</b>		
Advances of ad valorem tax revenues	1,181,107	1,401,300
Resources related to pensions and OPEB	289,520	383,370
<b>Total deferred inflows</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,784,670</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	40,911	29,146
Unrestricted	(204,341)	(491,501)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (163,430)</b>	<b>\$ (462,355)</b>

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**December 31, 2020**

**Changes in net position.** The Assessor's total revenues decreased by 6.0 percent to \$1,437,150 (See Table 2), due to decreased collections of property tax revenues. Approximately 82 percent of the Assessor's revenue comes from a general property tax assessed on the property owners in the parish.

The total cost of all programs and services increased approximately \$32,994 or 1.9 percent, mainly due to additional other post-employment benefits expense recognized under GASB 75. The Assessor's expenses cover all services, which it offers to the public.

**Governmental Activities**

Revenues for the Assessor's governmental activities decreased by 6.0 percent, while total expenses increased 1.9 percent.

**Table 2**  
**Changes in Assessor's Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities 2019</b>	<b>Governmental Activities 2020</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 3,209	\$ 2,556
Operating grants	188,030	192,789
Other revenues	1,337,740	1,241,805
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,528,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,437,150</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General government	1,703,081	1,736,075
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,703,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,736,075</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net position</b>	<b>\$ (174,102)</b>	<b>\$ (298,925)</b>

**Table 3**  
**Net Cost of Assessor's Governmental Activities**

	<b>Total Cost of Services 2020</b>	<b>Net Cost of Services 2020</b>
Assessment Services	\$ 1,736,075	\$ 1,540,730

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ASSESSOR'S FUNDS**

As the Assessor completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,604,516, reflecting an increase over the prior year of \$41,232. Of the combined fund balance total, \$2,439,977 is unassigned indicating availability for continuing the Assessor's activities. Assigned fund balance includes \$164,539 for subsequent year budget stabilization. The revenue decrease reflected lower property tax revenues offset with higher investment earnings, and a slight decrease in operating expenditures was due to slight decreases in personnel costs and capital outlay costs. Expenses for 2021 should remain consistent with 2020.



**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
December 31, 2020**

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of the year, the Assessor had invested \$29,146 in capital assets. (See Table 4).

**Table 4**  
**Assessor's Capital Assets**  
(net of accumulated depreciation)

	<b>Governmental Activities 2020</b>
Vehicles	\$ 13,499
Furniture and equipment	15,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,146</b>

**Debt**

At year-end, the Assessor had no debt outstanding.

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

Approximately 82 percent of the Assessor's revenues are derived from an ad valorem tax on the voters of the parish. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth in assessment values for 2021 nor is there an expected increase in the Assessor's millage rate. Current year property tax revenue should increase slightly due to additional assessments from new business and home ownership. Neither Assessor fees nor office expenses are expected to increase; capital expenditures should remain comparable to 2020, therefore, future revenues and expenses are expected to remain consistent with the current year. The budget for the year 2021 should approximate the same as the year 2020 budget. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States has experienced volatile economic conditions and disruption of general business activities. It is unknown how this will affect the Assessor's operations in the coming year at the date of this report.

**CONTACTING THE ASSESSOR'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our parishioners, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Assessor's finances and to demonstrate the Assessor's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. James A. Laurent, Jr., Assessor, 211 East Main Street, Suite 4 Courthouse Bldg., New Roads, Louisiana 70760.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Net Position**

**December 31, 2020**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 391,085
Investments	2,199,003
Accounts receivable	5,668
Taxes receivable	1,414,439
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>29,146</u>
Total assets	<u>4,039,341</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Resources related to pensions	477,906
Resources related to other post-employment benefits	<u>1,028,881</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,506,787</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,379
Non-current liabilities:	
Net pension liability	201,774
Other post-employment benefits	<u>4,017,660</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,223,813</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Advances of ad valorem tax revenues	1,401,300
Resources related to pensions	325,671
Resources related to other post-employment benefits	<u>57,699</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,784,670</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets	29,146
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(491,501)</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ (462,355)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Activities**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
General government - taxation	\$ 1,736,075	\$ 2,556	\$ 192,789	\$ (1,540,730)
Total governmental activities:				<u>(1,540,730)</u>
General revenues:				
Property taxes - levied for general purposes				1,181,784
State revenue sharing				21,737
Unrestricted investment earnings				<u>38,284</u>
Total general revenues				<u>1,241,805</u>
Change in net position				(298,925)
Net position - beginning of the year				<u>(163,430)</u>
Net position - end of year				<u><u>\$ (462,355)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Balance Sheet, December 31, 2020**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 391,085
Investments	2,199,003
Revenues receivable:	
Accounts receivable	5,668
Ad valorem taxes	<u>1,414,439</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 4,010,195</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,145
Salaries and withholdings payable	2,234
Advances of ad valorem tax revenues	<u>1,401,300</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,405,679</u>
Fund balances:	
Assigned for:	
Budget stabilization	164,539
Unassigned	<u>2,439,977</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,604,516</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 4,010,195</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

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

**December 31, 2020**

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,604,516
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Balance Sheet - governmental funds.	29,146
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the Balance Sheet - governmental funds.

Other post-employment benefits	(4,017,660)
Net pension liability	(201,774)

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Balance Sheet - governmental funds.	1,506,787
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Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Balance Sheet - governmental funds.	<u>(383,370)</u>
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Total net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (462,355)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

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

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,181,784
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State grants:	
State revenue sharing	21,737
Miscellaneous revenue	2,556
Use of money and property	38,284
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Total revenues	1,244,361
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General government - taxation:	
Personal services and related benefits	1,043,407
Operating services	46,462
Material and supplies	111,442
Travel and other charges	1,818
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Total expenditures	1,203,129
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<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	41,232
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	
Sale of fixed assets	<hr/> -
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Total other financing sources (uses)	-
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<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	41,232
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<hr/> 2,563,284
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<hr/> \$ 2,604,516 <hr/>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR  
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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 41,232
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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

Depreciation	(11,765)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

(Increase) decrease in other post-employment benefits	(431,954)
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Governmental funds report current year pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities it is an actuarially calculated expense. This represents the difference between pension contributions and actuarially calculated expense.

	(89,227)
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The assessor's proportionate share of non-employer contributions to the pension plan do not provide current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.

	<u>192,789</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (298,925)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**New Roads, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**As of and For the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation. The Assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and provides assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the Assessor is officially responsible for the actions of the deputies.

The Assessor's office is located in the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse in New Roads, Louisiana. The Assessor employs nine employees, including eight full-time deputies and one part-time deputy. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor bases real and movable property assessment on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing on or before September 15th of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector, who is responsible for the collection and distribution of taxes to the various taxing bodies.

At December 31, 2020, there were 18,094 real property and movable property assessments totaling \$178,375,427 and \$398,929,180, respectively. This represents a decrease of 49 assessments during the fiscal year. The total assessment value increased from the prior year by \$61,631,528.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying financial statements of the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor 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. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

The Assessor is an independently elected official; however, the Assessor is fiscally dependent on the Pointe Coupee Parish Council. The Council maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the Assessor's office is located and provides funds for equipment and furniture of the Assessor's office. In addition, the Council's financial statements would be incomplete or misleading without inclusion of the Assessor. For these reasons, the Assessor was determined to be a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Assessor and do not present information on the Council, the general governmental services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Assessor uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Assessor functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**New Roads, Louisiana**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Assessor's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Assessor. The following are the Assessor's governmental funds:

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

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Assessor as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Assessor. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.

**Program Revenues** – Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Assessor's general revenues.

**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The amounts reflected in the General Fund of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Assessor's operations (See the reconciliation statements).

The amounts reflected in the General Fund in the FFS use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Assessor considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied, thus the 2019 property taxes which are being levied to finance the 2020 budget will be recognized as revenue in 2020. The 2020 tax levy is recorded as advances in ad valorem tax revenues in the Assessor's 2020 financial statements. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

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The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

**Revenues**

Revenue from ad valorem taxes is recorded in the year of anticipated disbursement by the tax collector. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on or about November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The disbursement by the tax collector is generally received in January and February of the ensuing year.

Revenues from the preparation of municipal tax rolls and interest income on demand deposits are recorded when earned.

**Expenditures**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Advances in Ad Valorem Tax Revenues**

Advances in ad valorem tax revenues arise when resources are received by the Assessor before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received before the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the Assessor has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for advances in ad valorem tax revenues is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

**E. BUDGETS**

The Assessor prepares an annual budget for the General Fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The proposed budget is made available for public inspection no later than 15 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Assessor. All appropriations lapse at year end. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1908, the Assessor carries forward any unexpended appropriation into subsequent years. The 2020 budget was published and made available for public inspection on November 28, 2019, with a hearing and adoption on December 9, 2019. No amendments were proposed or adopted during the year.

**F. ENCUMBRANCES**

The Assessor does not use encumbrance accounting.

**G. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash includes amounts in interest bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the Assessor's investment policy. The Assessor may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates of deposits. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. All external pool deposits are considered investments.

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GASB Statement No. 31 requires the Assessor to report investments at fair value in the balance sheet, except as follows:

1. Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates, should be reported using a cost-based measure, provided that the fair value of those contracts is not significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or other factors.
2. The Assessor may report at amortized cost money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less, provided that the fair value of those investments is not significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations. Interest-earning investment contracts that include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, the Assessor reports investments at amortized cost, money market investments and participating interest-bearing investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less, provided that the fair value of those investments is not significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations. Investments of the Assessor are reported at fair market value which approximates cost (see note 4).

#### **H. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Assessor maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are disposed for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Equipment & furniture	5 – 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

#### **I. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Assessor follows GASB Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions", which requires the accrual of other postemployment benefits for retired employees. The Assessor has recorded a liability for other postemployment benefits (see Note 10). In government-wide financial statements, the other postemployment benefits liability is recorded as an expense and non-current liability and allocated on a functional basis. In the fund financial statements, other postemployment benefit expenditures are recognized in the amount contributed to the plan or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Expendable available financial resources generally refer to other postemployment benefit payments due and payable as of the end of the year.

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**J. BAD DEBTS**

The Assessor uses the allowance method whereby uncollectible amounts due from other governmental entities are recognized as bad debts through the use of an allowance account or charged off at the time information becomes available which indicates the particular receivable is not collectible. No amounts were charged off in the year ending December 31, 2020.

**K. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Employees of the Assessor's office earn two weeks of vacation leave each year after one year of service. Vacation leave must be taken in the year earned. All employees are granted 10 days of sick leave each year. Employees are allowed 14 days of vacation leave per year for up to ten years of service and 21 days of vacation leave per year for more than ten years of service. Neither sick leave nor vacation leave can be carried forward to succeeding years. The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken.

**L. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

The Assessor follows GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position". This statement provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows, deferred inflows and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures and applies to transactions that result in the consumption or acquisition of net assets in one period that are applicable to future periods. The Assessor's deferred outflows/inflows of resources consist of advances related to ad valorem tax revenues and resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits (see Notes 8 & 10).

**M. PENSIONS**

Financial reporting information pertaining to the Assessor's participation in the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary (LARF) is prepared in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions", as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date", which have been adopted by the Assessor.

The fiduciary net position, as well as additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position, of LARF have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LARF. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, member and employer contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments and statutory requirements. Benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing LARF. Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, regardless of when payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value on a trade date basis. The fiduciary net position is reflected in the measurement of the Assessor's proportionate share of the plan's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense.

**N. RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

For government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either:

- 1) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; and
- 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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**O. FUND EQUITY**

The Assessor has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This statement establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types. The following describes the different classifications available for fund balances of governmental funds:

*Nonspendable* – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (1) not in spendable form or (2) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – amounts for which constraints have been externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or amounts that are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by formal action of the Assessor, who is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's Office. Commitments cannot be used for any other purpose unless the same action that established them decides to modify or remove them.

*Assigned* – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as either restricted or committed but are intended to be used for specific purposes. Amounts can only be assigned by the Assessor.

*Unassigned* – the residual fund balance in the general fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose, the Assessor considers the most restrictive funds to be used first. However, the Assessor reserves the right to spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of more restrictive funds.

**P. USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS**

The following individual funds had actual expenditures over budgeted appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2020.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
None				

**3. LEVIED TAXES**

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>
Parish Assessment District	2.63	2.63



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The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and related ad valorem tax revenue for the Assessor:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Valuation</u>	<u>Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for Assessor</u>
Kirby Inland Marine	Transport	\$ 100,856,630	17.47%	\$ 245,850
Louisiana Generating	Electric	53,168,260	9.21%	129,610
American Comm. Lines	Transport	40,085,070	6.94%	97,665
Entergy Louisiana, LLC	Electric	23,374,040	4.05%	56,994
Union Pacific Corp	Railroad	22,007,530	3.81%	53,617
Genesis Marine, LLC	Transport	20,437,190	3.54%	49,817
Acadian Gas Pipeline	Oil & Gas	20,384,610	3.53%	49,677
Total		<u>\$ 280,313,330</u>	<u>48.55%</u>	<u>\$ 683,230</u>

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**A. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash equivalents include bank accounts and short-term investments. See Note I(G) for additional cash disclosure note information.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the Assessor's deposits may not be returned. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are either (a) uninsured and uncollateralized, or (b) uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department/agent but not in the name of the Assessor. The Assessor's cash and investment policy, as well as state law, require that deposits be fully secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The fair value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the bank. The following chart represents bank balances for the Assessor as of December 31, 2020. Deposits are listed in terms of whether they are exposed to custodial credit risk.

**Bank Balances**

		<u>Uninsured &amp; Collateralized with Securities held by Pledging Institution or It's Trust Department/Agent But Not in the Entity's Name</u>	<u>Total Bank Balances – All Deposits</u>	<u>Total Carrying Value – All Deposits</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	-	\$	\$
			433,209	391,000

Total bank balances and total carrying amount of deposits does not include petty cash amounts on hand at year-end of \$85.

**B. Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value. See also Note 1 (G) for additional investment disclosure information.

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Credit Risk - Investments

Investments permitted by state statute include obligations issued, insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government including certificates or other ownership interest in such obligations and/or investments in registered mutual or trust funds consisting solely of U.S. government securities. The Assessor's investment program is limited to purchases of bank certificate of deposits, U.S. treasury and government agency obligations, U.S. corporate bonds that meet the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955(A)(1)(I) as well as investments in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP). LAMP is a nonprofit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer, and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana which operates a local government investment pool. LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. It is the Assessor's opinion that since these securities are governmental agencies, credit risk is not a factor.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Assessor will not be able to recover the value of the investment. Investments are exposed to custodial risk if the securities are (a) uninsured and unregistered and held by the counterparty or (b) uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the name of the Assessor. The following chart presents the investment position of the Assessor as of December 31, 2020. The various types of investments are listed and presented by whether they are exposed to custodial credit risk.

<u>Investments</u>					
		Uninsured, Unregistered, and Held by the Counterparty	Uninsured, Unregistered, and Held by the Counterparty's Trust Department/Agent But not in the Entity's Name	All Investments – Reported Amount	All Investments – Fair Value
U.S. Treasury Notes/Bonds	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 436,821	\$ 436,821
U.S. Corporate Bonds		-	-	516,162	516,162
Certificates of Deposit		-	-	224,920	224,920
Investments Not Categorized: LAMP		-	-	1,021,100	1,021,100
Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 2,199,003	\$ 2,199,003

Interest Rate Risk - Investments

Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. Investments can be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates due to their terms or characteristics. The Assessor's investment policy with regards to interest rate risk is to match cash flow requirements with cash flows from investments. This matching allows for securities to be held to maturity thereby avoiding realizing losses due to liquidation of securities prior to maturity, especially in a rising interest rate environment. Investing in longer term maturities that contain a "step up" in coupon interest rates will also contribute to the reduction of interest rate risk. 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 for LAMP's total investments is 88 as of December 31, 2020. Investments classified by maturity dates at December 31, 2020 are summarized below:

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<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	0-1 Years Before <u>Maturity</u>	1-5 Years Before <u>Maturity</u>	6 + Years Before <u>Maturity</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes/Bonds	\$ 436,821	\$ 379,945	\$ 56,876	\$ -
U.S. Corporate Bonds	516,162	115,680	400,482	-
Certificates of Deposit	224,920	224,920	-	-
LAMP	<u>1,021,100</u>	<u>1,021,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,199,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,741,645</u>	<u>\$ 457,358</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Fair Value Measurements

The Assessor has adopted GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This statement establishes a hierarchy of inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The Assessor measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles using a market approach technique. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access
- Level 2: Inputs (other than quoted prices included within level 1) that are observable of the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs significant to the fair value measurement

At December 31, 2020, the Assessor had the following recurring fair value measurements:

<u>Investments by fair value level</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Debt Securities:				
U.S. Agencies	\$ 254,164	\$ 254,164	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Instrumentalities	182,657	182,657	-	-
U.S. Corporations	516,162	516,162	-	-
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	224,920	224,920	-	-
Not categorized by fair value level:				
LAMP (2a-7 investment pool)	<u>1,021,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 2,199,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,177,903</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**5. RECEIVABLES**

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2020:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,407,270	\$ 1,407,270
State Revenue Sharing	7,169	7,169
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>5,668</u>	<u>5,668</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,420,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,107</u>

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**6. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Furniture &amp; Equipment</u>	<u>Automobiles</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost of capital assets, December 31, 2019	\$ 133,135	\$ 29,997	\$ 163,132
Additions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Deletions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Cost of capital assets, December 31, 2020	<u>133,135</u>	<u>29,997</u>	<u>163,132</u>
Accumulated depreciation, December 31, 2019	111,722	10,499	122,221
Additions	5,766	5,999	11,765
Deletions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Accumulated depreciation, December 31, 2020	<u>117,488</u>	<u>16,498</u>	<u>133,986</u>
Capital assets net of accumulated Depreciation, at December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 15,647</u>	<u>\$ 13,499</u>	<u>\$ 29,146</u>

Depreciation expense of \$11,765 for the year ended December 31, 2020 was charged to the general fund governmental function.

**7. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES, AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The payables of \$4,379 as of December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ 2,145	\$ 2,145
Salaries and withholdings	<u>2,234</u>	<u>2,234</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,379</u>	<u>\$ 4,379</u>

**8. PENSION PLAN**

*Plan Description.* Substantially all employees of the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary (Fund), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. All full-time employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and are not drawing retirement benefits from any other public retirement Fund in Louisiana are required to participate in the Fund. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service or at or after age 50 with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 1/3 per cent of their final average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months (60 if hired after 10/1/06) that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The Fund also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute. The Fund issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4699, or by calling (225) 928-8886.

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*Funding Policy.* Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary and the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for the year ending 2020 is 8.0% (8.0% through September 30<sup>th</sup>) of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the Fund also include one-fourth of 1% of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, plus revenue sharing funds appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. In accordance with Act 818 of the 1999 legislative session, the Assessor may elect to pay all or a portion of the employee contribution into the retirement system, which the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor elected to pay half of the employee's portion. The Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's contributions to the Fund for the years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 were \$75,141, \$74,087, and \$67,401, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. The amount of non-employer contributions recognized as revenue in the government-wide statement of activities was \$192,789 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.* At December 31, 2020, the Assessor reported a liability of \$201,774 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Assessor's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Assessor's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating Assessors, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2020, the Assessor's proportion was 1.320717%, which was a decrease of 0.037153% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Assessor recognized pension expense of \$164,374. At December 31, 2020, the Assessor recognized deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,458	\$ 161,210
Changes in assumptions	447,953	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	158,669
Changes in proportion and differences between Assessor contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,237	5,792
Assessor contributions subsequent to the measurement date	12,258	-
Total	<u>\$ 477,906</u>	<u>\$ 325,671</u>

The \$12,258 reported as deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions resulting from the Assessor contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31,	
2021	\$ 16,102
2022	52,848
2023	50,384
2024	(5,330)
2025	25,973
Thereafter	<u>-0-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 139,977</u>

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*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the September 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry age normal.
Investment Rate of Return:	5.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.
Inflation Rate	2.10%.
Projected Salary Increases:	5.25%.
Annuitant and Beneficiary Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale
Active Member Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale
Disabled Lives Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale
Expected Remaining Service Lives	6 years.

The actuarial assumptions utilized are based on the assumptions used in the September 30, 2020 actuarial funding valuation, which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2019. All assumptions selected were determined to be reasonable and represent expectations of future experience for the Fund.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	7.50%
International equity	8.50%
Domestic bonds	2.50%
International bonds	3.50%
Real estate	4.50%
Alternative assets	5.87%

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at actuarially-determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Changes in Net Pension Liability.* The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current and future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes in economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be

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included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with the benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earnings on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period.

*Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate.* The following presents the Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.75%, as well as what the Assessor's 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 as of September 30, 2020:

	1% Decrease (4.75%)	Current Discount Rate (5.75%)	1% Increase (6.75%)
Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 915,927	\$ 201,774	\$ (405,367)

The Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2020. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.la.la.gov](http://www.la.la.gov).

**9. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The Assessor offers its employees participation in the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan adopted by the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Commission and established in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all Assessor employees, permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years along with a matching contribution by the Assessor if so elected. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or proof of hardship. Total matching contribution paid by the Assessor's office for the years ending December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$70,899, \$70,783, and \$70,199, respectively. Complete disclosures relating to the Plan are included in the separately issued audit report for the Plan, available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Post Office Box 94397, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397.

**10. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS**

**Plan Description.** The Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Assessor's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Assessor. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees, and retirees rests with the Assessor. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Codification Section P52, *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions-Reporting for Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria-Defined Benefit*.

*Benefits Provided* – Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows (ref. R.S. 11:1421): completion of 30 years of service at any age; or, attainment of age 55 and completion of 12 years of service. Benefits are governed by applicable Louisiana Law (R.S. 16:516). Life insurance coverage is considered for the valuation.



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*Employees covered by benefit terms* – At December 31, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>9</u>
Total	<u>13</u>

**Total OPEB Liability**

The Assessor's total OPEB liability of \$4,017,660 was measured as of December 31, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

*Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs* – The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.20%
Salary increases	3.00%, including inflation
Discount rate	2.12% per annum, compounded annually
Medical trend rates	Trend was calculated assuming an implied inflation rate of 2.2% per year, and actual premiums. The short-term trend rate for Pre-65 retirees starts off at 6.4%, and at 5.4% for Post-65 retirees and does not reflect the ACA Excise Tax effective 2022

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index as of December 31, 2020, the end of the applicable measurement period. Mortality rates were based on the following:

Healthy Retirement	Sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Mortality with separate employee and healthy annuitant rates, projected generationally using Scale MP-2020
Beneficiaries	Sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Contingent Survivors Mortality, projected generationally using Scale MP-2020
Disability Retirement	Sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Mortality, projected generationally using Scale MP-2020

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ 3,226,472
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	176,669
Interest	92,660
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	221,498
Changes in assumptions	343,458
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(43,097)</u>
Net changes	<u>791,188</u>
Balance at December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 4,017,660</u>

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*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Assessor, as well as what the Assessor's total OPEB 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 discount rate:

	1% Decrease (1.12%)	Current Discount Rate (2.12%)	1% Increase (3.12%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 4,855,854	\$ 4,017,660	\$ 3,369,877

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

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,423,876	\$ 4,017,660	\$ 4,813,541

**OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Assessor recognized OPEB expense of \$475,051. At December 31, 2020, the Assessor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 262,310	\$ -0-
Changes in assumptions	766,571	57,699
Total	<u>\$ 1,028,881</u>	<u>\$ 57,699</u>

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

Year ended December 31,	
2021	\$ 205,722
2022	205,722
2023	205,722
2024	200,987
2025	96,279
Thereafter	<u>56,750</u>
Total	<u>\$ 971,182</u>

**11. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

At December 31, 2020, there are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to compensated absences.

**12. LEASES**

The Assessor has an operating lease agreement for one automobile. The lease agreement is cancellable upon 10 days advance notice. Rental expenditures of \$11,275 for the year ended December 31, 2020 was paid by the Assessor.

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**13. EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Assessor's office is located in the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse. The upkeep and maintenance of the courthouse are paid by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4713, and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

**14. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Assessor is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general, auto liability and workers' compensation. Those risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance. There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage during the current year.

**15. LITIGATION**

There is no litigation pending against the Assessor's office at December 31, 2020. No litigation costs were incurred for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has performed an evaluation of the Assessor's activities through May 13, 2021, and has concluded that the following significant subsequent event requires recognition or disclosure through the date and time these financial statements were available to be issued on May 13, 2021.

In the spring of 2020, there was a global outbreak of a new strain of coronavirus, COVID-19. The public health crisis has caused volatile economic conditions, impacting financial markets and disrupting general business activities across the United States. The timing and extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Assessor's current and future operations is unknown at the date of this report.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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GENERAL FUND**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,104,668	\$ 1,104,668	\$ 1,181,784	\$ 77,116
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State grants:				
State revenue sharing	26,361	26,361	21,737	(4,624)
Miscellaneous revenue	2,000	2,000	2,556	556
Use of money and property	15,500	15,500	38,284	22,784
Total revenues	1,148,529	1,148,529	1,244,361	95,832
EXPENDITURES				
General government - taxation:				
Personal services and related benefits	1,171,253	1,171,253	1,043,407	127,846
Operating services	49,000	49,000	46,462	2,538
Material and supplies	162,250	162,250	111,442	50,808
Travel and other charges	6,500	6,500	1,818	4,682
Capital outlay	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Total expenditures	1,414,003	1,414,003	1,203,129	210,874
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	(265,474)	(265,474)	41,232	306,706
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES				
	(265,474)	(265,474)	41,232	306,706
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR				
	2,520,776	2,520,776	2,563,284	42,508
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR				
	\$ 2,255,302	\$ 2,255,302	\$ 2,604,516	\$ 349,214

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SCHEDULE OF ASSESSOR'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY -  
LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT FUND AND SUBSIDIARY

December 31, 2020

<u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assessor's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	1.320717%	1.357870%	1.268506%	1.247916%	1.272588%	1.225437%	1.224835%	1.308940%	Unavailable	Unavailable
Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 201,774	\$ 358,182	\$ 246,602	\$ 218,973	\$ 449,057	\$ 641,299	\$ 428,198	\$ 573,193	Unavailable	Unavailable
Assessor's covered-employee payroll	\$ 607,120	\$ 604,099	\$ 559,138	\$ 547,861	\$ 554,056	\$ 514,922	\$ 497,052	\$ 459,396	\$ 386,831	\$ 369,771
Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	33.23%	59.29%	44.10%	39.97%	81.05%	124.54%	86.15%	124.77%	Unavailable	Unavailable
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	96.79%	94.12%	95.46%	95.61%	90.68%	85.57%	89.98%	86.72%	Unavailable	Unavailable

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SCHEDULE OF ASSESSOR'S CONTRIBUTIONS -  
LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT FUND AND SUBSIDIARY

December 31, 2020

<u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 48,570	\$ 48,328	\$ 44,731	\$ 54,786	\$ 74,797	\$ 69,514	\$ 67,102	\$ 62,018	\$ 57,474	\$ 52,222
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 48,570	\$ 48,328	\$ 44,731	\$ 54,786	\$ 74,797	\$ 69,514	\$ 67,102	\$ 62,018	\$ 57,474	\$ 52,222
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assessor's covered-employee payroll	\$ 607,120	\$ 604,099	\$ 559,138	\$ 547,861	\$ 554,056	\$ 514,922	\$ 497,052	\$ 459,396	\$ 425,734	\$ 386,831
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	10.00%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%



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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB  
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

**December 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>										
Service cost	\$ 176,669	\$ 95,138	\$ 114,261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interest	92,660	100,095	78,291	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	221,498	-	145,651	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Changes of assumptions	343,458	706,120	(113,538)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benefit payments	(43,097)	(41,725)	(38,590)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<u>791,188</u>	<u>859,628</u>	<u>186,075</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<u>3,226,472</u>	<u>2,366,844</u>	<u>2,180,769</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending</b>	<u>\$ 4,017,660</u>	<u>\$ 3,226,472</u>	<u>\$ 2,366,844</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 626,176	\$ 617,392	\$ 561,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	641.62%	522.60%	421.39%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**OPEB Plan**

*Changes in Benefit Terms.* There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2020.

*Changes in Assumptions.* The discount rate as of December 31, 2019 was 2.74% and it changed to 2.12% as of December 31, 2020.

*Assets.* There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

**Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary**

*Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs.* Changes in assumptions about future economic or 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.

*Changes in Proportion.* Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense (benefit) 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 pensions through the pension plan.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND  
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**AGENCY HEAD NAME: James A. Laurent, Jr.**

<b><u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Salary (R.S. 47:1907)	\$ 134,569
Benefits - Insurance (R.S. 47:1923)	28,648
Benefits - Retirement (R.S. 11:1481)	16,343
Deferred Compensation (R.S. 42:1301-1309)	13,000
Expense Allowance (R.S. 47:1907)	13,180
Conferences - Travel, Lodging & Meals	<u>408</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 206,148</u></u></b>

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

Honorable James A. Laurent, Jr.  
Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor  
New Roads, 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 each major fund of Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 13, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the 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.



Major, Morrison & David  
New Roads, Louisiana  
May 13, 2021

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Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Deficiency(s) in internal control identified not  
considered to be material weaknesses? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

There were no current year findings.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partial)</u>
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**Section I – Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements:**

No findings.

**Section II – Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards:**

Not applicable.

**Section III – Management Letter:**

No management letter issued.



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Corrective Action Plan for  
Current Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**Section I – Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements:**

No findings.

**Section II – Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards:**

Not applicable.

**Section III – Management Letter:**

No management letter issued.