

AVOYELLES PARISH ASSESSOR
Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Mr. Emeric Dupuy
Avoyelles Parish Assessor
A component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury
Marksville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor (Assessor), a component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor, as of December 31, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information and the schedule of funding progress on pages 29-30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Assessor has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as "Other Supplementary Information" in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

As described in Note 12 to the financial statements, the Assessor adopted the provision of GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, in 2012.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2013, on our consideration of the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Marksville, Louisiana
June 15, 2013

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

AVOYELLES PARISH ASSESSOR
Marksville, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2012

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
 ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Demand deposits	249,165
Time Deposits	450,000
Investments	50,000
Revenue receivable	<u>643,865</u>
Total current assets	1,393,030
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	<u>97,152</u>
Total assets	<u>1,490,182</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>-</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	9,953
Net OPEB Obligation - current portion	<u>39,390</u>
Total current liabilities	49,343
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net OPEB obligation - noncurrent portion	<u>355,929</u>
Total liabilities	<u>405,272</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	97,152
Unrestricted	<u>987,758</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,084,910</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Activities	Expenses	<u>Program Revenues</u> Charges for Services	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and</u> <u>Changes in Net Assets</u> Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:			
General government	\$ 689,461	\$ 43,580	\$ (645,881)
	General revenues:		
	Property taxes		674,913
	State revenue sharing		76,506
	Federal revenue sharing		4,511
	Interest earnings		3,603
	Other		341
	Total general revenues		<u>759,874</u>
	Change in net position		113,993
	Net position - December 31, 2011		<u>970,917</u>
	Net position - December 31, 2012		<u>\$ 1,084,910</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund
December 31, 2012

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Demand deposits	\$ 249,165
Time deposits	450,000
Investments	50,000
Revenue receivable-	
Ad valorem taxes	567,359
State revenue sharing	<u>76,506</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,393,030</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 9,953
Fund balance:	
Unassigned	<u>1,383,077</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,393,030</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2012

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2012		\$1,383,077
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets at December 31, 2012	307,665	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(210,513)</u>	97,152
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Liability at December 31, 2012		
Net OPEB obligation		<u>(395,319)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2012		<u>\$1,084,910</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental revenues -	
Ad valorem taxes	674,913
State revenue sharing	76,506
Federal revenue sharing	4,511
Tax roll fees	9,245
Informational services	34,335
Interest income	3,603
Other	<u>341</u>
Total revenues	<u>803,454</u>
Expenditures:	
General government:	
Current	
Personnel services and related benefits	492,037
Operating services	60,547
Materials and supplies	23,663
Capital outlay	<u>12,458</u>
Total expenditures	<u>588,705</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	214,749
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,168,328</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,383,077</u>

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2012 per Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance			\$ 214,749
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered as an expenditure on the			
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	12,458		
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2012	<u>(16,863)</u>	(4,405)	
Increase in net OPEB obligation at December 31, 2012 not requiring the use of current economic resources and, therefore, not recorded as a fund expenditure.			
		(96,139)	
The net affect of various transactions involving capital assets such as sales, donations and trade-ins to decrease net assets as a result of a loss on the disposal of capital assets			
Less: Loss on disposition of equipment		<u>(212)</u>	
Total change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2012 per Statement of Activities			<u>\$ 113,993</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor (Assessor) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governments.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a term of four years. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor bases real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing by May 1 of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies.

The Assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and provides assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the Assessor is officially and pecuniarily responsible for the actions of the deputies.

This report includes all funds, which are controlled by the Assessor as an independently elected parish official. Control by or dependence on the Assessor was determined on the basis of general oversight responsibility. The Assessor is fiscally dependent on the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury since the Assessor's office is located in the parish government building, the upkeep and maintenance of the parish government building is paid by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury and certain operating expenditures of the Assessor's office are paid by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury.

As an independently elected official, the Assessor is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which includes the hiring or retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds.

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B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include the fund of the reporting entity, which is considered to be a governmental activity. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Assessor's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients for goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounts of the Assessor are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The fund of the Assessor is classified as a governmental fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major fund of the Assessor is described below:

Governmental Fund -

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General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the Assessor and is used to account for the operations of the Assessor's office. The various fees and charges due to the Assessor's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net assets. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded as a liability when incurred or when the economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

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. Revenues are classified by source and expenditures are classified by function and character. Expenditures

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(including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

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

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Assessor.

Investments

Local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column 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 Assessor maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The estimated useful lives of the furniture, fixtures and equipment, is 3-10 years.

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Equity Classifications

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

- a. 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.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – Net amounts of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the two categories of net position

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

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As of December 31, 2012, fund balances are composed of the unassigned fund balance in the general fund as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Unassigned:	<u>\$ 1,383,077</u>

E. Budgetary and Budgetary Accounting

The Assessor follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the Assessor for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Assessor. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

F. 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 contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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(2) Demand and Time Deposits

Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Assessor may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2012, the Assessor has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$699,165 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$249,165
Time deposits	<u>450,000</u>
Total	<u>\$699,165</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Assessor's deposits may not be recovered or the Assessor will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Assessor does not have a policy for custodial credit risk, however, under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security of 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. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2012 are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 707,434</u>
Federal deposit insurance	607,434
Pledged securities	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 707,434</u>

(3) Investments

At December 31, 2012 the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's office had investments totaling \$50,000 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.128, the investment in LAMP is not exposed to custodial credit risk, and is not categorized in the three categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will be unable to meet its obligations. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the

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estimated fair value of an investment. Investments in LAMP are not exposed to credit risk, but are exposed to interest rate risk. The Assessor does not have a formal written policy for credit risk and interest rate risk. LAMP has a fund rating of AAAm issued by Standard & Poors. This rating is given to a fund that has extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc. a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

As of the current date, LAMP's investment guidelines permit the investment in government-only money market funds. The Louisiana Legislature enacted LSA-RS 33:2955 (A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations. Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair market value of investments is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the fair value of the Assessor's investment in LAMP is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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

LAMP issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, LA 70130, or by calling (504) 525-5267.

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(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended December 31, 2012 are as follows:

	Balance 01/01/12	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/12
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 279,964	\$ 12,458	\$ (9,957)	\$ 282,465
Auto's and trucks	25,200	-	-	25,200
Totals	305,164	12,458	(9,957)	307,665
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(203,395)	(16,863)	9,745	(210,513)
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 101,769</u>	<u>\$ (4,405)</u>	<u>\$ (212)</u>	<u>\$ 97,152</u>

Depreciation expense of \$16,863 was charged to the general government function.

(5) Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees of the Assessor employed less than two years earn one week of vacation leave per year. Employees employed two years or more earn two weeks of vacation leave per year. Vacation leave must be used in the year in which it was earned, and any unused vacation leave cannot be carried forward to subsequent years.

All employees of the Assessor earn sick leave of 12 days per year. Extended sick leave due to extensive hospitalization or family tragedies may be granted at the Assessor's discretion providing there is no sick leave or annual leave available. Sick leave may be accumulated, and taken in future years. However, at termination or retirement, employees are paid only for vacation leave accumulated during that year and not for sick leave. At December 31, 2012, the Assessor had no material accumulated leave benefits required to be reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences."

(6) Ad Valorem Taxes

Pursuant to Act 174 of 1990, Louisiana Revised State Statute 47:1925.2 created a special assessment district to provide ad valorem tax revenue to fund the Assessor's office.

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied in June and billed to the taxpayers by the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff in November. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The

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taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Avoyelles Parish Assessor and are collected by the Sheriff.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, taxes were levied at the rate of 5.57 mills on property with assessed valuations totaling \$180,008,130.

Total taxes levied during 2012 were \$1,002,645 of which \$327,732 was excluded due to homestead exemption. Taxes receivable at December 31, 2012 were \$567,359.

(7) Employee Retirement

Some employees of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's office are members of the Federal Social Security System. The Assessor's office and its employees contribute a percentage of each employee's salary to the System (7.65% contributed by the Assessor's office; 5.65% by the employee). The Assessor's office's contribution during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010 amounted to \$5,345, \$4,733 and \$4,686 respectively.

Substantially all employees of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administrated by a separate board of trustees. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries.

Plan members are required to contribute 8% percent of their annual covered salary to the system while the Assessor is required to contribute the statutory rate of 13.5% percent of the total annual covered salary. The Assessor's contributions to the system for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$45,149, \$44,273 and \$43,087, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 1786, Shreveport, LA 71166-1786, or by calling (800) 925-4446.

(8) Deferred Compensation Plan

Certain employees of the Assessor participate in the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. Complete disclosures relating to the Plan are included in the separately issued audit report for the Plan, available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Post Office Box 94397, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397.

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(9) Post Retirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

From an accrual accounting perspective, the cost of postemployment healthcare benefits should be associated with the periods in which the cost occurs, rather than in the future year when it will be paid. In adopting the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45 during the year ended December 31, 2009, the Assessor began to recognize the cost of postemployment healthcare in the year when employee services are received, to report the accumulated liability from prior years, and to provide information useful in assessing potential demands on the Assessor's future cash flows. Because the Assessor adopted the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45 prospectively, recognition of the liability accumulated from prior years will be phased in over 30 years, commencing with the 2009 liability.

Plan Description: Continuing health care benefits are provided for those retired employees who have reached the normal retirement age while employed by the Assessor. The plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit health care plan administered by the Insurance Committee of the Assessor's Insurance Fund dba Louisiana Assessor's Association. The Insurance Committee of the Assessor's Insurance Fund has the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan. The plan issues a publicly available financial report.

Funding Policy: The benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through Gilsbar with the monthly premiums being paid solely by the Assessor. The Assessor recognizes the cost as expenditure when paid during the year. The benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost: The Assessor's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. The Assessor utilizes the level-dollar amortization method to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

The following table shows the components of the Assessor's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the district's net OPEB obligation:

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Annual required contribution	\$ 141,883
Interest on net OPEB obligation	11,967
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(18,321)</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	135,529
Contributions made	<u>(39,390)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	96,139
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	<u>299,180</u>
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	<u><u>\$ 395,319</u></u>

The Assessor's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2012, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
12/31/2010	\$ 134,228	26.0%	\$ 203,375
12/31/2011	\$ 132,904	28.0%	\$ 299,180
12/31/2012	\$ 135,529	29.0%	\$ 395,319

Funded Status and Funding Progress: The funded status of the plan as of December 31, 2012, was as follows:

Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$ 1,247,767
Actuarial valuation of plan assets	<u>-</u>
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	<u><u>\$ 1,247,767</u></u>
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/AAL)	0%

Actuarial valuations for an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continuous revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates about the future are formulated. Although the valuation results are based on values which the Assessor's actuarial consultant believes are reasonable assumptions, the valuation results reflect a long-term perspective and, as such, are merely an estimate of what future costs may actually be. Deviations in any of several factors, such as future interest rates, medical cost inflation, Medicare coverage, and changes in marital status, could result in actual costs being less or greater than estimated.

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The schedule of funding progress included in required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements presents multi-year trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits. Because 2009 was the year of implementation of GASB Statement No. 45, the Assessor elected to apply the statement prospectively, accordingly only two valuations have been performed thus far. Therefore there are only two years presented in the schedule at this time.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the January 01, 2012 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of the plan are as follows:

1. Investment return of 4.0% per annum, compounded annually.
2. Retirement Rates

Age	Rate	
	Male	Female
46-49	22.0%	22.0%
50-54	44.0%	44.0%
55-57	4.0%	4.0%
58-62	18.0%	18.0%
63+	28.0%	28.0%

3. 100% of employees who elect coverage while in active employment and who are eligible for retiree benefits are assumed to elect continued medical coverage in retirement.
4. 20% of members electing coverage are assumed to also elect coverage for a spouse.
5. Medical Inflation

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Trend</u>
2012	5.70%
2013	5.90%
2014	6.00%
2015	6.10%
2016-2019	6.00%
2020-2024	5.90%

6. Dental Inflation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Trend</u>
2012	5.76%
2013	5.62%
2014	5.48%
2015	5.34%
2016	5.19%
2017	5.05%
2018	4.91%
2019	4.77%
2020	4.63%
2021	4.49%
2022	4.34%
2023	4.20%
2024+	4.06%

7. It is assumed that 100% of active employees who currently elect life insurance will continue upon retirement.

(10) Expenditures of the Assessor Paid by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury

The Avoyelles Parish Police Jury provided the office space and utilities for the Assessor's office for the year ended December 31, 2012. These expenditures are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

(11) Risk Management

The Assessor is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of auto and property liability and surety bonds. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

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(12) New Accounting Pronouncements

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the Assessor adopted GASB 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, which provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. The statement of net assets is renamed the statement of net position and includes the following elements: assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position.

In April 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. The statement clarifies the appropriate reporting of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources to ensure consistency in financial reporting. The provisions of GASB Nos. 65 must be implemented by the Assessor for the year ending December 31, 2013. The effect of implementation on the Assessor's financial statements has not yet been determined.

(13) Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the Assessor at December 31, 2012.

(14) Subsequent Events Review

The Assessor has evaluated subsequent events through June 15, 2013, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>(Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 565,000	\$ 678,769	674,913	\$ (3,856)
State revenue sharing	87,000	84,768	76,506	(8,262)
Federal revenue sharing	4,200	4,511	4,511	-
Tax roll fees	9,300	9,245	9,245	-
Information services	25,000	34,000	34,335	335
Interest income	4,000	3,530	3,603	73
Other	-	-	341	341
Total revenues	<u>694,500</u>	<u>814,823</u>	<u>803,454</u>	<u>(11,369)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Personnel services and and related benefits	490,626	488,628	492,037	(3,409)
Operating services	59,000	66,132	60,547	5,585
Materials and supplies	33,700	25,044	23,663	1,381
Capital outlay	<u>25,000</u>	<u>12,458</u>	<u>12,458</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>608,326</u>	<u>592,262</u>	<u>588,705</u>	<u>3,557</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	86,174	222,561	214,749	(7,812)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,168,328</u>	<u>1,168,328</u>	<u>1,168,328</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,254,502</u>	<u>\$ 1,390,889</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,077</u>	<u>\$ (7,812)</u>

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Schedule of Funding Progress
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (AAL)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL)	Funded Ratio
January 1, 2009	\$ -	\$ 1,247,767	\$ 1,247,767	0.0%
January 1, 2012	\$ -	\$ 1,247,767	\$ 1,247,767	0.0%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Statement of Expenditures - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Budget		Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Current:				
Personnel services and related benefits -				
Salaries & Payroll Taxes:				
Assessor	\$ 112,660	\$ 112,660	112,660	\$ -
Deputy Assessors	215,000	201,300	201,095	205
Allowance	11,266	11,266	11,266	-
Other	7,500	16,000	15,208	792
Group insurance	88,000	96,458	96,303	155
Unemployment	1,200	-	-	-
Pension	55,000	50,944	55,505	(4,561)
Total personnel services and related benefits	490,626	488,628	492,037	(3,409)
Operating services -				
Professional fees	40,000	42,000	45,430	(3,430)
Insurance	4,500	3,436	3,436	-
Telephone	4,800	5,000	4,653	347
Travel and conference	7,200	5,000	4,348	652
Equipment and lease expense	2,500	10,696	2,680	8,016
Total operating services	59,000	66,132	60,547	5,585
Materials and supplies -				
Office supplies and expense	20,000	13,000	12,331	669
Postage and shipping	2,400	1,928	1,446	482
Automobile supplies and maintenance	5,000	4,800	4,652	148
Dues and subscriptions	4,800	5,000	4,918	82
Uniforms	1,500	316	316	-
Total materials and supplies	33,700	25,044	23,663	1,381
Capital outlay:				
Office equipment	25,000	12,458	12,458	-
Total capital outlay	25,000	12,458	12,458	-
Total expenditures	\$ 608,326	\$ 592,262	\$ 588,705	\$ 3,557

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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

Honorable Emeric Dupuy
Avoyelles Parish Assessor
A component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury
Marksville, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Avoyelles Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2013. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan as items 04-01 (IC) and 07-01 (IC) to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

The responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan. We do not audit the Assessor's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Marksville, Louisiana
June 15, 2013

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Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Ref. No.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of finding	Corrective Action Taken	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date
<u>CURRENT YEAR (12/31/2012)</u>						
<u>Compliance</u>						
N/A	N/A	There were no compliance findings.				
<u>Internal Control</u>						
04-01(IC)	Unknown	Due to the limited number of administrative personnel, the Assessor did not have adequate segregation of accounting functions.		We feel that adequate segregation of duties is not feasible.	H. Emeric Dupuy, Assessor	N/A
07-01(IC)	12/31/07	The Assessor does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.		The Assessor has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.	H. Emeric Dupuy, Assessor	N/A

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and Corrective Action Plan (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Ref. No.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of finding	Corrective Action Taken	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date
<u>PRIOR YEAR (12/31/2011)</u>						
<u>Compliance</u>						
11-01(C)	12/31/11	A vehicle purchased during 2011 with a cost of \$27,536 was not made in accordance with the public bid law, LSA-RS 38:2212.1. Three telephone or fax quotes were not obtained prior to the purchase of the vehicle.	Yes	Quotes will be obtained for all subsequent vehicle purchases between \$10,000 and \$30,000.	H. Emeric Dupuy, Assessor	N/A
<u>Internal Control</u>						
04-01(IC)	Unknown	Due to the limited number of administrative personnel, the Assessor did not have adequate segregation of accounting functions.	No			
07-01(IC)	12/31/07	The Assessor does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.	No			