

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Mary Levee District
Morgan City, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of St. Mary Levee District (District), 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 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 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 the District 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 and the schedule of District's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability on pages 31 through 33 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 inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted 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 District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to executive director, the schedule of compensation paid to board members, and the annual report for tax year 2020 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to executive director, the schedule of compensation paid to board members, the annual report for tax year 2020, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to executive director, the schedule of compensation paid to board members, the annual report for tax year 2020, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 30, 2021, on our consideration of the District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Morgan City, Louisiana
June 30, 2021

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Current assets | |
| Cash | \$ 7,859,686 |
| Taxes receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible taxes) | 2,433,479 |
| Due from other governmental units | 20,915,473 |
| Prepaid expenses | <u>64,572</u> |
| Total current assets | 31,273,210 |
| Noncurrent assets | |
| Nondepreciable capital assets | 51,376,368 |
| Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | <u>6,059,540</u> |
| Total noncurrent assets | <u>57,435,908</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 88,709,118 |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB | <u>10,418</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>\$ 88,719,536</u> |

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Current liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 6,675 |
| Accrued payroll taxes | 3,512 |
| Contracts payable | 6,287,465 |
| Current portion of long-term liabilities | 453,594 |
| Accrued interest | 184,115 |
| Due to other governmental units | <u>5,395,247</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 12,330,608 |
| Long-term liabilities | |
| Noncurrent portion of bond payable | 12,560,037 |
| Other postemployment benefit liability | <u>93,555</u> |
| Total long-term liabilities | <u>12,653,592</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 24,984,200 |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB | 24,057 |
| Net position | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 57,435,908 |
| Unrestricted | <u>6,275,371</u> |
| Total net position | <u>63,711,279</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION | <u>\$ 88,719,536</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Program Revenues | | Net (Expense) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Charges for Services | Capital Grants and Contributions | Revenue and Changes in Net Position |
| | | | | Governmental Activities |
| Governmental activities: | | | | |
| Flood protection | \$ 2,018,337 | \$ 1,300 | \$37,474,196 | \$ 35,457,159 |
| Interest | <u>531,517</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(531,517)</u> |
| Total governmental activities | <u>2,549,854</u> | <u>1,300</u> | <u>37,474,196</u> | <u>34,925,642</u> |
| General Revenues: | | | | |
| | | | | 2,759,040 |
| Ad valorem taxes | | | | 187,342 |
| Interest and investment earnings | | | | 103 |
| Rents and royalties | | | | <u>100</u> |
| Other income | | | | <u>2,946,585</u> |
| Total general revenues | | | | <u>37,872,227</u> |
| Change in net position | | | | <u>25,839,052</u> |
| Net position - beginning | | | | <u>\$ 63,711,279</u> |
| Net position - ending | | | | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
December 31, 2020

| | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash | \$ 5,895,625 | \$ 1,964,061 | \$ 7,859,686 |
| Taxes receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible taxes) | 2,433,479 | - | 2,433,479 |
| Due from other funds | 2,985,573 | (2,985,573) | - |
| Due from other governmental units | <u>2,401,662</u> | <u>18,513,811</u> | <u>20,915,473</u> |
| Total current assets | <u>\$13,716,339</u> | <u>\$17,492,299</u> | <u>\$31,208,638</u> |
| LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 6,675 | \$ - | \$ 6,675 |
| Accrued payroll taxes | 3,512 | - | 3,512 |
| Contracts payable | 220,993 | 6,066,472 | 6,287,465 |
| Due to other governmental units | <u>5,395,247</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,395,247</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 5,626,427 | 6,066,472 | 11,692,899 |
| Deferred inflows of resources | 177,799 | 6,946,443 | 7,124,242 |
| Fund balance | | | |
| Committed | - | 2,022,972 | 2,022,972 |
| Unassigned | <u>7,912,113</u> | <u>2,456,412</u> | <u>10,368,525</u> |
| Total fund balance | <u>7,912,113</u> | <u>4,479,384</u> | <u>12,391,497</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE | <u>\$13,716,339</u> | <u>\$17,492,299</u> | <u>\$31,208,638</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Total fund balances - governmental funds | \$ 12,391,497 |
| Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because: | |
| Revenues that are not considered available are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as revenue in the governmental fund. | 7,124,242 |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund. | 57,435,908 |
| Prepaid expenses involve the payment of obligations that are attributable to fiscal periods beyond the end of the current fiscal year with current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund. | 64,572 |
| Long-term liabilities, which include other postemployment benefit obligations and bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund. | (13,107,186) |
| Deferred inflows of resources associated with other postemployment benefit liability are not payable from current expendable resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund. | (24,057) |
| Deferred outflows of resources associated with other postemployment benefit liability are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund. | 10,418 |
| Accrued interest payable on long-term debt. | <u>(184,115)</u> |
| Net position of governmental activities | <u>\$ 63,711,279</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

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

| | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Taxes - ad valorem | \$ 2,750,288 | \$ - | \$ 2,750,288 |
| Interest income | 89,331 | 98,011 | 187,342 |
| Intergovernmental | | | |
| Local sources | 102,917 | - | 102,917 |
| Federal sources | 81,659 | 23,238,705 | 23,320,364 |
| State sources | 1,078,909 | 7,315,000 | 8,393,909 |
| Permits | 1,300 | - | 1,300 |
| Rents and royalties | 103 | - | 103 |
| Other income | <u>100</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Total revenues | 4,104,607 | 30,651,716 | 34,756,323 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Current - | | | |
| Flood protection: | | | |
| General administrative | 196,244 | 15 | 196,259 |
| Insurance | 55,733 | - | 55,733 |
| Levee maintenance | 467,286 | - | 467,286 |
| Personal services | 144,845 | - | 144,845 |
| Professional services | 437,493 | - | 437,493 |
| Rental | 68,010 | - | 68,010 |
| Supplies and materials | 161,764 | - | 161,764 |
| Utilities | 7,180 | - | 7,180 |
| Intergovernmental expense | 221,840 | - | 221,840 |
| Capital outlay | 579,357 | 40,627,399 | 41,206,756 |
| Debt service - | | | |
| Principal paid | 415,000 | - | 415,000 |
| Interest expense | <u>560,644</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>560,644</u> |
| Total expenditures | <u>3,315,396</u> | <u>40,627,414</u> | <u>43,942,810</u> |
| Deficiency of revenues over expenditures | 789,211 | (9,975,698) | (9,186,487) |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | |
| Transfers in | - | 883,581 | 883,581 |
| Transfers out | <u>(883,581)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(883,581)</u> |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>(883,581)</u> | <u>883,581</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in fund balance | (94,370) | (9,092,117) | (9,186,487) |
| Fund balance, beginning | <u>8,006,483</u> | <u>13,571,501</u> | <u>21,577,984</u> |
| Fund balance, ending | <u>\$ 7,912,113</u> | <u>\$ 4,479,384</u> | <u>\$ 12,391,497</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

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

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (9,186,487)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Revenues that are considered available provide current financial resources to governmental funds; however, in the statement of activities, revenues that are not considered available are reported. This is the difference between prior year and current year revenues that were not considered available. 5,665,758

Certain expenditures of the governmental fund involve the payment of current financial resources for obligations attributable to fiscal periods following the close of the current fiscal period. The portion of payments for insurance coverage attributable to periods after December 31, 2020 are classified as prepaid expenses in the statement of net position. This is the difference between prior year and current year accruals. (63,512)

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 by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period. 41,021,770

Payments on long-term debt use current financial resources of governmental funds; however, retiring debt decreases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 415,000

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. Interest expense in the statement of activities also accounts for amortization of bond premiums and discounts. This is the difference between the current year and prior year interest accruals and amortization. 29,127

The other postemployment benefit liability does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund. (9,429)

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 37,872,227

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

St. Mary Levee District (District) was created on July 1, 2007 by Act No. 259 in the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (State). The District consists of all lands in St. Mary Parish. The management and control of the District is vested in a Board of Commissioners (Board) appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the St. Mary Parish Council and local state legislators. In addition to any other powers and duties provided by law, the primary duty of the Board shall be to establish, construct, operate, and maintain flood control works as they relate to hurricane protection, tidewater flooding, saltwater intrusion, and conservation. The Board has the authority to issue bonds and levy taxes on all property within the District.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, has established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity and other reporting relationships. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

1. Appointment of a voting majority of the governing board, and
 - a. The ability of the reporting entity to impose its will on the organization, or
 - b. The potential of the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the reporting entity.
2. Organizations which are fiscally dependent.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature of significance of the relationship.

The District is considered a related organization of the State. Although the Governor appoints the governing board, the State does not have a financial benefit or burden relationship with the District. Because the State does not have financial accountability for the District, the District is excluded from the reporting entity of the State. The nature of the State's relationship with the District is disclosed in the State's audited financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the State.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Change in Accounting

The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, during the year ended December 31, 2020. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The adoption of this standard had no impact on the District's governmental fund or government-wide financial statements.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The District's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all activities of the District and the governmental fund financial statements (individual major funds).

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the government. Both the government-wide and the fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses having a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include operating and capital grants received from federal and state agencies and charges for services including permits and letters-of-no-objection. Taxes and items not properly included among program revenues are reported as *general revenues*.

A separate financial statement is provided for the governmental funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are earned.

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

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Ad valorem taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which such taxes are levied and billed to the taxpayers. Other major revenues that are considered susceptible to accrual include intergovernmental revenues.

The District has the following fund types:

Governmental Fund –

The focus of the governmental fund's measurement (in the fund statement) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the District:

General Fund –

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

Capital Projects Fund –

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources used for the construction of the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Structure, the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure, and other construction projects.

Capital Assets

The accounting treatment of property, plant, and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as noncurrent assets. All capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or greater are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost for assets for which historical cost is not available. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized while other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Computers | 3 years |
| Machinery and Equipment | 5 years |
| Vehicles, Office Equipment, and Furniture | 7 years |
| Improvements other than buildings | 20 years |
| Bridges | 20 years |
| Buildings | 40 years |
| Barge Structures and Sheet Pile Systems | 40 years |

Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Equity Classifications

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported in three categories, as follows:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net position items with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – consists of the net amount of assets and liabilities that do not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, the District applies restricted net position first.

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balances are classified as follows:

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Non-spendable – Includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Includes amounts that can be used only under constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or under constraints that are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by formal action of the District’s Board of Commissioners. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the District’s Board of Commissioners. As of December 31, 2020, bond proceeds of \$2,022,972 were committed to capital outlay expense for the Bayou Teche construction project and the Yokely Levee Extension construction project.

Assigned – Includes amounts that are constrained by the government’s intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – Includes all other spendable amounts.

For the classification of governmental fund balances, the District considers an expenditure to be made from the most restrictive classification first when there is more than one classification available.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – Fund Financial Statements

Ad valorem taxes levied at December 31, 2020 totaling \$177,799, reimbursements due from the Department of Transportation and Development totaling \$2,070,359 related to the Bayou Teche Flood Control Structure, and reimbursements due from the Department of the Interior totaling \$4,876,084 related to the Bayou Chene Flood Control Structure are not considered to be available to finance operations of the current period and are reported as deferred inflows of resources. These revenues are recognized as operating revenues when they become available.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources – Government-wide Financial Statements

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The District reported deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District reported deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits.

See Note 6 for additional information related to deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Compensated Absences

Employees of the District earn from ten to fifteen days of vacation leave each year based on length of service. Vacation leave must be used in the year earned with the exception of one week of unused vacation which may be taken ninety days into the following calendar year. Employees of the District earn ten days of sick leave per year, with the ability to accrue a maximum of twenty days of sick leave after two years of service. Unused sick time is not accrued and is not a compensable item upon an employee's termination from employment.

Use of Estimates

The District uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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 is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Debt issuance costs are reported as an expenditure.

Net Other Postemployment Benefit Obligations

The District applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This pronouncement requires the District to calculate and recognize a net *other postemployment benefit* (OPEB) liability or asset at year end. See Note 6 for further details.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Short-term interfund loans are reported as “due from other funds.” Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocation of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purpose of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 30, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 CASH

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in the United States bonds, notes or bills as well as certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

The carrying value of the District’s cash and interest-bearing deposits with financial institutions at December 31, 2020 totaled \$7,859,686 and the bank balance was \$8,052,945. Federal deposit insurance covered \$250,000 of the deposits while the remaining deposits were covered by collateral held by the pledging bank’s agent in the District’s name in the amount of \$13,551,354. Cash and interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

Louisiana R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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NOTE 3 AD VALOREM TAXES

Ad valorem taxes are levied in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in November or December. These taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1st of each year. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1st of the following year. The St. Mary Parish Tax Collector bills and collects property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the St. Mary Parish Assessor. District property tax revenues are budgeted in the year billed.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, 5.00 mills were authorized and dedicated for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and operating hurricane protection facilities within the District.

Total taxes levied during 2020 were \$2,866,810. Taxes receivable at December 31, 2020 consisted of \$2,467,531 for the 2020 assessment, of which approximately 1.38 percent or \$34,052 was considered uncollectible.

NOTE 4 DUE FROM AND TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The amount due from other governmental units at December 31, 2020, consisted of unpaid reimbursements of \$630,000 from the State of Louisiana's Office of Facility Planning and Control relating to funding for the Franklin Canal Pump Station, unpaid reimbursements of \$65,449 from the Town of Baldwin related to land acquisition costs paid by the District on behalf of the Town, unpaid reimbursements of \$1,706,213 from FEMA for expenses incurred relating to the flood event of 202019, unpaid reimbursements of \$4,494,678 from the Department of Transportation and Development for expenses incurred relating to the Bayou Teche Flood Control Structure, and unpaid reimbursements of \$14,019,133 from the Department of the Interior for expenses incurred relating to the Bayou Chene Flood Control Structure.

The amount due to other governmental units at December 31, 2020, consisted of the following: \$2,170,000 from an obligation to refund the CPRA for funding that CPRA provided to the District for flood fighting in connection with the threat of flooding from the Mississippi River, the Atchafalaya River, and related bodies of water in May 2011; \$640,000 due to the CPRA for funding that CPRA provided in connection with the Franklin Canal Pump Station construction project completed during the year ended December 31, 2015; \$2,540,253 due to the CPRA for amounts expected to be received by the District from FEMA for expenses incurred relating to the flood event of 202019, as per an intergovernmental agreement with the CPRA; and \$44,994 due to the St. Mary Parish Council for grass cutting services.

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020, was as follows:

| | Beginning Balance | Additions | Deletions | Ending Balance |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Construction in progress | \$ 10,145,854 | \$ 41,206,756 | \$ - | \$ 51,352,610 |
| Land | <u>23,758</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,758</u> |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated | 10,169,612 | 41,206,756 | - | 51,376,368 |
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Computers | 1,169 | - | - | 1,169 |
| Machinery and equipment | 68,599 | - | - | 68,599 |
| Vehicles | 28,993 | - | - | 28,993 |
| Office equipment | 21,149 | - | - | 21,149 |
| Improvements other than buildings | 15,635 | - | - | 15,635 |
| Flood protection infrastructure | <u>6,953,188</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,953,188</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | 7,088,733 | - | - | 7,088,733 |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | | |
| Computers | (487) | (390) | - | (877) |
| Machinery and equipment | (63,654) | (3,663) | - | (67,317) |
| Vehicles | (14,841) | (4,142) | - | (18,983) |
| Office equipment | (12,619) | (2,180) | - | (14,799) |
| Improvements other than buildings | (3,246) | (781) | - | (4,027) |
| Flood protection infrastructure | <u>(749,360)</u> | <u>(173,830)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(923,190)</u> |
| Total accumulated depreciation | <u>(844,207)</u> | <u>(184,986)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(1,029,193)</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | <u>6,244,526</u> | <u>(184,986)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,059,540</u> |
| Total capital assets, net | <u>\$ 16,414,138</u> | <u>\$ 41,021,770</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 57,435,908</u> |

Depreciation charged to expense was \$184,986 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Construction in Progress

The costs associated with the engineering, design, and construction of the Bayou Chene Flood Control Structure construction project of \$37,930,317 are included in construction in progress at December 31, 2020. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved and disbursed \$1,800,000 of financial assistance for the design and engineering phase of the project. Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD) also pledged to contribute, and has provided, \$500,000 to the St. Mary Levee District to partially fund the design and engineering fees of the project. In addition, the Department of the Interior, through GOMESA grant funding, has pledged up to \$5,000,000 for the engineering and design phase of the project and up to \$75,000,000 for the construction phase of the project. As of December 31, 2020, \$18,529,161 of those funds were received by the District, via the CPRA as a pass-through entity.

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The costs associated with the engineering, design, and construction of the Bayou Teche Flood Control Structure construction project of \$12,821,452 are included in construction in progress at December 31, 2020. The construction costs for this project are eligible for partial reimbursement by a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development grant. As of December 31, 2020, \$4,890,682 of reimbursements were received by the District from the Department of Transportation and Development. The District issued \$13,000,000 in Limited Tax Revenue Bonds during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 to assist with financing this project. See Note 11 for further details.

The costs associated with the preliminary engineering phase of the Yokely Levee Extension construction project of \$217,778 are included in construction in progress at December 31, 2020. The District issued \$13,000,000 in Limited Tax Revenue Bonds during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 to assist with financing this project. See Note 11 for further details.

The costs associated with the preliminary engineering phase of the Lakeside Subdivision Levee Improvements construction project of \$383,063 are included in construction in progress at December 31, 2020.

NOTE 6 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides post-employment health care and life insurance benefits for substantially all employees if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through a self-insured/ self-funded plan. At December 31, 2020, the District had two employees receiving health benefits through the Office of Group Benefits.

Plan Description

Employees may participate in the State of Louisiana's Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (OPEB Plan), a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB Plan that provides medical and life insurance to eligible active employees, retirees and their beneficiaries. The State administers the plan through the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Louisiana Revised Statute 42:801-883 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. The OGB does not issue a publicly available financial report of the OPEB Plan; however, it is included in the State of Louisiana Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A copy of the CAFR may be obtained on the Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy's website at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osrap. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph four of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

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NOTE 6 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Benefits Provided

The OPEB plan provides benefits such as: death benefits, life insurance, disability, and long-term care that are paid in the period after employment and that are provided separately from a pension plan, as well as healthcare benefits paid in the period after employment. The OPEB plan does not provide termination benefits or termination payments for sick leave.

Contributions

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:801-883. The OPEB Plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through a combination of retiree and District contributions. Employees do not contribute to their postemployment benefits cost until they become retirees and begin receiving post-employment benefits. The retirees contribute to the cost of their post-employment benefits based on a service schedule. Contribution amounts vary depending on what healthcare provider is selected from the plan and if the member has Medicare coverage. There were no contributions to the OPEB Plan from the District for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Employer contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. This percentage is based on the date of participation in an OGB plan (before or after January 1, 2002) and employee years of service at retirement. Employees with continuous OGB medical coverage starting before January 1, 2002 pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage in retirement. Employees with an OGB medical participation start (or re-start) date after December 31, 2001 pay a percentage of the total retiree contribution rate based on the following schedule:

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Retiree Share</u> | <u>State Share</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Under 10 years | 81% | 19% |
| 10 - 14 years | 62% | 38% |
| 15 - 19 years | 44% | 56% |
| 20+ years | 25% | 75% |

OGB also provides eligible retirees Basic Term Life, Basic Plus Supplemental Term Life, Dependent Term Life, and Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage, which is underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America. The total premium is approximately \$1 per thousand dollars of coverage of which the employer pays one-half of the premium. Maximum coverage is capped at \$50,000 with a reduction formula of 25% at age 65 and 50% at age 70, with accidental death and dismemberment coverage ceasing at age 70 for retirees.

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NOTE 6 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

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

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$93,555 for its proportionate share of the total OPEB liability. The OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the total OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's total OPEB liability relative to the projected total OPEB liability of all participating employers, actuarially determined. As of July 1, 2019, the District's proportion was .0019%.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$9,429. As of December 31, 2020, the District 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 | \$ 10,418 | \$ - |
| Changes of assumptions | <u>-</u> | <u>24,057</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 10,418</u> | <u>\$ 24,057</u> |

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

| Year ending December 31: | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2021 | \$ (4,022) |
| 2022 | (4,022) |
| 2023 | (3,272) |
| 2024 | <u>(2,323)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ (13,639)</u> |

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NOTE 6 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Inflation | 2.80% |
| Salary Increases | Consistent with the pension valuation assumptions |
| Investment Rate of Return | 2.79% based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Rate Index |
| Healthcare Cost Trend | 7% - 4.5% |
| Mortality Rates | For active lives, the RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Table, adjusted by 0.978 for males and 1.144 for females, and then projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. For healthy retiree lives, the RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table, adjusted by 1.417 for females, projected from 2014 on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. For disabled retiree lives, the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, adjusted by 1.009 for males and 1.043 for females, not projected with mortality improvement. |

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based upon the assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana pension valuations for the mortality, retirement, termination, disability, and salary scale assumptions.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability decreased from 2.98% to 2.79% in the July 1, 2019 valuation. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates. Based on this assumption and as the OPEB Plan is unfunded, the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments for current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a discount rate that reflects the 20-year tax exempt municipal bond yield or index rate.

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NOTE 6 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current discount rate:

| | <u>1% Decrease</u> | <u>Current Discount Rate</u> | <u>1% Increase</u> |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 1.79% | 2.79% | 3.79% |
| Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability | \$ <u>117,495</u> | \$ <u>93,555</u> | \$ <u>75,171</u> |

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

| | <u>1% Decrease</u> | <u>Current Trend Rate</u> | <u>1% Increase</u> |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability | \$ <u>72,038</u> | \$ <u>93,555</u> | \$ <u>122,712</u> |

NOTE 7 OPERATING LEASES

The District entered into a 5-year cancelable building lease for \$2,685 per month beginning on August 1, 2016. The District has the option to renew the lease for an additional 5-year period beginning on August 1, 2021. Payments on this lease totaling \$32,220 were made during the year ended December 31, 2020.

The District extended a 12-month cancelable land lease on a month to month basis for \$500 per month beginning on June 1, 2019. Payments on this lease totaling \$6,000 were made during the year ended December 31, 2020.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 7 OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

The District entered into a 12-month cancelable land lease for \$1,495 per month beginning on July 1, 2016. This lease was extended on a month to month basis. Payments on this lease totaling \$17,940 were made during the year ended December 31, 2020.

The District entered into a 12-month cancelable land lease for \$700 per month beginning on October 1, 2019. This lease will be extended on a month to month basis for a period not to exceed three years beyond the primary term. Payments on this lease totaling \$8,850 were made during the year ended December 31, 2020.

The District entered into an 18-month cancelable surface lease for \$6,800 per month beginning on November 1, 2020, and continuing on a month to month basis thereafter, for up to an additional six months. Payments on this lease totaling \$13,600 were made during the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOTE 8 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Beginning in the year ended December 31, 2014, the District elected to adopt a deferred compensation plan option for all full-time employees. Employees of the District are allowed to participate in the State of Louisiana Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Complete disclosures relating to the Plan are included in the separately-issued financial report for the Plan, available directly from the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan office, 9100 Bluebonnet Centre Boulevard, Suite 203, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

Contributions are made voluntarily by the employee through payroll deductions, with the District making matching contributions up to 10% of the participating employees' regular gross wages. There were no participants in the plan during the year ended December 31, 2020; therefore, the total employer contribution expense for the year was \$0.

NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has elected to purchase insurance coverage through the commercial insurance market to cover its exposure to loss. The District is insured up to policy limits for each of the above risks. There were no significant changes in coverages, retentions, or limits during the year ended December 31, 2020. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the previous three fiscal years.

NOTE 10 CONTINGENCIES

The District recognizes as revenue grant monies received as reimbursement for costs incurred in certain Federal and State programs it administers. Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the

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NOTE 10 CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the District. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 11 CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term liability transactions for governmental activities during the year:

| | Balance 12/31/2019 | Additions | Reductions | Balance 12/31/2020 | Due Within One Year |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Bonds payable: | | | | | |
| General obligation bonds | \$13,000,000 | \$ - | \$ 415,000 | \$12,585,000 | \$ 430,000 |
| Premium on bonds payable | 551,892 | - | 28,794 | 523,098 | 28,794 |
| Discount on bonds payable | <u>(99,667)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(5,200)</u> | <u>(94,467)</u> | <u>(5,200)</u> |
| Total bonds payable | 13,452,225 | - | 438,594 | 13,013,631 | 453,594 |
| Other liabilities: | | | | | |
| Other postemployment benefits | <u>94,044</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>489</u> | <u>93,555</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total other liabilities | <u>94,044</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>489</u> | <u>93,555</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total long-term obligations | <u>\$13,546,269</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 439,083</u> | <u>\$13,107,186</u> | <u>\$ 453,594</u> |

General obligation bonds payable consist of \$13,000,000 Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, dated December 6, 2018, and secured by ad valorem tax revenue proceeds. The bonds are due in annual installments of \$415,000 to \$945,000, beginning March 1, 2020 and maturing March 1, 2039, bearing interest at 4.0% to 5.0%. The annual requirements to amortize bonds payable are as follows:

| Year ending December 31, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2021 | \$ 430,000 | 543,744 | \$ 973,744 |
| 2022 | 450,000 | 526,144 | 976,144 |
| 2023 | 465,000 | 507,844 | 972,844 |
| 2024 | 485,000 | 486,419 | 971,419 |
| 2025 | 510,000 | 461,544 | 971,544 |
| 2026-2030 | 2,955,000 | 1,889,095 | 4,844,095 |
| 2031-2035 | 3,725,000 | 1,101,775 | 4,826,775 |
| 2036-2039 | <u>3,565,000</u> | <u>296,232</u> | <u>3,861,232</u> |
| | <u>\$12,585,000</u> | <u>\$ 5,812,797</u> | <u>\$18,397,797</u> |

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NOTE 12 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Interfund balances at December 31, 2020 consisted of the following amounts:

| | <u>Receivables</u> | <u>Payables</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ 2,985,573 | \$ - |
| Capital Projects Fund | | |
| General Fund | <u>-</u> | <u>2,985,573</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,985,573</u> | <u>\$ 2,985,573</u> |

NOTE 13 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

A summary of interfund transfers follows:

| | <u>Transfers in</u> | <u>Transfers out</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ - | \$ 883,581 |
| Capital Projects Fund | | |
| General Fund | <u>883,581</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 883,581</u> | <u>\$ 883,581</u> |

NOTE 14 SINKING FUND REQUIREMENT

For the payment of the principal of and the interest on the \$13,000,000 Limited Tax Revenue Bonds (Bonds), there shall be established and maintained a special fund known as "Limited Tax Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund" (the "Sinking Fund"). The District shall deposit in the Sinking Fund from the first revenues of the ad valorem tax received in any calendar year a sum equal to the principal and interest falling due on the Bonds in that calendar year.

NOTE 15 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) was reported to have surfaced in China. The World Health Organization has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. The COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting supply chains and affecting production and sales across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on our operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on our taxpayers, employees and vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact our financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | | Positive (Negative) |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Taxes - ad valorem | \$ 2,750,000 | \$ 2,650,000 | \$2,750,288 | \$ 100,288 |
| Interest income | 140,000 | 185,390 | 89,331 | (96,059) |
| Intergovernmental | | | | |
| Local sources | - | 65,000 | 102,917 | 37,917 |
| Federal sources | - | 221,840 | 81,659 | (140,181) |
| State sources | - | - | 1,078,909 | 1,078,909 |
| Permits | 2,400 | 1,300 | 1,300 | - |
| Rents and royalties | 500 | - | 103 | 103 |
| Other income | 600 | - | 100 | 100 |
| Total revenues | <u>2,893,500</u> | <u>3,123,530</u> | <u>4,104,607</u> | <u>981,077</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Current - | | | | |
| Flood protection: | | | | |
| General administrative | 226,172 | 199,153 | 196,244 | 2,909 |
| Insurance | 60,700 | 57,022 | 55,733 | 1,289 |
| Levee maintenance | 674,000 | 641,143 | 467,286 | 173,857 |
| Personal services | 147,096 | 141,113 | 144,845 | (3,732) |
| Professional services | 474,000 | 832,743 | 437,493 | 395,250 |
| Rental | 67,560 | 74,810 | 68,010 | 6,800 |
| Supplies and materials | 207,600 | 20,759 | 161,764 | (141,005) |
| Travel | 8,000 | 500 | - | 500 |
| Utilities | 6,000 | 6,180 | 7,180 | (1,000) |
| Intergovernmental expense | - | - | 221,840 | (221,840) |
| Capital outlay | 10,000 | 402,540 | 579,357 | (176,817) |
| Debt service - | | | | |
| Principal retirement | 415,000 | 415,000 | 415,000 | - |
| Interest expense | 560,000 | 560,644 | 560,644 | - |
| Total expenditures | <u>2,856,128</u> | <u>3,351,607</u> | <u>3,315,396</u> | <u>36,211</u> |
| Deficiency of revenues over expenditures | 37,372 | (228,077) | 789,211 | 1,017,288 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Transfer in | 975,000 | - | - | - |
| Transfer out | - | - | (883,581) | (883,581) |
| Total other financial sources (uses) | <u>975,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(883,581)</u> | <u>(883,581)</u> |
| Change in fund balance | 1,012,372 | (228,077) | (94,370) | 133,707 |
| Fund balance, beginning | <u>8,006,483</u> | <u>8,006,483</u> | <u>8,006,483</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance, ending | <u>\$ 9,018,855</u> | <u>\$ 7,778,406</u> | <u>\$ 7,912,113</u> | <u>\$ 133,707</u> |

See independent auditor's report and accompanying note to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Capital Projects Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| | Original | Final | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 220,000 | \$ - | \$ 98,011 | \$ 98,011 |
| Intergovernmental | | | | |
| Federal sources | 21,000,000 | 28,085,628 | 23,238,705 | (4,846,923) |
| State sources | <u>5,635,000</u> | <u>7,135,000</u> | <u>7,315,000</u> | <u>180,000</u> |
| Total revenues | 26,855,000 | 35,220,628 | 30,651,716 | (4,568,912) |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Current - | | | | |
| Flood protection: | | | | |
| General administrative | - | - | 15 | (15) |
| Capital outlay | <u>36,500,000</u> | <u>40,045,695</u> | <u>40,627,399</u> | <u>(581,704)</u> |
| Total expenditures | <u>36,500,000</u> | <u>40,045,695</u> | <u>40,627,414</u> | <u>(581,719)</u> |
| Deficiency of revenues over expenditures | (9,645,000) | (4,825,067) | (9,975,698) | (5,150,631) |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | |
| Transfer in | - | - | 883,581 | 883,581 |
| Transfer out | <u>(975,000)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total other financial sources (uses) | <u>(975,000)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>883,581</u> | <u>883,581</u> |
| Change in fund balance | (10,620,000) | (4,825,067) | (9,092,117) | (4,267,050) |
| Fund balance, beginning | <u>13,571,501</u> | <u>13,571,501</u> | <u>13,571,501</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance, ending | <u>\$ 2,951,501</u> | <u>\$ 8,746,434</u> | <u>\$ 4,479,384</u> | <u>\$ (4,267,050)</u> |

See independent auditor's report and accompanying note to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| <u>Fiscal Year*</u> | <u>Percentage of the Collective Total OPEB Liability</u> | <u>Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability</u> | <u>Employer's Covered Employee Payroll</u> | <u>Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll</u> |
|---------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 2018 | 0.0015% | \$ 79,151 | \$ 111,000 | 71% |
| 2019 | 0.0017% | \$ 94,044 | \$ 111,000 | 85% |
| 2020 | 0.0019% | \$ 93,555 | \$ 111,000 | 84% |

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the previous fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

See independent auditor's report and accompanying note to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

NOTE 1 BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the District reports financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presented as RSI is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. There were no major differences between the budgetary basis and GAAP basis for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOTE 2 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

OPEB Plan

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Statement No. 75, paragraph four, to pay related benefits.

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms for the OPEB Plan during any of the years presented.

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 2.98% to 2.79% during the July 1, 2019 valuation.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Executive Director
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Executive Director Name: Timothy Matte

| <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| Salary | \$ 72,600 |
| Car allowance | <u>7,200</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 79,800</u> |

See independent auditor's report.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Compensation Paid to Board Members
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| William Hidalgo, Sr., President | \$ 2,400 |
| Kenneth P. Arceneaux, Jr. | 1,050 |
| Alton Broussard, Jr. | 600 |
| Barry Broussard | 900 |
| Norris Crappell | 1,125 |
| Junius Hebert, Jr. | 1,200 |
| Daniel Lipari | 225 |
| Mike Ortiz | 150 |
| Luther Smith | 1,125 |
| Wilson Terry | 1,125 |
| James Vidos | <u>300</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 10,200</u> |

See independent auditor's report.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Annual Report for Tax Year 2020

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The St. Mary Levee District (District) operates on a fiscal year ending December 31. The Financial Statements of the District and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, audited by Darnall, Sikes & Frederick, a Corporation of Certified Public Accountants, Morgan City, Louisiana, and their report dated as of June 30, 2021, is a supplement to this Annual Report. Included in the notes is a description of the basis of accounting used by the District in reporting their financial statements.

DEBT OF THE ISSUERS

The District has no short-term indebtedness, other than normal accounts payable or as otherwise stated in this Annual Report or its supplement. The District has never defaulted in the payment of its outstanding bonds or obligations. Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the District since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$13,000,000 of bonds issued, \$12,585,000 was outstanding as of December 31, 2020.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

The assessment procedures and homestead exemption as authorized by law are the same as those in effect for the tax years reported in the Official Statement.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT

The 2020 assessed valuations of property in the District follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Taxable Assessed Valuation | \$ 573,365,472 |
| Homestead Exemption | <u>75,251,704</u> |
| Total Assessed Valuation | <u>\$ 648,617,176</u> |

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT – BY CLASSIFICATION

A breakdown of the 2020 assessed valuations of property in the District by classification follows:

| <i>Classification</i> | <i>Assessed Valuation</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 257,777,028 |
| Personal Property | 316,173,378 |
| Public Service Property | <u>74,666,770</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 648,617,176</u> |

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

See independent auditor's report.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Annual Report for Tax Year 2020 (Continued)

TAX COLLECTION RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT

The 2019 ad valorem tax levies and collections for the District follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Amount of Taxes Levied (a) | \$ 2,992,905 |
| Deduction for Pensions (b) | <u>96,998</u> |
| Net Taxes Levied | \$ 2,895,907 |
| Net Taxes Collected (b) | 2,832,586 |
| Millage Rate | 5.00 |

Sources: (a) St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office, (b) St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office

LEADING TAXPAYERS

The ten largest property taxpayers for 2019 of the District and their assessed valuations follow:

| <u>Taxpayer</u> | <u>Type of Business</u> | <u>Assessed Valuation</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cleco Power LLC | Power Generation | \$ 39,871,545 |
| 2. Chevron NA Exploration & Production | Oil & Gas | 28,730,689 |
| 3. Cameron International Corporation | Oil & Gas | 27,982,473 |
| 4. Cabot Corporation | Carbon Black Mfg. | 20,778,782 |
| 5. Texas Petroleum Investment Company | Oil & Gas | 14,657,298 |
| 6. One Subsea LLC | Oil & Gas | 14,604,857 |
| 7. Columbian Chemicals Company | Spec. Chemicals | 12,830,322 |
| 8. Oceaneering International Inc. | Oil & Gas | 11,637,037 |
| 9. Perdido Energy Louisiana LLC | Oil & Gas | 10,414,553 |
| 10. Transocean Offshore Ventures Inc. | Oil & Gas | <u>8,996,367</u> |
| | | <u>\$190,503,923</u> * |

* Approximately 28.3% of the 2019 taxable assessed valuation of the District.

See independent auditor's report.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title | Federal CFDA Number | Pass-through Entity Identifying Number | Federal Expenditures |
|--|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security: | | | |
| Pass-through program from: | | | |
| Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness - | | | |
| Disaster Grants - Public Assistance | 97.036 | 101-UYRJ5-00 | \$ 4,697,321 |
| U.S. Department of the Interior: | | | |
| Pass-through program from: | | | |
| Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority - | | | |
| Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act | 15.435 | 2000413413 (AT-0017) | <u>27,976,044</u> |
| Total expenditures of federal awards | | | <u>\$ 32,673,365</u> |

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The above schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of St. Mary Levee District and is presented on the same basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments* and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO DISASTER GRANTS

Non-federal entities must record expenditures related to Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (CFDA 97.036) on the SEFA when (1) FEMA has approved the non-federal entity's PW, and (2) the non-federal entity has incurred the eligible expenditures. For example, federal awards expended in years prior to the fiscal year in which the PW is approved are to be recorded on the non-federal entity's SEFA in the year in which the PW is approved. Therefore, the total amount of federal expenditures to the Disaster Grants – Public Assistance program of \$4,697,321 recorded on the SEFA were incurred during fiscal year 2019, since the PWs related to those expenditures were approved by FEMA during fiscal year 2020.

See independent auditor's report.

**INTERNAL CONTROL,
COMPLIANCE,
AND OTHER INFORMATION**



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

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Mary Levee District
Morgan City, 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 the St. Mary Levee District (District), 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 30, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001 to be a material weakness.

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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 two instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2020-002 and 2020-003.

St. Mary Levee District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Morgan City, Louisiana
June 30, 2021



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Mary Levee District
Morgan City, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the St. Mary Levee District's (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We identified a deficiency in internal control over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

The District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Morgan City, Louisiana

June 30, 2021

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

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

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

2019-001 Inadequate segregation of accounting functions

Condition: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the District did not have adequate segregation of functions within its accounting system.

Recommendation: An analysis of the benefits that would be obtained by adequately segregating functions within the accounting system and the costs to employ additional individuals to achieve adequate segregation should be performed.

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2020-001.

2019-002 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Condition: Revenues of the General Fund failed to meet the budgeted amount by five percent or more.

Recommendation: Management should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary to maintain compliance with state statutes.

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2020-002.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

See detailed finding 2019-001 in Section I.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2019.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Part 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditor's Report – Financial Statements

An unmodified opinion has been issued on St. Mary Levee District's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Deficiencies in Internal Control – Financial Reporting

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting disclosed one instance of a deficiency in internal control which is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is listed as item 2020-001 in Part 2. We consider the deficiency to be a material weakness.

Material Noncompliance and Other Matters – Financial Reporting

The results of our tests disclosed two instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are listed as items 2020-002 and 2020-003 in Part 2.

FEDERAL AWARDS

Auditor's Report – Major Programs

An unmodified opinion has been issued on St. Mary Levee District's compliance for its major programs as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Major Programs - Identification

St. Mary Levee District had the following major programs at December 31, 2020:

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act CFDA #15.435

Disaster Grants - Public Assistance CFDA #97.036

Program Type Determination

The dollar threshold to distinguish Type A and Type B programs is \$750,000 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Risk Consideration

For the year ended December 31, 2020, St. Mary Levee District was not considered a low-risk auditee.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Part 1: Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)

Deficiencies in Internal Control – Major Programs

The results of our tests of internal control over compliance disclosed one instance of a deficiency in internal control over compliance that is reported as item 2020-001 in Part 3. We consider the deficiency to be a material weakness.

Noncompliance – Major Programs

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance during the audit of major programs.

MANAGEMENT LETTER

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Part 2: Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

2020-001 Inadequate segregation of accounting functions

Criteria: A strong internal control system requires the segregation of responsibilities between different individuals responsible for separate major areas of the accounting system.

Condition: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the District did not have adequate segregation of functions within its accounting system.

Cause: The failure to design and implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control led to this condition.

Effect: The likelihood that a material misstatement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis is increased. The perpetration of fraudulent activity is easier to achieve under this condition.

Recommendation: An analysis of the benefits that would be obtained by adequately segregating functions within the accounting system and the costs to employ additional individuals to achieve adequate segregation should be performed.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: This information is in the District's separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Part 2: Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
(Continued)

2020-002 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Criteria: Louisiana R.S. 39:1311 requires that budgets be amended when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

Condition: Revenues of the Capital Projects Fund failed to meet the budgeted amount by five percent or more.

Cause: Federal and state award reimbursements were not received in the time frame anticipated by management at the time the amended budget was prepared and adopted.

Effect: Budgetary compliance violations and/or errors or irregularities may not be prevented and/or detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation: Management should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary to maintain compliance with state statutes.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: This information is in the District's separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings.

2020-003 Noncompliance with Bond Sinking Fund Requirement

Criteria: The Official Statement of the \$13,000,000 Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, issued by the District during 2018 requires for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds and any additional parity bonds, there shall be established and maintained a special fund known as "Limited Tax Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund" (The "Sinking Fund"), said Sinking Fund being established and maintained with the paying agent or the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the District, as selected by the District. The District shall deposit in the Sinking Fund from the first revenues of the ad valorem tax received in any calendar year a sum equal to the principal and/or interest falling due on the Bonds in that calendar year.

Condition: The District did not establish and maintain a Sinking Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Part 2: Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
(Continued)

Cause: The failure to establish a separate Sinking Fund with the District's regularly designated fiscal agent bank and deposit in the Sinking Fund from the first revenues of the ad valorem tax received in the calendar year a sum equal to the principal and interest falling due on the Bonds in the calendar year led to this condition.

Effect: Possible noncompliance with Bond sinking fund requirements could result in default of the Bonds.

Recommendation: Management should establish and maintain a special fund and separate bank account, known as the "Limited Tax Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund," with their designated fiscal agent bank and deposit in the account from the first revenues of ad valorem tax received in the calendar year a sum equal to the principal and/or interest falling due on the bonds in that calendar year.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: This information is in the District's separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings.

Part 3: Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

2020-001 See the detailed finding in Part 2.

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

2020-001 Inadequate segregation of accounting functions

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action: Management is aware of the condition and has determined that based upon the size of the District and the cost-benefit consideration of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Name and Title of Contact Person: Timothy Matte, Executive Director

2020-002 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action: Management budgeted the amount of reimbursements that were expected to be received during year from federal and state sources; however, the timing and rate of the reimbursements as compared to the spending on the construction projects and emergency projects did not match the expectation. Management will more closely monitor those expectations and budget accordingly.

Name and Title of Contact Person: Timothy Matte, Executive Director

2020-003 Noncompliance with Bond Sinking Fund Requirement

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action: Management has established an account for the bond sinking fund subsequent to the year end. This account has been funded in accordance with the requirements of the bond agreement.

Name and Title of Contact Person: Timothy Matte, Executive Director