EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA MONROE, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

(A Component Unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury)
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 And 2015

As management of the East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana ("District"), we provide readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District, for the year ended December 31, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- The net position of our governmental activities increased by \$749,994 or 10.25%.
- The total net position is comprised of the following:
 - (1) Net investment in capital assets of \$2,031,713 that included property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (\$3,899,744).
 - (2) Unrestricted net position of \$6,036,972 that represents the portion available to maintain continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Revenues of our governmental activities totaled \$1,773,126, a increase of 5.0% from the prior year total of \$1,904,596, while expenditures totaled approximately \$1,214,954, a decrease of 0.4% from the prior year total of \$1,007,154.
- Approximately \$336,659 was expended in the current year primarily for capital expenditures on grounds equipment, building, and land for ballfield improvements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's financial statements. The District's basic financial statements consist of the following components:

- 1. Government-wide financial statements
- 2. Fund financial statements
- 3. Notes to the financial statements
- 4. Required supplementary information, and
- 5. Other supplementary information, which is in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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1. Government-Wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements are designed by GASB statement 34 to change the way in which governmental financial statements are presented. It now provides readers a concise "entity-wide" Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

- A. The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. The difference between the assets and liabilities is reported as net position. The net position is segregated between net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, or unrestricted net position. These categories are determined by the nature or source of the net position. Amounts available in unrestricted net position may be utilized for continued operation and maintenance of recreation facilities or programs in the future. Over time, increase or decrease in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or weakening.
- B. The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. This statement shows the difference between expenditures and revenues for recreation activities and the general revenues of the District. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flow.

2. Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Some funds are required to be established by State Law and by bond covenants. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District consist of one category: governmental funds.

- A. Governmental funds are used to account for most of the District's basic services as reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements 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 District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.
- B. The District maintains one individual governmental fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund.
- C. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate the conversion from governmental funds to governmental activities.

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Our auditor has provided assurance in the independent auditor's report, located immediately following this MD&A, that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor regarding this Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Financial Report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE

The District's net position increased by \$749,994 compared to a \$758,311 increase in the prior year.

NET ASSETS

A condensed comparative summary of the Statement of Net Position is presented in Table A.

Table A
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	FY 2016	<u>FY 2015</u>	Dollar <u>Change</u>	Total % <u>Change</u>
Current Assets	\$6,054,347	\$5,456,097	\$598,250	11.0%
Capital Assets	2,031,714	<u>1,883,333</u>	148,381	<u>7.9%</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,086,061</u>	<u>7,339,430</u>	<u>746,631</u>	10.2%
Long-Term Debt	120	5,493	(5,373)	(97.8)%
Other Liabilities	<u>17,136</u>	<u>15,126</u>	<u>2,010</u>	13.3%
Total Liabilities	<u>17,256</u>	<u>20,619</u>	(3,363)	<u>(16.3)%</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,031,713	1,883,333	148,380	7.9%
Restricted	120	5,493	(5,373)	(97.8)%
Unrestricted	<u>6,036,972</u>	<u>5,429,985</u>	606,987	<u>11.2%</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$8,068,805</u>	<u>\$7,318,811</u>	<u>\$749,994</u>	10.2%

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Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the current year by \$8,068,805 (net position) compared to \$7,318,811 at the prior year-end. Of this amount, \$6,036,972 is unrestricted net position. This represents 74.2% of net position and its resources that are available to be used to meet the District's ongoing obligation to citizens and creditors. The District's unrestricted net position increased by \$749,994 during the year, largely from increased revenues.

The District has total assets of \$8,086,061 compared to \$7,339,430 at the prior year-end. Of the total assets \$2,031,713 are net investment in capital assets compared to \$1,883,333 at the end of 2015.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The governmental activities of the District include recreation, i.e. activities buildings, tennis, and baseball and softball fields. Property taxes fund most of these governmental activities.

A condensed comparative summary of the Statement of Activities is presented in Table B. This table shows the District's expenditures related to the functions/programs associated with its governmental activities. The table gives an indication of how the District's resources are utilized and the source of the resources.

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Table B
Condensed Statement of Activities

	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	Dollar <u>Change</u>
Governmental Activities Recreation			
Program expense			
Operating costs	\$882,028	\$919,068	(\$37,040)
Interest expense	0	0	0
Depreciation	188,278	191,491	(3,213)
Total program expenses	1,070,306	1,110,559	(40,253)
Program revenues			
Charges for services and grants	180,538	223,799	(43,261)
Net Program Expenses Before General Revenues	889,768	886,760	3,008
General Revenues			
Ad valorem taxes	1,586,416	1,592,149	(5,733)
Other revenues	26,891	31,492	(4,601)
Interest income earned	26,455	21,510	4,945
Total General Revenue	1,639,762	<u>1,645,151</u>	(5,389)
Change in Net Position	749,994	758,391	(8,397)
Beginning Net Position	<u>7,318,811</u>	<u>6,560,420</u>	<u>758,391</u>
Ending Net Position	\$8,068,805	\$7,318,811	<u>\$749,994</u>

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Operating costs for the recreation activities of the District decreased to \$1,070,306 compared to \$1,110,559 in 2015. Depreciation expense for 2016 was \$188,278, a decrease of \$3,213 from 2015 depreciation expense. This was the result of a change in capital expenditures.

As indicated above, ad valorem tax revenue is the largest revenue source for the District comprising 97% and 97% of general revenues for 2016 and 2015. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, property taxes of 7.48 mills and 7.48 mills were levied on property inside of the District boundaries, respectively. The District's gross tax assessed for 2016 increased by \$35,344 to \$1,619,594 compared to \$1,584,250 for 2015.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As previously stated, the District maintains one governmental fund, the General Fund. The District's governmental fund reported ending balances of \$5,995,400 and \$5,437,228 for the fiscal years ended 2016 and 2015. This is an increase of \$558,172 from the prior year-end. The decline in the increase was due to an increase in capital expenditures.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District adopts an annual budget for its General Fund. A budget comparison schedule has been included for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the legally adopted budget. An analysis of significant budget variances in the General Fund is as follows:

1. Revenues:

• There were some variations between the final budgeted revenues and the actual amounts realized for 2016 for revenues due to increased ad valorem tax received.

2. Expenditures:

Actual expenditures were significantly less than budget, primarily in capital expenditures. These
expenditures were postponed to future periods to coincide with planned upgrades for 2017 and
beyond.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District had \$5,166,273 and \$5,086,633 invested in capital assets including buildings and improvements, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and vehicles (See table below).

	<u>FYE 2016</u>	FYE 2015
Buildings	\$3,961,635	\$3,935,432
Office equipment	14,758	14,758
Janitorial	3,284	3,284
Recreational equipment	376,942	376,942
Concessions	4,244	4,244
Auto	85,108	60,995
Baseball field equipment	469,033	458,254
Baseball field lights	109,895	109,895
Fence	61,918	61,918
Construction in progress	<u>79,456</u>	60,911
Totals	\$5,166,273	\$5,086,633

This year's major additions included improvements to buildings, land for ballfield improvements and recreation equipment.

Debt

At year end, the District had a zero balance in general obligation bonds payable. The general obligation bonds were paid off in 2004, two years ahead of schedule.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The District's revenues consist of ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and recreation program fees. The Board of Commissioners actively monitors revenues and expenses and evaluates the costs of proposed expansion projects. Currently the Board is preparing land for baseball and softball fields. They actively solicit parish government and state government aid whenever possible to help with the cost of these projects.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Delia Ebert, Secretary-Treasurer of the East Ouachita Recreation District #1, 710 Holland Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners East Ouachita Recreation District Number One Ouachita Parish State of Louisiana Monroe, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the East Ouachita Recreation District Number One of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, a component unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, 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 an opinion 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the East Ouachita Recreation District Number One of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 7 and 25 through 27 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 assurances.

Other Information

The schedule of board member compensation and compensation of executive director schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Act 706 of the 2016 Legislative Session amending Louisiana R.S. 24:513A(3) and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate to the underlying accounting data 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 and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules 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 a report dated June 23, 2017 on our consideration of East Ouachita Recreation 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 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 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 East Ouachita Recreation District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The Robinette Firm, A Professional Accounting Corporation

Monroe, Louisiana June 23, 2017

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and investments	\$4,485,967
Ad valorem tax receivable, net of	
allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10,687	1,560,586
State revenue sharing receivable	7,794
Total Current Assets	6,054,347
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,266,530
Land	_765,184
Total Assets	\$ <u>8,086,061</u>
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 7,619
Accrued Expenses	9,517
Total Current Liabilities	17,136
Due in more than one year:	
Compensated Absences	120
Total Liabilities	<u>17,256</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	2,031,713
Restricted for debt service	120
Unrestricted	<u>6,036,972</u>
Total Net Position	8,068,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES, NET POSITION	\$ <u>8,086,061</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

FUNCTIONS / PROGRAMS	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:	
General Government -Recreation	\$ <u>1,070,306</u>
Total Governmental Activities	1,070,306
PROGRAM REVENUES:	
Charges for services	180,538
Grants and Contributions	_
Net Governmental Activities	889,768
GENERAL REVENUES:	
Ad valorem taxes	1,586,416
Revenue sharing	22,227
Investment earnings	26,455
Other	4,664
Total General Revenues	<u>1,639,762</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	749,994
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>7,318,811</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>8,068,805</u>

BALANCE SHEETS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS	Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$4,485,967
Receivables	<u>1,526,569</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>6,012,536</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 7,619
Accrued expenses	9,517
Total liabilities	<u>17,136</u>
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	
Fund balances:	
Unassigned	<u>5,995,400</u>
Total equity and other credits	<u>5,995,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$ <u>6,012,536</u>
RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$5,995,400
Differences in reporting for the statement of net position	
Net investment in capital assets	2,031,713
Property tax accrual	41,812
Liability for compensated absences	$\frac{(120)}{2.072.405}$
Net Adjustment	<u>2,073,405</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, GOVERNMENT-WIDE	\$ <u>8,068,805</u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General <u>Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$1,539,243
Intergovernmental State of LA Revenue Sharing	22,227
Miscellaneous	
Concessions	27,859
Membership dues	21,047
Registration fees	131,631
Interest	26,455
Other	4,664
Total revenues	1,773,126
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Administration	90,629
Athletics	146,910
Operations and maintenance	169,093
Salaries and benefits	449,216
Concessions	22,447
Capital outlay	336,659
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	0
Interest and fiscal	0
Total charges	1,214,954
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	558,172
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfer in	0
Transfer out	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under)	
Expenditures and Other Uses	558,172
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2015	<u>5,437,228</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$ <u>5,995,400</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

INTRODUCTION

The East Ouachita Recreation District Number One, Monroe, Louisiana, (the "District") was established by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in 1978, under Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-RS), for provision of a public recreation center. The District is operated by a board of commissioners which is appointed by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. The District operates three recreation facilities; Swartz-Lakeshore, Osterland and Sterlington.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the East Ouachita Recreation District Number One is considered a component unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the East Ouachita Recreation District Number One. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. All individual governmental funds and individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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, as are the proprietary fund statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of 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. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, 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. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The East Ouachita Recreation District Number One reports the following governmental fund:

The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the governments enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash Deposits and Investments

The entity's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the East Ouachita Recreation District Number One's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state-sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

Accounts Receivable

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as uncollectible using the allowance method. The allowance for doubtful accounts at December 31, 2016 for receivables recorded in the government wide financial statements is \$10,687.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., curbs, sidewalks, drainage, lighting, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. 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 East Ouachita Recreation District Number One maintains a threshold level of \$400 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Land improvements and infrastructure assets	15-25 years
Buildings and building improvements	30-40 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	3-5 years

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.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budget Practices

The Board of Commissioners adopts an annual budget for the General Fund. The annual budget is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. A public hearing was held on December 14, 2015, to discuss the budget. The budget was approved by the Board on that day. Upon approval of the Board of Commissioners, budgeted amounts can be transferred within expense categories.

Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

All full-time employees earn fifteen days of vacation leave each year, plus one day per year added after the 11th year of employment. Vacation time can be accumulated up to twenty days. Employees earn five to ten days of sick leave each year. Unused sick leave can be sold back at a rate of 2 days for 1 day of pay at the end of the calendar year.

The District's recognition and measurement criteria for compensated absences follows:

Governmental accounting standards provide that vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics should be accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered.
- 2. It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

An accrual for earned sick leave is made only to the extent it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments, rather than be taken as absences due to illness or other contingencies. Unused sick leave is calculated at the rate it is purchased at the end of the year.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

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. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Balance

GASB has issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

- 1. Nonspendable fund balances are associated with inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned).
- 2. Restricted fund balances include amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- 3. Committed fund balances include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners (the District's highest level of decision-making authority).
- 4. Assigned fund balances are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- 5. Unassigned fund balances are the residual classification for the District's general fund and include all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The District's practice is to apply expenditures against nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances, in that order.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The calculation of fund balance amounts begins with the determination of nonspendable fund balances. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

As of December 31, 2016, the District did not have any nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances.

Net Position

GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments, required reclassification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. GASB Statement No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

- 1. Net investment in capital assets Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount. At December 31, 2016 the District had no outstanding debt, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources.
- Restricted net position Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of
 resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from
 a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with
 the restricted assets reported.
- 3. Unrestricted net position The net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances GASB requires a government to delay the recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures or increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There are no deferred inflows or deferred outflows as of December 31, 2016.

Use of Estimates

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

Reconciliations of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The following reconciles the fund balances of governmental funds to the government-wide statement of net position:

Capital assets and depreciation	\$2,031,713
Property tax accrual	41,812
Liability for compensated absences	(120)
Net adjustment	\$ <u>2,073,405</u>

The following reconciles the net changes in fund balance-total governmental funds to the changes in net position of governmental activities:

Property taxes receivable	\$ 38,068
Depreciation	(188,278)
Capital outlay	336,659
Compensated absence accrual	5,373
Net adjustment	\$ <u>191,822</u>

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

NOTE 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investment, certificates of deposit or any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the State of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade commercial paper of domestic corporations.

State law requires deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the accounts of the political subdivision.

At December 31, 2016, the District had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$4,485,967 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$4,485,967
Savings accounts	0
Total	\$ <u>4,485,967</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a written policy for custodial credit risk; however, their practice is to require banks to pledge securities equal to the amount on deposit with the bank less the applicable federal deposit insurance.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2016, the District had \$4,523,002 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$260,564 of federal deposit insurance and \$4,327,828 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2016:

Taxes:	General Fund
Taxes.	
Ad valorem taxes	\$1,518,775
State of Louisiana - Revenue Sharing	7,794
Other	-
Total	\$1,526,569

Property taxes which are delinquent over one year are written off.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group for the fiscal year:

	Balance			Balance
	ecember 31, 2015	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2016
Buildings	\$3,935,432	\$ 26,203	\$ 0	\$3,961,635
Office equipment	14,758	0	C	14,758
Janitorial	3,284	0	C	3,284
Recreation equipment	376,942	0	C	376,942
Concessions	4,244	0	C	4,244
Auto	60,995	24,113	C	85,108
Baseball field equipment	458,254	10,779	C	469,033
Baseball field lights	109,895	0	C	109,895
Fence	61,918	0	C	61,918
Construction in Progress - Concession Stand	54,911	0	C	54,911
Construction in Progress -				
Recreation Improvement	6,000	18,545		
Total	\$ <u>5,086,633</u>	\$ <u>79,640</u>	\$C	\$5,166,273
Accumulated depreciation	3,711,466	188,278		3,899,744
Net capital assets	\$ <u>1,375,167</u>			\$ <u>1,266,529</u>
Land	\$ <u>508,166</u>	\$ <u>257,018</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>765,184</u>

Depreciation expense of \$188,278 was charged to the general government, recreation function in the statement of activities.

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

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

At December 31, 2016, employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$120 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60. A summary of changes in long-term obligations is as follows:

•	Compensated <u>Absences</u>
Balance, December 31, 2015 Additions Deletions	\$5,493 5,373
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ <u>120</u>

NOTE 6 - LEVIED TAXES

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

The Parish of Ouachita bills and collects property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of the State of Louisiana.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, taxes of 7.48 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$268,134,435 and were dedicated as follows:

	Authorized	Levied
	Mileages	<u>Mileages</u>
General Fund, Operation and Maintenance	7.48	7.48 Mills

Total taxes levied were \$1,619,594 for 2016 and \$1,584,250 for 2015.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

In the ordinary course of business the District is at risk for property damage, liability, theft and worker's compensation. The District provides insurance coverage through the oversight entity, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and commercial insurance companies. As a participant in the Police Jury's commercial insurance program the District also participates in the self-insurance fund maintained by the Police Jury. The District's annual contribution to the self-insurance fund is determined by the insurance company and their exposure for loss is limited to that amount.

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

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end the District obtained approval to issue \$4,300,000 in tax revenue bonds. The proceeds of the bond issuance will be used to fund a new baseball field complex for the Osterland Center. Estimated cost of the center is \$6,317,450.

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that effect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 23, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 9 - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS

Property tax revenues include amounts withheld by the Sheriff to make "on-behalf payments for fringe benefits" which represent the District's pro-rata share of retirement plan contributions for other governmental units. Because the District is one of several governmental agencies receiving proceeds from a property tax assessment, it has to bear a pro-rata share of the pension expense relating to the public employees who participate in the Parochial Employees Retirement System. The District's pro-rata share of the required contribution (\$48,322) that was withheld by the Sheriff from property tax collections to satisfy the District's obligation has been included as "Administration" in the expenditures of the General fund in these financial statements. The District has also increased its property tax revenues by the same amount of the expenditure.

NOTE 10 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The District's main source of revenue is ad valorem taxes assessed on the taxpayers of East Ouachita Parish. There is one major taxpayer that exceeds 10% of the total assessment. This taxpayer is in the utility industry and represents 26% of the total assessment for the district.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART II)

BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>Actual</u>	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Ad valorem taxes	\$1,503,471	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	\$ 28,471
State of LA Revenue Sharing	22,221	20,000	20,000	2,221
Concessions	27,859	42,000	42,000	(14,141)
Membership dues	21,047	13,500	13,500	7,547
Registration fees	131,631	150,000	150,000	(18,369)
Interest	26,455	15,000	15,000	11,455
Other	4,664	8,500	8,500	(3,836)
				(3,030)
Total revenues	1,737,348	1,724,000	1,724,000	13,348
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Administration	41,904	88,000	88,000	46,096
Athletics	144,727	222,000	222,000	77,273
Operations and maintenance	169,935	336,000	336,000	166,065
Salaries and benefits	449,096	548,000	548,000	98,904
Concessions	22,301	30,000	30,000	7,699
Capital outlay	336,659	500,000	500,000	<u>163,341</u>
Total charges	1,164,622	1,724,000	<u>1,724,000</u>	559,378
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	572,726	0	0	572,726
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0
Total other financing sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Une Expenditures and Other Uses	der) 572,726	0	0	572,726
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2015	3,913,241	2,000,000	2,000,000	<u>1,913,241</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$ <u>4,485,967</u>	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>	\$ <u>2,485,967</u>

NOTES TO BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 1 - RECONCILIATION OF ACTUAL RESULTS TO BUDGETARY BASIS

The budget for the year ended December 31, 2016 was prepared on a cash basis. The following schedule reflects the adjustments necessary to convert actual results from a GAAP basis to the cash basis for purposes of budget comparison in the financial statements.

General Fund:	GAAP <u>Basis</u>	Receivables	<u>Payables</u>	Cash <u>Basis</u>
Revenues				
Ad valorem tax	\$1,539,243	\$(1,567,097)	\$ 1,531,325	\$1,503,471
State of LA - Revenue Sharing	22,227	(7,794)	7,788	22,221
Concessions	27,859	0	0	27,859
Membership dues	21,047	0	0	21,047
Registration fees	131,631	0	0	131,631
Interest	26,455	0	0	26,455
Other	4,664	0	0	4,664
Total revenues	1,773,126	(1,574,891)	1,539,113	1,737,348
Expenditures				
Administration	90,626	520	(49,245)	41,904
Athletics	146,910	1,176	(3,359)	144,727
Operations	169,093	3,022	(2,180)	169,935
Salaries	449,216	9,397	(9,517)	449,096
Concessions	22,447	1,011	(1,157)	22,301
Capital Outlay	336,659	0	0	336,659
Total expenditures	1,214,954	15,126	(65,458)	1,164,622
Fund Balance, Beginning of year	\$ <u>5,437,228</u>	\$ <u>15,126</u>	\$(<u>1,539,113</u>)	\$ <u>3,913,241</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

I. COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Board members received no compensation for the year ended December 31, 2016.

II. COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Agency Head Name:

Willie E. Crain, Jr.

Salary	\$65,000
Benefits - Insurance	3,738
Phone Allowance	600

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

Board of Commissioners
East Ouachita Recreation District Number One
Ouachita Parish
State of Louisiana
Monroe, 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Controller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of East Ouachita Recreation District Number One of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, a component unit of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise East Ouachita Recreation District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

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Monroe, Louisiana

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2016-1, to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

East Ouachita Recreation District's Response to Findings

The East Ouachita Recreation District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. 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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

The Robinette Firm, A Professional Accounting Corporation

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Monroe, Louisiana June 23, 2017

Monroe, Louisiana SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to Financial Stateme
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Internal Control

Material Weakness_Yes x No Significant Deficiency x Yes _No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements _Yes x No

- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

Material Weakness

None

EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA Monroe, Louisiana SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section II. Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

Significant Deficiencies

2016-1 Controls over receipts

CONDITION: The District receives cash at each of its 3 centers for concessions, rentals and membership fees. A cash register is used to provide control over the receipts. During our tests we noted several instances of employees not following procedures which weaken controls over cash at the centers. In addition, we noted several instances of receipts held for an unreasonable amount of time.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: Employee error and training

CRITERIA: Each shift should total the cash register tape and retain for evidence of the amount received on that shift. The tape total should be reconciled to the cash received and the outgoing and incoming employee need to sign to verify the amount collected. In instances when no cash is received, a zero tape should be retained to document that no money was received. In an instance where the money collected differs from the tape, an explanation should be given and verified. Money should be deposited promptly to prevent the loss of funds.

EFFECT: Controls over receipts have been compromised.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should require employees to total the cash register at the end of each shift and retain all tapes as audit evidence of the money collected. Training should be provided to existing employees to improve compliance with financial policies. In addition, we recommend that all money be deposited in a timely manner.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: We will provide additional training for employees to improve compliance with controls over receipts and to make deposits in a more timely manner.

Responsible person: Gene Crain, Executive Director

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Not Applicable

EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA Monroe, Louisiana STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Financial Statement Findings:

2015-1. Controls Over Receipts

STATUS: See finding 2016-1

2015-2. Payroll Authorization and Procedures

STATUS: Resolved

Compliance Findings:

No prior year findings.