# PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 PONCHATOULA, LOUISIANA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

# As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

Mr. Greg Fletcher, Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit includes 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 27 through 29 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Agency Fund; the Schedule of Compensation Paid Board of Commissioners; and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Agency Fund; the Schedule of Compensation Paid Board of Commissioners; and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head 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 themselves, and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Agency Fund; the Schedule of Compensation Paid Board of Commissioners; and the Schedule

#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 June 16, 2021

of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 16, 2021, on our consideration of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's internal control over financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

James, Hambert Riggs

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

June 16, 2021

**Basic Financial Statements** 

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2020

	G	overnmental
		Activities
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,165,540
Investments		55,543
Accounts Receivable, Net		2,218,274
Prepaid Expenses		52,290
Restricted Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		511,168
Cash Held in Trust		466,042
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:		
Construction in Progress		2,811,989
Land		1,819,453
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		6,856,448
Total Assets	\$	15,956,747
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	9,810
Accrued Payroll		19,744
Sheriff's Pension Payable		82,088
Accrued Interest Payable		18,079
Long-Term Debt - Current		415,000
Long-Term Debt - Non-Current		6,130,000
Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	6,674,721
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	4,942,890
Restricted		959,131
Unrestricted		3,380,005
Total Net Position	\$	9,282,026

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Expenses	Program narges for Services	Reve	enues Capital Grants	() () () () () () () () () () () () () (	let Revenue Expense) & Changes in let Position overnmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
Parks and Recreation	\$	1,248,321	\$ -	\$	-	\$	(1,248,321)
Depreciation		356,031	-		-		(356,031)
Interest on Debt Service		220,526	-		-		(220,526)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	1,824,878	\$ -	\$	-		(1,824,878)
General Revenues:							
Ad Valorem Taxes							2,110,052
State Revenue Sharing							122,037
Donations							19,250
Rental Income							4,845
Interest Income							18,965
Other Income							5,216
Total General Revenues							2,280,365
Change in Net Position							455,487
Net Position - Beginning of the Year							8,826,539
Net Position - End of the Year						\$	9,282,026

# Exhibit C

#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

December 31, 2020

Assets	General Fund	4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
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Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,165,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,165,540
Investments	55,543	-	-	55,543
Accounts Receivable, Net	1,621,367	596,907	-	2,218,274
Due from Other Funds	- 11 0 <i>4 4</i>	36,241	-	36,241
Prepaid Payroll Restricted Assets:	11,844	-	-	11,844
Cash and Cash Equivalents		510,445	723	511,168
Cash Held in Trust	463,005	3,037	-	466,042
Cash ficid in frust	403,005			400,042
Total Assets	\$ 3,317,299	<u>\$ 1,146,630</u>	<u>\$ 723</u>	<u>\$ 4,464,652</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,810	\$-	\$ -	\$ 9,810
Accrued Payroll	19,744	-	-	19,744
Due to Other Funds	36,241	-	-	36,241
Pension Fund Mandate Payable	58,610	23,478		82,088
Total Liabilities	124,405	23,478	-	147,883
Fund Balances:				
Restricted for Construction	463,005	-	-	463,005
Restricted for Debt Service	-	513,482	723	514,205
Unassigned	2,729,889	609,670		3,339,559
Total Fund Balances	3,192,894	1,123,152	723	4,316,769
Total Liabilities and				
Fund Balances	\$ 3,317,299	\$ 1,146,630	<u>\$ 723</u>	\$ 4,464,652

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana	<u>Exhibit D</u>
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the	
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position	
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020	
Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)	\$ 4,316,769
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are no reported in the governmental funds.	t
Governmental Capital Assets	15,235,734
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,747,844)
Prepaid Insurance at December 31, 2020	40,446
In the statement of net position, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in	
governmental funds, an interest expenditures is reported when due.	(18,079)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Current (Short-Term) Obligations:	
Revenue Bonds	(415,000)
Non-Current (Long-Term) Obligations:	<
Revenue Bonds	(6,130,000)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	\$ 9,282,026

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana

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

	General Fund	4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,512,435	\$ 597,617	\$-	\$ 2,110,052
State Revenue Sharing	122,037	-	-	122,037
Donations	19,250	-	-	19,250
Rental Income	4,845	-	-	4,845
Interest Income	18,961	-	4	18,965
Other Income	5,216			5,216
Total Revenues	1,682,744	597,617	4	2,280,365
Expenditures:				
Parks and Recreation:				
Salaries and Related Benefits	746,674	-	-	746,674
Legal and Professional	29,658	-	-	29,658
Repairs & Maintenance	140,974	-	-	140,974
Telephone and Utilities	75,565	-	-	75,565
Office Expenses	44,541	-	-	44,541
Insurance	123,242	-	-	123,242
Pension Fund Mandate	58,610	23,478	-	82,088
Other	5,579	-	-	5,579
Capital Outlay	2,327,315	-	-	2,327,315
Debt Service		636,332		636,332
Total Expenditures	3,552,158	659,810		4,211,968
Excess / (Deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	(1,869,414)	(62,193)	4	(1,931,603)
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	5,062,308	1,185,345	719	6,248,372
Fund Balance - End of the Year	\$ 3,192,894	<u>\$ 1,123,152</u>	<u>\$ 723</u>	\$ 4,316,769

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1		<u>Exhibit F</u>
Ponchatoula, Louisiana		
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, a	nd	
Changes in Fund Balance to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities		
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020		
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit E)	\$	(1,931,603)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the		
statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives		
and reported as depreciation expense. These differences consist of:		
Capital Outlay		2,327,315
Depreciation Expense		(356,031)
<b>rrr</b>		<b>(</b> )
Governmental funds expense insurance payments when paid. In the statement of activities,		
only the portion applicable to the current year is expensed. The remaining is recorded in the		
statement of net position as prepaid insurance.		
		(10,410)
Prior Year Prepaid Insurance		(40,446)
Current Year Prepaid Insurance		40,446
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest from the prior year:		
Prior Year Accrued Interest		18,885
Current Year Accrued Interest		(18,079)
		(10,017)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to		
governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the		
current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any		
effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs,		
discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and		
amortized in the statement of activities.		
Repayments of Long-Term Debt		415,000
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$</u>	455,487

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

<u>Exhibit G</u>

December 31, 2020

	PARD Sports Program
Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 16,944
Total Assets	<u>\$ 16,944</u>
Liabilities Due to Others	<u>\$ 16,944</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 16,944</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$</u>

#### **Narrative Profile**

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, was created by an ordinance of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on April 22, 1996, "...as a recreation district to consist of territorial lands and property, both real and personal, in the parish, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) 33:4562 et seq., and Article 6, Section 19 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, to be a body corporate in law and a subdivision of the State, known as "Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 (the "District")."

The District contains within its limits one municipality, the City of Ponchatoula. The governing body of this municipality has given consent to the inclusion of such municipality in the District. The District shall be and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, within the meaning of the constitution and statutes of the State relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds therefore.

The objectives and purposes of the District are to own and operate playgrounds and other facilities and to engage in activities that would promote recreation and any related activity designed to encourage recreation and promote the general health and well-being of youths and all of the goals and purposes as authorized by law. Major revenues for the District include property taxes and state revenue sharing. Major expenditures of the District include capital outlay, debt service, maintenance, supplies, and salaries and related benefits.

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Basis of Presentation

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

The accompanying basic 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, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources*, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, *and Net Position*. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) and to guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

#### B. Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Because the board members of the District are appointed by the Tangipahoa Parish Council, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Council, under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

#### C. Fund Accounting

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

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all of the District'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 that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District.

- <u>General Fund</u> the primary operating fund of the District, which accounts for the operations of the District, except those operations required to be handled in a separate fund. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.
- <u>4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund</u> used to account for the collection of the 4-mil property tax dedicated for the construction and debt service for the gymnasium facility in the District.
- <u>Debt Service Fund</u> accounts for the receipt and disbursement of funds required to service the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness.

#### Fiduciary Fund

The focus of the fiduciary fund is on net position and changes in net position. This fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, this fund has no measurement focus, but uses the modified accrual basis of accounting. The District reports a single fiduciary fund:

<u>Sports Program Fund</u> – this fund is used to account for registration fees collected and held by the District as an agent for local sports organizations.

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

#### Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the non-fiduciary activities of the District with most of the interfund activities removed. 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 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

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

#### Basic Financial Statements – Governmental Funds

The amounts reflected in the General Fund, 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund, and Debt Service Fund 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 Governmental Fund 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 District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund, 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund, and Debt Service Fund 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. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

 $\underline{Revenues}$  – Ad valorem tax revenue, state revenue sharing revenue, and interest revenue are recorded when due. Other revenues are generally recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets (i.e. when the service is performed). Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

<u>Expenditures</u> – Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

<u>Reconciliation</u> - Explanation of differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented in Exhibit D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented in Exhibit F of the basic financial statements.

# E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgetary procedures applicable to the District are defined in state law, LRS 39:1301-15. The major requirements of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are summarized as follows:

- 1. The District adopts a budget each year for the general fund and special revenue funds, if applicable.
- 2. The Chairman prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners for consideration no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. At the same time, if total proposed expenditures are \$500,000 or more, a notice of public hearing on the proposed budget must be published in the official journal.
- 3. All action necessary to adopt and implement the budget must be completed prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. A hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 21, 2019. The budget was adopted on December 19, 2019.
- 4. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board. The budget was amended on December 17, 2020.
- 5. The budgets are integrated into the accounting system, and the budgetary data, as presented in the financial statements for all funds with annual budgets, compare the expenditures with the amended budgets. All budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund presents actual expenditures in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America on a basis consistent with the legally adopted budgets as amended. Unexpended appropriations on annual budgets lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

#### F. Deposits and Investments

The District's cash is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the District 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. In addition, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments for the District are stated at fair value using published market values. The state investment pool (LAMP) operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

#### G. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

The District calculates its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis.

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

# H. Inventory

The District utilizes the "purchase method" of accounting for supplies, whereby expendable operating supplies are recognized as expenditures when purchased. The District did not record any inventory at December 31, 2020, as the amount is immaterial.

### I. Prepaid Items

The District recognizes expenditures for insurance and similar services extending over more than one accounting period when paid.

# J. Capital Assets

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the governmental funds and as assets in the governmentwide financial statements, to the extent the District's capitalization threshold of \$300 is met. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

#### K. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense / expenditure) until then.

#### L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, debt principal payments of both governmental activities are reported as decreases in the balance of the liability on the Statement of Net Position. In the fund financial statements, however, debt principal payments of governmental funds are recognized as expenditures when paid.

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### M. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policies related to sick and vacation leave:

#### Sick Leave

Full-time employees who have been with the District for one year will be given one-week sick leave. Full-time employees can accrue up to two weeks of sick leave time. When an employee has more than two weeks of sick leave available, they will lose the excess time.

#### Vacation Leave

All full-time employees who have been with the District for one year will be given one week of paid vacation based on their vacation hours earned. All full-time employees who have been with the District for two years or more will be given two weeks of paid vacation based on their vacation hours earned. Full-time employees can accrue vacation time up to three weeks. When an employee has more than three weeks vacation time available, they will lose the excess time.

At the time of termination, full-time employees who have worked less than one year will not receive any paid vacation.

#### N. Net Position

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

- 1. Net Investment in Capital Assets consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2. Restricted this component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category

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

#### O. Fund Balance

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

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

#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

- Restricted Fund Balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes due to enabling legislation, State or Federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens. Funds in the 4-Mil Gymnasium Special Revenue Fund and Debt Service Fund are considered to be restricted due to existing debt service paid from those funds.
- 3. Committed Fund Balance amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners (the District's highest level of decision-making authority).
- 4. Assigned Fund Balance amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- 5. Unassigned Fund Balance all amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

#### P. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

#### A. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. See Note 1-E for the procedures the District follows regarding budgets and budgetary accounting. The District complied with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act in adopting and amending its budget for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### B. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note 3, regarding deposits and investments, the District was in compliance with the deposit and investment laws and regulations.

#### C. Deficit Fund Equity

As of December 31, 2020, no District funds had deficit fund balances.

#### 3. Deposits and Investments

As reflected on Exhibit A, the District has cash totaling \$2,142,750 (of which \$977,210 is restricted) and investments totaling \$55,543 at December 31, 2020. As reflected on Exhibit G, the District is holding cash totaling \$16,944 for fiduciary purposes at December 31, 2020.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The following is a summary of cash and investments (bank balances) at December 31, 2020, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledged securities:

Bank Balances:		
Insured (FDIC Insurance)	\$	250,000
Uninsured and Collateralized:		
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name		1,448,172
Uninsured and Uncollateralized		
Total Deposits	<u>\$</u>	1,698,172

The \$466,042 shown as "Cash Held in Trust" represents the remaining cash proceeds from the sale of the \$3,310,000 Series 2018 Revenue Bonds. These funds are currently being held by Hancock Whitney Bank on behalf of the District. Hancock Whitney Bank maintains adequate insurance and collateral on these funds.

Even though the pledged securities are not held in the entity's name, LRS 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

At December 31, 2020, the District's investment balance was as follows:

	R	eported	Fair
	A	mount	 Value
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	\$	55,543	\$ 55,543

Louisiana Asset Management Pool (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 LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LRS 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

Credit Risk: LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u>: 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.

Concentration of Credit Risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5% disclosure requirement.

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 disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 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 was 8 days as of December 31, 2020.

Foreign Currency Risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

LAMP, Inc., issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or by calling (800) 249-5267.

# 4. Receivables

Receivables represent revenues earned in 2020 and received in 2021 as follows:

		General Fund	G	4-Mil ymnasium Fund	Del	bt Service Fund	 Total
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff:							
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	1,516,325	\$	607,425	\$	-	\$ 2,123,750
State Revenue Sharing		122,037		-		-	122,037
Other Receivables		9,500		-		-	9,500
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible		(26,495)		(10,518)		-	 (37,013)
Accounts Receivable, Net	<u>\$</u>	1,621,367	<u>\$</u>	596,907	\$	-	\$ 2,218,274

# 5. Capital Assets

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

	Balance 01/01/20	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/20
Capital Assets not Depreciated:				
Construction in Progress	\$ 577,397	\$ 2,234,592	\$ -	\$ 2,811,989
Land	1,819,453			1,819,453
Total Capital Assets not Depreciated	2,396,850	2,234,592	-	4,631,442
Other Capital Assets:				
Buildings	5,817,476	16,807	-	5,834,283
Land Improvements	3,899,299	58,163	-	3,957,462
Equipment	794,794	17,753	-	812,547
Total Other Capital Assets	10,511,569	92,723	-	10,604,292
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	1,313,315	155,878	-	1,469,193
Land Improvements	1,452,151	155,794	-	1,607,945
Equipment	626,347	44,359		670,706
Total Accumulated Depreciation	3,391,813	356,031	=	3,747,844
Other Capital Assets, Net	7,119,756	(263,308)	-	6,856,448
Totals	<u>\$    9,516,606</u>	<u>\$ 1,971,284</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>\$11,487,890</u>

Depreciation expense of \$356,031 for the year ended December 31, 2020, was charged to the governmental activities.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method on the government-wide basis over the following useful lives:

Land	N/A
Construction in Progress	N/A
Buildings	40 Years
Land Improvements	20 - 30 Years
Equipment	15 Years

# 6. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2020:

Type of Debt	Balance at 01/01/20	Debt Issued	Debt Retired	Balance at 12/31/20	Due Within One Year
Series 2015 \$4,030,000 Revenue Bonds Series 2018 \$3,310,000	\$ 3,915,000	\$-	\$ 140,000	\$ 3,775,000	\$ 140,000
Revenue Bonds	3,045,000 \$ 6,960,000	- \$	275,000 \$ 415,000	2,770,000 \$ 6,545,000	275,000 \$ 415,000

As of December 31, 2020, long-term debt of the District consisted of the following:

# Revenue Bonds:

\$4,030,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 dated December 23, 2015; Due in annual installments of \$25,000 - \$270,000 through June 1, 2039; With interest at variable rates (Payable from a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the 30-year, 4 mil ad valorem tax).	<u>\$ 3,775,000</u>
\$3,310,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 dated August 23, 2018; Due in annual installments of \$55,000 - \$330,000 through June 1, 2039; With interest at variable rates (Payable from a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the 30-year, 4 mil ad valorem tax).	<u>\$ 2,770,000</u>

Payments of Revenue Bond principal and interest are secured primarily by a pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mils, ten year property tax initially approved by voters in the District on July 16, 2005 (and renewed on November 4, 2014), and the four (4.00) mils, thirty year property tax approved by the voters in the District on November 4, 2008.

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at December 31, 2020, including interest payments of \$2,027,056 are as follows:

	\$4,030,000	\$3,310,000	
Year Ended	Revenue	Revenue	
December 31,	Bonds	Bonds	Total
2021	\$ 271,350	\$ 367,375	\$ 638,725
2022	272,775	368,675	641,450
2023	278,275	364,750	643,025
2024	278,550	360,675	639,225
2025	273,750	366,300	640,050
2026 - 2030	1,379,150	712,920	2,092,070
2031 - 2035	1,367,615	455,432	1,823,047
2036 - 2039	1,095,400	359,064	1,454,464
	5,216,865	3,355,191	8,572,056
Less: Interest Portion	1,441,865	585,191	2,027,056
	<u>\$ 3,775,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,770,000</u>	\$ 6,545,000

#### 7. Ad Valorem Taxes

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

General Fund	10.00 Mils
4-Mil Gymnasium Fund	4.00 Mils

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed and recognized as revenue when billed.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff bills and collects property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Tangipahoa Parish. For the year ended December 31, 2020, taxes were levied on property with taxable assessed valuations totaling \$1,516,649.

Total taxes levied were \$2,124,199. At December 31, 2020, the ad valorem tax receivable was \$2,123,750 and the state revenue sharing receivable was \$122,037. Ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31, 2020, are recorded net of a 2% allowance for uncollectible taxes.

### 8. Tax Abatements

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is an original state incentive program which offers attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, for up to ten years, local property taxes (ad valorem) on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. This exemption is granted per contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and will specify the buildings and / or personal property items covered by the exemption. There are currently forty (40) tax abatements in Tangipahoa Parish, related to fifteen (15) companies, under the Louisiana ITEP. For the 2020 calendar year, estimated forgone ad valorem taxes due to this abatement program was \$23,397 for the District.

# 9. Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - Ad Valorem Tax

Proceeds of the 10 year special tax of 10 mils on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in the District (2020 collections \$1,512,435) are dedicated for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, and / or operating recreational facilities and activities in and for the District.

Proceeds of the 30 year special tax of 4 mils on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in the District (2020 collections \$597,617) are dedicated for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, improve, and equip a multipurpose gymnasium facility and other recreation facilities within the District; to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith; and to authorize the funding of the proceeds of said tax into bonds.

The District, through its governing authority, adopted a resolution on December 23, 2015, authorizing the issuance of \$4,030,000 of Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, for the purpose of an advance refunding on the \$6,160,000 Limited Tax Revenue Bonds (Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Project), Series 2009. In that resolution, the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mils, ten (10) year property tax and the four (4.00) mils, thirty (30) year property tax were pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for payment of the bonds authorized and interest as they become due and for other purposes.

The District, through its governing authority, adopted a resolution on April 19, 2018, authorizing the issuance of \$3,310,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, for the purpose of financing the construction and equipping of additional recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, a new multi-purpose gymnasium facility within the District. In that resolution, the proceeds of the ten (10.00) mils, ten (10) year property tax and the four (4.00) mils, thirty (30) year property tax were pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for payment of the bonds authorized and interest as they become due and for other purposes.

After funds have been set aside out of the revenues of the taxes for each tax roll year sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds for the ensuing calendar year, then any excess of annual revenues of the taxes remaining for that tax roll year shall be free for expenditure by the District for the purposes for which the taxes were authorized by the voters.

As of December 31, 2020, the District was in compliance with all bond covenants.

#### 10. Deferred Compensation Plan

The District maintains an Oppenheimer Funds SIMPLE IRA plan under Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the plan, qualified employees may defer up to \$13,000 of their salary. The District will match up to 3% of the employee's salary. The District's contributions totaled \$10,632 during the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### 11. Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the District at December 31, 2020.

#### 12. Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 16, 2021.

- In February of 2021, the Board passed a resolution approving the sell of parcels of land owned by Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 for the Tangipahoa Parish Government Hoover Road Widening Project.
- The new gymnasium addition officially opened on March 18, 2021

No other subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

**Required Supplemental Information:** 

**Budgetary Comparison Schedules** 

# **Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana** Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Variance - Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,405,742	· ·	\$ 1,512,435	\$ 56,693
State Revenue Sharing	115,000	,	122,037	7,037
Donations	20,000	-	19,250	(750)
Rental Income	30,000	· · · · · ·	4,845	(25,155)
Other Income	12,000	·	24,177	12,177
Total Revenues	1,582,742	1,632,742	1,682,744	50,002
Expenditures:				
Parks and Recreation:				
Salaries & Related Benefits	921,000	880,000	746,674	133,326
Legal and Professional	30,000	30,000	29,658	342
Repairs & Maintenance	190,000	190,000	140,974	49,026
Telephone and Utilities	<b>90,00</b> 0	90,000	75,565	14,435
Office Expenses	70,000	72,300	44,541	27,759
Insurance	95,000	136,000	123,242	12,758
Pension Fund Mandate	55,000	55,000	58,610	(3,610)
Other	32,600	30,300	5,579	24,721
Capital Outlay	2,867,994	2,867,994	2,327,315	540,679
Bond Closing Cost	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	4,351,594	4,351,594	3,552,158	799.436
Excess / (Deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	(2.768,852	) (2,718,852)	(1,869,414)	849,438
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	5,062,308	5,062,308	5,062,308	-
Fund Balance - End of the Year	\$ 2.293,456	·	\$ 3,192,894	\$ 849,438

# **Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana** Budgetary Comparison Schedule – 4-Mil Gymnasium Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Va Fav	al Budget priance - vorable / favorable)
Revenues:			đ.					
Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>\$</u>	561,098	<u>\$</u>	591,098	\$	597,617	<u>\$</u>	6,519
<b>Total Revenues</b>		561,098		591,098		597,617		6,519
Expenditures:								
Parks and Recreation:								
Office Expenses		50		50		-		50
Pension Fund Mandate		21,000		21,000		23,478		(2,478)
Debt Service		646,415		639,925		636,332		3,593
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	•	667,465		660,975		659,810		1,165
Excess / (Deficiency) of								
Revenues over Expenditures		(106,367)		(69,877)		(62,193)		7,684
Fund Balance:								
Beginning of the Year		1,185,345		1,185,345		1,185,345		-
End of the Year	<u>\$</u>	1,078,978	<u>\$</u>	1,115,468	<u>\$</u>	1,123,152	\$	7,684

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Revenues:								
Other Income	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	=	\$	4	\$	4
<b>Total Revenues</b>		-		-		4		4
Expenditures:								
Debt Service		-		-		-		-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		-		-		-		-
Change in Fund Balances		-		-		4		4
Fund Balance:								
Beginning of the Year		719		719		719	<u></u>	-
End of the Year	\$	719	\$	719	\$	723	\$	4

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Schedule 3

See independent auditor's report

**Other Supplemental Information** 

Ponchatoula Basketball Association

Unsettled Deposits - End of the Year

Ponchatoula Youth Volleyball

**Online Processing Fees** 

**Total Reductions** 

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Agency Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2020				
Unsettled Deposits - Beginning of the Year	\$	17,142		
Additions:				
Deposits:				
Online Registrations		79,340		
Interest		118		
Total Additions		79,458		
Reductions:				
Ponchatoula Youth Baseball/Softball		75,894		

Schedule 4

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#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Schedule 5

Position Name and Address Salary Term Expires Greg Fletcher Chairman April 2023 618 W. Willow Ponchatoula, LA 70454 Commissioner Roger Kennedy -April 2025 39092 Dutch Lane Ponchatoula, LA 70454 Ronald Rocquin Commissioner April 2021 -11533 Spring Creek Drive Hammond, LA 70403 Terry Byers Commissioner April 2022 40271 Byers Rd Ponchatoula, LA 70454 Marshall Graves Commissioner \$ April 2024 -507 North 3rd St. Ponchatoula, LA 70454 \$ -

See independent auditor's report.

#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Purpose	Å	Amount
Salary	\$	78,757
Benefits - Insurance		10,010
Benefits - Retirement		2,363
Deferred Compensation		-
Benefits - Other - Supplemental Pay		-
Car Allowance		-
Vehicle Provided by Government		-
Vehicle Rental		-
Cell Phone		-
Dues		-
Per Diem		-
Reimbursements		-
Travel		-
Registration Fees		-
Conference Travel		-
Housing		-
Unvouchered Expenses		-
Special Meals		-
Other	·	-
	\$	91,130

# Agency Head: Paul Jacob Stevens, Park Director

Other Independent Auditor's Reports and Findings, Recommendations, and Responses

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

Mr. Greg Fletcher, Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1, as of for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2021.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and responses as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1'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

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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*.

#### Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's Response to Findings

The Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1'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 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.

James, hambert Riggs

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

June 16, 2021

# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 Ponchatoula, Louisiana Schedule of Current Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, 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 16, 2021. Our audit of the basic financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion.

# Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

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

Internal Control: Material Weakness Significant Deficiencies	X Yes Yes	No _X No
Compliance: Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	Yes	<u>    X    </u> No
Management Letter		
Was a management letter issued?	Yes	<u> </u>

Section II Financial Statement Findings

# Internal Control over Financial Reporting

# 2020-001 – Financial Statement Preparation

#### Condition:

2.

As is common in small organizations, management has chosen to engage the auditors to propose certain yearend adjusting journal entries and to prepare the annual financial statements. Consistent with this decision, internal controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and annual financial statements, complete with notes, have not been fully implemented. Under generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), this condition represents a material weakness in internal controls. GAAS does not provide exceptions to reporting deficiencies that are adequately mitigated with non-audit services rendered by the auditor or deficiencies for which the remedy would be cost prohibitive or otherwise impractical.

This condition was also noted in the prior year.

# <u>Criteria:</u>

Internal controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and annual financial statements, complete with notes, are necessary in order for management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis.

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# Cause:

This condition is intentional by management based on the District's lack of financial complexity, along with the cost prohibitive nature of acquiring the ability to prepare financial statements.

# Effect:

Management and employees are unable to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

# Recommendation:

We recommend no action be taken.

# Management's Response:

See the attached management response letter.

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

None

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	Fiscal Year Findings		Corrective			
Ref #	Initially Occurred	Description of Findings	Action Taken			
Internal Contr 2019-001	ol over Financial Report December 31, 2019	ting Financial Statement Preparation	None			
2010 002	·	Improvements in Existing Internal				
2019-002 December 31, 2019 Controls Over Payroll Resolved						
Compliance and Other Matters						

None

# Note: This schedule prepared by management of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1.



# Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1

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June 22, 2021

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Post Office Drawer 369 Hammond, LA 70404

Dear Mr. Paul Riggs:

In response to the Audit Report by James Lambert Riggs & Associates of the Ponchatoula Area Recreation District for the Year Ended December 31, 2020:

Section II Financial Statement Findings

**Financial Statement Preparation** 

1. Internal Control over Financial Reporting is due to the size of the organization and limited number of employee with no specialized training in auditing standards. Management chose to engage auditors to prepare annual financial statements and year-end adjustments.

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely, Jast

P. Jacob Stevens, Park Manager / Interim Secretary Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1