FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF CATAHOULA PARISH SANDY LAKE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Our discussion and analysis of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish's financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Please read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 issued in June 1999.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-Wide Financial Statements) provide information about the activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Fire Protection District No. 4's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Our accountant has provided limited assurance in his accountants' review report that they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements. The accountant, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the accountant's review report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about finances is "Is the Fire Protection District No. 4 as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information of the Fire Protection District No. 4 as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Net Position and changes in them. You can think of Net Position-the difference between assets and liabilities-as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in Net Position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, to assess the overall health of the Fire Protection District No. 4.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds-not the Fire Protection District No. 4 as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State laws.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (continued)

The Fire Protection District No. 4 uses only the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more for fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Fire District No. 4's's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation statement.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year' operations:

- As a result of this year's operations assets exceeded liabilities by \$334,280 (Net Position).
- Total Net Position are comprised of the following
 - (1) Investment in capital assets of \$257,932 including the cost of office equipment, and furniture, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt.
 - (2) Unrestricted Net Position of \$76,266 representing the portion available to maintain the continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
 - (3) Restricted Net Position of \$82, which represents the cash for debt service.
- The governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$102,149. Of this amount \$82 was reserved for debt service and the rest, \$102,067 was unreserved. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$101,475, showing an increase of \$674 during the current year.
- Total spending for all general government activities was \$190,411 for the year, which was \$(168,677) less than the program revenues for these activities \$21,734.
- The interest earned on checking accounts was \$266 for the year.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reports only one type of activity-governmental activities. All of the basic governmental services are reported as this type. Property taxes finance most of these activities.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (continued)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE

The Fire Protection District No. 4's Net Position reduced by \$(34,903) as a result of this year's operations. As a result of approved property tax, the overall financial position declined during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. Restricted Net Position—the part of Net Position that can not be used to finance day-to-day operations due to constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements—absorbed most of the decrease this year. The balance in Net Position represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. It means that if we had to pay off all of our bills today, including all of our non-capital liabilities, we would have \$76,266 left.

The Fire Protection District No. 4's total revenues for the year in governmental activities were \$155,508 (\$21,734 in donations and charges for services and \$133,774 in general revenues). The total cost of all government programs and services was \$190,411 with no new programs added this year. The following tables reflect the condensed statements of Net Position and statement of activities of 2016 and 2015.

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	Gover	nmental		Governm	ental
	activ	<u>vities</u>		activit	ies
	<u>2016</u>	2015		2016	2015
Current and other assets	112	102	Expenses:		
Capital Assets	303	482	General Government	<u>190</u>	<u>166</u>
Other noncurrent assets	0	0	Program Revenue:		
Total Assets	<u>415</u>	<u>_463</u>	Donations & Fees	22	4
			General Revenues	133	92
Total Liabilities	81	94	Total Revenues	155	96
			Changes in Net Position	(35)	(70)
Net Position:			Net Position Bg year	369	439
Capital Assets	258	298			
Unrestricted	76	71			
Restricted	0	0			
Total Net Position	334	369	Net Position end year	<u>334</u>	<u>_369</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

As we noted earlier, the Fire Protection District No.4 uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at funds helps you consider whether the Fire District No. 4's if being accountable for the resourcesprovided to but may also give more insight into the overall financial health.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (continued)

As the Fire District No. 4's completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$102,149. This reflects an increase of \$674 from last year. This increase is primarily the result of less spending on capital outlay described within the analysis of the governmental activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The budget for the General Fund was adopted this fiscal year. The actual spending was less than budget as follows:

(1) Various expense categories – \$2,787.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for governmental activities as of December 31, 2016 was \$302,932.

This year there was \$10,500 in additions to capital assets.

The Fire District No. 4's adopted a capitalization policy during the year whereby only furniture and equipment over \$50 would be capitalized. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

DEBT

At year-end, the Catahoula Parish Fire District No. 4's had bond debt outstanding of \$70,000.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District has discretion in setting fees and costs for services provided. The office staff and costs have been largely stable for the past several years, and are expected to remain so.

Taking all factors into consideration, the District's general fund balance is expected to decrease by the close of 2016.

CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Fire District No. 4's's finances and to show the their accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Chief Robert Squyres, Fire District No. 4, 2335 Hwy. 923, Jonesville, LA 71343 at phone number (318) 339-1305.

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Independent Accountant's Report

To the Board of Directors Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish

I have reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements of Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish (a governmental entity) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with U.S. Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements present only Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish, which is a component unit of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury and do not purport to present fairly the financial position of the Police Jury as of December 31, 2016, and changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion.

Management's Responsibility For The Financial Statements

The management of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying basic financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated June 15, 2017 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Supplementary Information

My review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the basic financial statements in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The Management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and schedule of compensation, benefits and other reimbursement to the agency head or chief executive officer listed in the accompanying table of contents are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information, without audit or review. Accordingly, I do not express any opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

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Paul Dauzat Certified Public Accountant June 15, 2017

Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish Sandy Lake

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2016

ASSETS Current Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Total Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted 82	GOVERNMENTAL <u>ACTIVITIES</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents\$ 18,869Accounts Receivable93,29Total Current Assets112,167Noncurrent Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted82			
Accounts Receivable 93,29 Total Current Assets 112,16 Noncurrent Assets: 23,29 Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted 82			
Total Current Assets 112,16' Noncurrent Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted 82	9		
Noncurrent Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted 82	8		
Cash and Cash Equivalents-restricted 82	<u>7</u>		
	2		
Land 27,000	0		
Other Capital Assets,			
Net of Accumulated Depreciation 275,932	2		
Total Noncurrent Assets 303,014			
Total Assets <u>\$ 415,18</u>	<u>1</u>		
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities:			
Note Payable \$ 10,100	0		
Interest Payable 80			
Bonds Payable Current Portion21,000			
Total Current Liabilities 31,90			
Long Term Liabilities:			
Bonds Payable Long Term Portion 49,000	0		
Total Long Term Liabilities 49,000	_		
Total Liabilities80,90	1		
Net Position:			
Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt 257,932	2		
Unrestricted 76,260			
Restricted for Debt Service			
Total Net Position \$ 334,280	~~~		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

<u>EXPENSES</u> GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Contract services	\$	19,975
Board per Diem		6,100
Training		6,656
Insurance		23,089
Utilities & Telephone		11,984
Maintenance & operation of:		26 404
Machinery & Equipment		35,404
Office supplies		6,857
Operating supplies		9,429
Election Fees		350
Miscellaneous		432
Interest and Fiscal charges		4,185
Depreciation		65,950
Total program expenses		190,411
PROGRAM REVENUES		
Donations & fees		21,734
Total program revenues		21,734
Net program revenue		(168,677)
GENERAL REVENUES		
Ad Valorem Taxes		84,485
State revenue sharing		6,462
Interest earned		266
Federal Refuge		1,447
State Insurance rebate \ Fee		15,900
Insurance Claim		25,214
Total General Revenue		133,774
Change in Net Position		(34,903)
NET POSITION BEGINNING OF YEAR	. <u></u>	369,183
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u>	334,280

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2016

	General (Maintenance) Fund	Debt Service _Fund	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS Cash in bank Revenue receivable: Ad valorem tax State Insurance rebate Parcel fees	\$ 18,869 67,928 4,308 21,062	\$ 82	\$ 18,951 67,928 4,308 21,062
Total assets	<u>\$ 112,167</u>	<u>\$82</u>	<u>\$ 112,249</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities: Note Payable Total liabilities	\$ 10,100 	\$ 0 0	\$ 10,100
Fund Balances: Fund balances - Assigned for debt service Unassigned Total fund Balance	$ \underline{102,067} \\ \underline{102,067} \\ \underline{102,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ \underline{112,067} \\ $	82 <u>82</u>	82 <u>102,067</u> <u>102,149</u>
Total liability and fund Balance	<u>\$ 112,167</u>	<u>\$ 82</u>	<u>\$_112,249</u>

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF CATAHOULA PARISH (SANDY LAKE)

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2016

Total fund balance-governmental fund (fund financial statement)	\$ 102,149
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (government-wide financial statements) are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in	
•	1,629 <u>8,697)</u> 302,932
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	502,552
Bonds Payable (70 Accrued Interest Payable),000) <u>(801)</u> (70,801)
Total net position of governmental activities (government-wide financial statements)	\$ 334,280

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year ended December 31, 2016

	General (Maintenance) <u>Fund</u>	Debt Service <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem tax	\$ 84,485		\$ 84,485
State revenue sharing	6,462		6,462
Interest	266		266
Public donations & fees	21,734		21,734
Federal Refuge	1,447		1,447
State Insurance rebate	15,900		15,900
Total revenues	130,294		130,294
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Contract Services	19,975		19,975
Per diem paid Board	6,100		6,100
Training	6,656		6,656
Insurance	23,089		23,089
Utilities & Telephone	11,984		11,984
Maintenance & operation of:			
Machinery & equipment	35,404		35,404
Office supplies & expense	6,857		6,857
Operating Supplies	9,429		9,429
Fees	350		350
Miscellaneous	432		432
Capital outlay	10,500		10,500
Debt service:			
Principal		\$ 20,000	20,000
Interest and fiscal charges	611	3,447	3,447
Total expenditures	131,387	23,447	122,107
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	(1,093)	(23,447)	(24,540)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in		23,135	23,135
Operating transfers out	(23,135)		(23,135)
Insurance proceeds	25,214		25,214
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,079	23,135	25,214
Excess of revenues and other financing			
sources over (under) expenditures			
and other financing uses	986	(312)	674
Fund balance, beginning	101,081	394	101,475
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 102,067</u>	<u>\$ 82</u>	<u>\$ 102,149</u>

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF CATAHOULA PARISH (SANDY LAKE)

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net change in fund balances-total governmental funds (fund financial statements)		\$ 674
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (government-wide financial statements) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the individual fund. Government activities report depreciation expense to allocate the cost of those capital assets over the estimated useful		
Capital Outlay	10,500	
Depreciation expense	(65,950)	(55,450)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued. The details of thes differences in the treatment of long term debt and related items is as follows:	e	(00,100)
Bond payment	_20,000	20,000
Some of the expenses reported in the statement of activities do not required the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Change in accrued interest expense On long-term bonds	<u>(127)</u>	(127)
Change in net position of governmental pativities		
Change in net position of governmental activities (government-wide financial statements)		<u>\$ (34,903)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish was created by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury on September 22, 2003 by adopting an ordinance ratifying the creation of the district. The District is a political subdivision governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and is a component unit of Catahoula Parish Police Jury.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units except as noted elsewhere in this report. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish (Sandy Lake) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis–for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

B. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Catahoula Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Catahoula Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

B. REPORTING ENTITY (contd.)

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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

Because the police jury could be provided with specific financial benefit or could be responsible for specific financial burdens, the Fire Protection District No. 4 (Sandy Lake) was determined to be a component unit of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire Protection District No. 4 (Sandy Lake) and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

C. Fund Accounting

The Fire Protection District No. 4 (Sandy Lake) uses the funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the District' activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Fire Protection District No. 4 (Sandy Lake). The fund balances are classified into five possible categories which focus on the constraints of spending. The categories are non spendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. The following are the Fire Protection District's governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the district. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted in another fund.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of general long-term obligation principal, interest and related costs

Capital Project fund

The capital Project fund is used to account for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital facilities not reported in other governmental funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements(FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the fund financial statements (FFS). Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

<u>Revenues</u>

Ad valorem taxes, rents and user fees are recorded when earned

Interest earnings on time deposits are recorded when the time deposits have matured and the interest is available.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Purchases of various operating supplies are recorded as expenditures in the accounting period they are purchased. Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or the employees (or heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death.

Salaries are recorded as expenditures when earned.

Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized when due.

Substantially all other expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability has been incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting (contd.)

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid, sales of assets and capitalized leases are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

Government – Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Fire District No. 4 as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Fire District No. 4. Information contained in these statements reflect the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Section.

<u>Program Revenues</u>

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

E. Budgetary Practice

Operating budgets of proposed expenditures and revenues were adopted for the general (maintenance) fund. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Commissioners. All budgets are adopted consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The Fire District No. 4 follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device for the Fire District No. 4's General fund. The budget is adopted on a modified accrual basis of accounting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

E. Budgetary Practice (contd.)

- 2. The Fire District No. 4 approves all budget line items.
- 3. Unused appropriations for all annual budgetary funds lapse at the end of the year.
- 4. The budget amounts shown in the financial statement are initial and final authorized amounts as revised during the year.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in all demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits and time deposits with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

G. Investments

If the cash deposits have original maturities greater than 90 days, they are classified as investments. Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$50 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land,, are depreciated using the straight-line method over th following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	Lives
Furniture & Equipment	5-25 years
Property Improvements	10-50 years

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

I. Compensated Absences

Currently, there are no employees and all services are provided on a volunteer basis.

J. Restricted Net Position

For government-wide Statement of Net Position, Net Position are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either:

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

K. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Any designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

L. Use of Estimates

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

M. Long Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of Net Position. 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 the debt issued 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

2. CASH

At December 31, 2016, the Fire District No. 4 has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$18,951 as follows:

Demand Deposits Including		
Interest bearing demand deposits	\$	18,951
Time Deposits	<u></u>	-0-
Total	<u>\$</u>	18,951

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

At December 31, 2016, the District has \$23,990 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$23,990 of federal deposit insurance(category 1).

With the adoption of GASB Statement No. 40, only deposits that are considered exposed to custodial credit risk are required to be disclosed. The Board does not have any deposits that fall within that category. Deposits of the District are secured with \$250,000 of insurance through FDIC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

3. TAXES RECEIVABLE

On November 15, 2003, an election was held to authorize a five (10.00) mills ad valorem tax on each dollar of assessed valuation, on all property subject to such taxation within Catahoula Parish for ten years, beginning with the year 2004 for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating facilities for the benefit of the Fire District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish. Also, tax payers authorized the district to annually levy and collect unlimited ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay bond holders.

> Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

> For the year ended December 31, 2016, taxes were levied on property in Catahoula Parish and were dedicated to Fire District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish as follows:

	Taxes Levied	Received Prior	Less: Allowance for	Taxes Receivable
	At 12/31/16	<u>To 12/31/16</u>	<u>Uncollectible</u>	<u>At 12/31/16</u>
3.00 mills	\$ 17,907	\$ (2,000)	\$	\$ 15,907
10.00 mills	<u> </u>	(6,668)	(1,000)	52,021
Total	<u>\$ 77,596</u>	<u>\$ (8,668)</u>	<u>\$ (1,000)</u>	<u>\$ 67,928</u>
•	t of allowance)			21,062
State Tax Reb	ate			4,308
			TOTAL	<u>\$ 93,298</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

4. BAD DEBTS

Uncollectible amounts due for customer receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectible portion of the particular receivable.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of property and equipment and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2016 follows:

		Property and F	<u>Cquipment</u>	
	Balance			Balance
	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Deletions	12/31/16
Furniture & equipment	\$ 1,026,798	10,500		\$1,037,298
Fixed assets &				
improvements	197,331			197,331
Land	27,000			27,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,251,129</u>	10,500		<u>\$1,261,629</u>

	Accumulated Depreciation			
	Balance			Balance
	<u>12/01/15</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Depreciation	12/31/16
Furniture & equipment	\$ 836,113	\$ 61,017	.	\$ 897,130
Fixed assets &				
improvements	<u> </u>	4,933		61,567
Total	<u>\$ 892,747</u>	<u>\$ 65,950</u>		<u>\$ 958,697</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

6. LONG TERM DEBT

The Fire District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish had the following indebtedness at December 31, 2016:

The district had series 2004 bonded debt outstanding at December 31, 2016. The Fire district issued bonds on May 1, 2004 in the amount of \$175,000 which are general obligation bonds with maturities from 2009 to 2019 and have interest rates from 1.70% to 4.65%.

Principal balance at 12/31/16 <u>\$45,000</u>

The district also had series 2015 bonded debt outstanding at December 31, 2016. The Fire district issued bonds on July 23, 2015 in the amount of \$30,000 which are general obligation bonds with maturities from 2016 to 2020 and have an interest rate of 3.5%.

Principal balance at 12/31/16 <u>\$25,000</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

6. LONG TERM DEBT (cont)

All principal and interest requirements are funded in accordance with Louisiana Law by the annual ad valorem tax levy on taxable property within the parish. The long term debt is due as follows:

Year ending, December 31,	Oblig	General Obligation Bonds		
2017 2018 2019 2020	Principal 21,000 21,000 21,000 7,000	Interest 2,484 1,599 698 123		
Total	<u>\$70,000</u>	4,904		

7. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2016:

I	Balance December 31,			Balance December 31
Description	<u>2015</u>	Additions	Deductions	<u>2016</u>
Governmental <u>activities</u> General Obligation Bonds Total	<u> </u>		<u>(20,000)</u> (20,000)	70,000 \$70,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CONTINUED)

8. **RESTRICTED ASSETS AND RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

Net Position restricted for debt service include excess of assets over certain liabilities restricted for the debt service on the general obligation bonds.

9. NOTE PAYABLE SOUTHERN HERITAGE BANK

The district received a 60 day loan from Southern Heritage Bank for \$10,100. The interest rate is 5% and was borrowed on November 1, 2016.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	BUDGETED A	MOUNTS		VARIANCE FAVORABLE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Ad valorem tax	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$84,485	(\$45,515)
State Revenue Sharing			6,462	6,462
Interest			266	266
Public Donations & Fees			21,734	21,734
Federal Refuge			1,447	1,447
State Insurance Rebate\Fee			15,900	15,900
Total Revenues	130,000	130,000	130,294	294
EXPENDITURES				
CURRENT-General Government				
Contract Services	20,500	20,500	19,975	525
Board Per Diem			6,100	(6,100)
Training			6,656	(6,656)
Insurance	24,000	24,000	23,089	911
Utilities & Telephone	11,600	11,600	11,984	(384)
MAINT. & OPERATION OF:				
MACHINERY EQUIPMENT	42,000	42,000	35,404	6,596
Office Supplies & expense	4,000	4,000	6,857	(2,857)
Operating Supplies	9,500	9,500	9,429	71
Fees			350	(350)
Miscellaneous			432	(432)
Interest			611	(611)
Total Current Expenditures	111,600	111,600	120,887	(9,287)
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	17,000	17,000	10,500	6,500
Total Expenditures	128,600	128,600	131,387	(2,787)

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

(continued)

	BUDGETED A	MOUNTS		VARIANCE FAVORABLE
	ORIGINAL.	FINAL	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
EXCESS (DEF) OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITRUES	1,400	1,400	(1,093)	(2,493)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers In				
Operating Transfers Out			(23,135)	(23,135)
Insurance proceeds			25,214	25,214
Total Other Financing				
sources (uses)			2,079	2,079
Excess Of Revenues and Other				
Financing Sources over				
(Under) Expenditures and Other				
Financing Uses	1,400	1,400	986	(414)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	101,081	101,081	101,081	0
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$102,481	\$102,481	\$102,067	(\$414)

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Management of Fire Protection District No. 4

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Fire Protection District No. 4 and the Legislative Auditor of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2016, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures meeting limits.

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

There were no employees and services were contracted for or donated.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None.

BUDGETING

5 Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the budget for the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

The budget was adopted in the minutes.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures and revenues did not exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

(a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals from the Fire Chief. In addition, each of the disbursements were approved by the full board.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Fire Protection District No. 4 complied with open meetings law as required.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

I inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted a \$20,000 deposit into the operating bank account. The proceeds were from a 60 day bank loan.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

There were no employees during the year ended.

The prior year does not have unresolved findings.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

PRIOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. The prior year report, dated June 15, 2016 did not include any comments or unresolved matters

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Fire Protection District No. 4 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibilities for the sufficiency fo the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Paul Dauzat, CPA Alexandria, Louisiana June 15, 2017

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF CATAHOULA PARISH SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

There were no prior year findings for the year ended December 31, 2015

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended December 31,2016

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Catahoula Parish as of December 31,2016 and have issued my report thereon dated June 15, 2017. I conducted my review and agreed upon procedures in accordance with Statements on standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institution of Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide along with requirements established by the State Legislative Auditor's office.

Section 1-Schedule of findings

none

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Accountant Ref. Number

none

Name of Contact Person:

Chief Robert Squyres (318) 339-1305

Date: June 15, 2017

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Government)

05/16/17 (Date Transmitted)

PAUL DAUZAT, CPA	
1220 WINDSOR PL	
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301	

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of 12/31/16 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of 5/15/17

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes[X]No[]

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No [] It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [X] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [X] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No [] We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable. Yes [X] No []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24;513.

Yes [X] No [] We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28. Yes [X] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65. Yes [X] No[]

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [X] No []

Yes[X]No[]

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

V Eric Shompson	Secretary	05/16/17	Date
Mouie Zamton	Treasurer	05/16/17	Date
J. Thuman Thompson A	President	05/16/17	Date

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEADS OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

ROBERT SQUYRES

FIRE CHIEF

AGENCY HEAD NAME:

POSITION:

SALARY		
BENEFITS- CONTRACT LABOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED		\$5,875
BENEFITS - HEALTH INSURANCE		4,773
DEFERRED COMPENSATION (contributions made by the agency)		
BENEFITS		
BENEFITS		
BENEFITS		
CAR ALLOWANCE		
VEHICLE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT (REPORTED W-2 AMOUNT)		
CELL PHONE		2,241
DUES		
VEHICLE RENTAL		
PER DIEM		
REIMBURSEMENTS		
TRAVEL		
REGISTRATION FEES		
CONFERENCE TRAVEL		
HOUSING		
TRAVEL ADVANCES		
SPECIAL MEALS		
OTHER (ON BEHALF PAYMENTS MADE BY OTHERS)		
	TOTAL	\$12,889

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SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NAME	
MAXIE TAUNTON	\$400
R. J. BORDELON	1,200
RONALD FORD	1,200
MATTHEW BRAZELL	1,300
JUNIOR THOMPSON	1,200
IDA MAE COCKERHAM	800

TOTAL \$6,100

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