BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULES AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR

ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board Members of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District A Discrete Component Unit of the State of Louisiana PO Box 170 Port Allen, 70767

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District (District), a discrete component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 the *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considering in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplemental Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) and the required supplemental information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 MD&A and required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires 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.

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules as listed in the table of contents and the division of administration annual fiscal report (AFR) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental schedules and AFR are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Atchafalaya Basin Levee District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Broussard and Company

Lake Charles, Louisiana August 28, 2023 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART 1 OF 2)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of Atchafalaya Basin Levee District's (District) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2023. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The District's assets and deferred outflows exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of fiscal year 2023 by \$8.349,883, which represents an increase from last year. Assets consist primarily of investments and capital assets. Net position increased by \$3,146,964.
- The District's revenue totaled \$10,422,013 for the year ended June 30, 2023. These revenues are comprised primarily of Ad Valorem taxes. Revenues increased \$2,792,541, or 36.60%, compared to the prior fiscal year.
- The District's expenditures totaled \$7,275,049 for the year ended June 30, 2023. These expenditures are comprised primarily of Salaries and Maintenance. Expenditures increased \$416,586, or 6.07%, compared to the prior year due to increased salary and administrative expenses.

Overview of the Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements are comprised of three components: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and Required Supplementary Information. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements. (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional information to supplement the basic financial statements, such as required supplementary information.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The Statement of Net Position (page 9) presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is net position and may serve as a useful indicator of whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities (page 10) presents information showing how the District's assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. Regardless of whether cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, transactions are included in that will not affect cash until future periods.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

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. The District uses a single fund to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the District's only fund, the General Fund.

The District only uses one fund type, the governmental fund. The governmental fund is used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the view of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for government funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilities this comparison between the governmental fund and governmental activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes (pages 15-36) provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information and Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplemental information concerning the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (page 37), the District's Contributions – LASERS (page 28), the District's proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability (page 39), and the budgetary comparison schedule (page 41) required by GASB. The Schedule of Per Diem and Salary Paid to Board Commissioners (page 42) presents the compensation received by the Board commissioners in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statue 38:308 and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head (page 42) represents information required to be reported by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

Financial Analysis of the Government- Wide Activities of the District

SUMMARY OF NET POSITION

Governmental activities

As of June 30

Assets	2023	2022	Variance	Percent Change
Current assets	\$ 773,860	\$ 1,065,152	\$ (291,292)	-27.35%
Non-current assets	23,525,516	21,162,505	2,363,011	11.17%
Capital assets, net	1,864,714	2,467,086	(602,372)	-24.42%
Total Assets	\$ 26,164,090	\$ 24,694,743	\$ 1,469,347	5.95%
Deferred Outflows	\$ 3,101.024	\$ 2.874.641	 226,383	7.88%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	\$ 231,746	\$ 859,678	\$ (627,932)	-73.04%
Non-current liabilities	16,489,461	18,332,682	(1,843,221)	-10.05%
Total Liabilities	\$ 16,721,207	\$ 19,192,360	\$ (2.471,153)	-12.88%
Deferred Inflows	\$ 4,194,024	\$ 3,174,105	\$ 1,019,919	32.13%
Net Position				
Invested in capital assets	\$ 1,864,714	\$ 2,467,086	\$ (602,372)	-24.42%
Unrestricted	6,485,169	2,735,833	3,749,336	137.05%
Total Net Position	\$ 8,349,883	\$ 5,202,919	\$ 3,146,964	60,48%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Governmental activities For the Years Ended June 30

Revenues	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	Variance	Percent Change
Charges for services	\$	60,127	\$ 56,216	3,911	6.96%
General Revenues:		0.441.020	0.070.044		16.070
Taxes		9,441.839	8,079.064	1,362,775	16.87%
Intergovernmental		238,328	241,073	(2,745)	-1.14%
Royalties and leases		130,660	118,985	11,675	9.81%
Investments		139,270	(936,828)	1,076,098	114.87%
Miscellaneous		411,789	70,962	340,827	480.30%
Total Revenues		10,422,013	7,629.472	2,792,541	36.60%
Expenses					
Public Safety/Flood Protection		7,275.049	6,858,463	416,586	6.07%
Change in net position		3,146,964	771,009	2,375,955	308.16%
Net position, beginning		5,202,919	4,431.910	771,009	17.40%
Net position, ending	\$	8,349.883	\$ 5,202,919	3,146,964	60.48%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at June 30, 2023, was \$1,864,714. Capital assets decreased by \$602,375 or -24.4% compared to the prior fiscal year.

Capital assets at year-end are summarized as follows:

CAPITAL ASSETS Net of Accumulated Depreciation Governmental Activities

	 2023	 2022	Variance		Percent Change
Land	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000		-	0.0%
Buildings and improvements	2,775,852	2,775,852		-	0.0%
Heavy machines and equipment	6,703,390	6,692,490	10	900	0.2%
Vehicles	1,185,791	1,185,791		-	0.0%
Radios	16,873	16,873		-	0.0%
Computer equipment	38,885	38,885		-	0.0%
Furniture and fixtures	49,568	49,568		-	0.0%
Total Capital Assets	 10,786,359	 10,775,459	10	,900	0.1%
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,921,645)	(8,308,370)	(613	,275)	7.4%
Captial Assets Net of Depr.	\$ 1,864,714	\$ 2,467,089	(602	,375)	-24.4%

Long-term liabilities

Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2023 are shown in the table below.

Long-term Liabilities Governmental Activities

	 2023	 2022	 Variance	Percent Change
Compensated absences	\$ 280,721	\$ 263,966	\$ 16,755	6.3%
OPEB payable	8,857,042	12,504,031	(3,646,989)	-29.2%
Pension liability	7,351,698	5,564,685	1,787,013	32.1%
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 16,489,461	\$ 18,332,682	 (1,843,221)	-10.1%

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations and demonstrate the District's commitment to public accountability. Any questions or requests for additional information can be obtained by contacting William Tyson, Executive Director at P. O. Box 170, Port Allen, Louisiana 70767-0170, 225-387-2249.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report) June 30, 2023

	Governn	nental Activities
ASSETS		
Current Assets	\$	773,860
Cash and Cash Equivalents		-
Accounts Receivable		773,860
Total Current Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Investments		23,525,516
Capital assets		
Land		16,000
Buildings and Improvements		2,775,852
Machinery and Equipment		6,703,390
Office Equipment		55,758
Furniture and Fixtures		49,568
Vehicles		1,185,791
Accumulated Depreciation		(8.921,645)
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation		1,864,714
Total Non-Current Assets		25,390,230
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	26,164,090
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows of Resources-Pension	\$	1,738,204
Deferred Outflows of Resources-Other Post-Employment Benefits		1,362,820
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	3,101,024
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	43,857
Payroll Liabilities		84,576
Bid Bonds and Lease Deposits		29,814
Accrued Salaries		73,499
Total Current Liabilities		231,746
Non-Current Liabilities		
Compensated Absences Payable		280,721
Pension Liability, net		7,351,698
Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable		8,857,042
Total Non-Current Liabilities		16,489,461
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	16,721,207
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Inflows of Resources-Pension	\$	188,938
Deferred Inflows of Resources-Other Post-Employment Benefits		4,005,086
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	4,194,024
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$	1,864,714
Unrestricted		6,485,169
TOTAL NET POSITION	_\$	8,349,883

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report) June 30, 2023

			Program R	evenues		et Revenues Expenses)
<u>Functions/Programs</u> Government Activities	Expenses		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grands and Contributions	overnmental Activities
Public safety/flood protection	\$	7,275,049	60,127			\$ (7,214,922)
Total Government Activities		7,275,049	60,127	<u> </u>		 (7,214,922)
	 9,441,839 238,328 130,660 139,270 411,789 10,361,886 3,146,964					
	Net I	Position, beginnin	g of year			 5,202,919
	Net I	Position, ending o	f yeaı			\$ 8,349,883

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report) June 30, 2023

	General Fun		
ASSETS	_		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	773,860	
Accounts Receivable		-	
Investments		23,525,516	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	24,299,376	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	43,857	
Payroll liabilities		84,576	
Accrued salaries payable		73,499	
Bid bonds/lease deposits		29,814	
Total Liabilities		231,746	
Fund Balances:			
Committed for:			
Equipment replacement/repair		2,000,000	
Flood emergencies		4,000,000	
Assigned for Current Operations		18,067,630	
Total Fund Balances		24,067,630	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	24,299,376	

RECONCILITATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF THE NET POSITION (See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report) June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 24,067,630
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in	
these funds. This is the reported amount of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.	1,864,714
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not current year financial resources and,	
therefore, are not reported in these funds.	3,101,024
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in these funds. Long-term liabilities include the following:	
Compensated absences	(280,721)
Other post-employment benefits plan	(8,857,042)
Net pension liability	(7,351,698)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and	
OPEB are not current year financial resources, and	(1.104.001)
therefore, are not reported in these funds.	 (4,194,024)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 8,349,883

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 9,441.839
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State revenue sharing	238,328
Royalties and leases	130,660
Belle River boat landing fees	41,287
Interest and dividends net of investment gains (losses)	139,270
Charges for Services	18,840
Other revenues	411,789
Total Revenues	10,422,013
EXPENDITURES	
General government	7,653,444
Belle River boat landing expenses	58,017
Capital outlay	10,901
Total Expenditures	7,722,362
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,699,651
Fund balances, beginning	21,367,979
Fund balances, ending	\$ 24,067,630

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES (See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report) For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Government Funds	\$ 2,699,651
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement	
of Activities are 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. This is the amount by which	
depreciation exceeded captial outlays in the current period.	(602,372)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do	
not require the use of current financial resources and are	
not reported as expenditures in governemental funds. These	
include the net change in:	
Compensated absences	(16,755)
Other post-employment benefits plan	896,380
Net pension lability	 170,060
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 3,146,964

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District (District), a component unit of the State of Louisiana, was created by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 38:291 (Y). The District is domiciled in Port Allen, Louisiana, and serves as a multi-parish authority to accomplish flood protection through the maintenance of levees and drainage. Its service area includes the parishes Pointe Coupee. West Baton Rouge and parts of the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Iberia, Iberville, St. Landry and St. Martin. The District is managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of 12 members that are appointed by the Governor of the state of Louisiana and serve terms concurrent with that of the Governor.

Commissioners, as authorized by R.S. 38:308 receive a per diem to attend meetings or conduct board-approved business not to exceed 75% of the rate allowable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 162(h)(1)(B)(ii) for up to 36 days per year. The president receives a salary in lieu of the per diem provision in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per month.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting practice of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District conforms to generally accepted principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide Audits of State and *Local Governmental Units*.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

<u>Basis of Presentation</u> – The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for state and local governments. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, published by GASB. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

<u>Reporting Entity</u> – GASB Codification Section 2100 has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The District is considered a discrete component unit of the State of Louisiana because the State exercises oversight responsibility in that the Governor appoints the majority of the board members and public service is rendered within the State's boundaries. The accompanying financial statements present only the transactions of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District.

<u>Government</u> – Wide and Fund Financials – In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board, the District has presented a statement of net position and statement of activities for the District as a whole. Government-wide accounting is designed to provide a more comprehensive view of the government's operations and financial position as a single economic entity. The District has also presented a fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by demonstrating the current resources of the District. Government-wide and governmental fund statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. The District's general fund is classified as governmental activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30,2022

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Policies specific to the government-wide statements are as follows:

<u>Capitalizing Assets</u> – Tangible and/or intangible assets used in operations with an initial useful life that extends beyond one year and exceed \$5,000 in cost are capitalized. Infrastructure assets such as roads and bridges are also capitalized along with interest on debt incurred during construction. Capital assets are recorded at their historical cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over their estimated useful lives. They are reported net of accumulated depreciation on the statement of net position.

Using the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, the District is considered a Phase 3 government, as its total annual revenues are less than \$10 million. Such governments are not required to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. The District has opted not to retroactively report these types of capital assets.

<u>Program Revenues</u> – The Statement of Activities presents three categories of program revenues (1) charges for services; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services are those revenues arising from charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods and services provided by the District. Grants and contributions, whether operating or capital in nature, are revenues arising from receipts that are reserved for a specific use.

<u>Indirect Expenses</u> – Expenses are reported according to function except for those that meet the definition of special or extraordinary items. Direct expenses are specifically associated with a service or program. Indirect expenses include general government or administration that cannot be to other functions, and the District has chosen not to do so.

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

The government-wide statements are reported using an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of governmental and business-type activities are included in the statement of net assets. Revenues and recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the liabilities are incurred in the statement of activities. In these statements, capital assets are reported and depreciated in each fund, and long-term debt is reported.

The fund statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements present increase and decreases in net current assets. Expenditures for capital assets are reported as current expenses, and such assets are not depreciated. Principle and interest paid on long-term debt is reported as current expenses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Budgets and Budgetary Accounting</u> – The District adopts an annual budget for all of its funds, prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund. The Board must approve any revisions that alter the total expenditures. Budgeted amounts shown are as originally adopted and as amended by the Board. The District amends its budget when projected revenues are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by 5% or more and/or projected expenditures are expected to be more than budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – Cash includes amounts in interest bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

<u>Investments</u> – Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments. Otherwise, the investments are classified as cash and cash equivalents. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, investments are recorded at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the corresponding increase or decrease reported in investment earnings.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Receivables</u> – Receivables are recorded net of any allowance for uncollectible amounts in both governmental and business-type activities.

<u>Capital Assets</u> – The District's assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is not available. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. Its policy is to capitalize assets with an original cost of \$5,000 or more. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings/improvements	40 years	Machinery/equipment	3-10 years
Vehicles	5-10 years	Furniture/office equipment	5-10 years

The District maintains both Mississippi River and Tributaries and Hurricane Protection Levees. While the District moves grass and dos minor repairs, major construction is normally done by the U.S. Corp of Engineers. The Division of Administration of the State of Louisiana, in a letter dated June 11, 2002, advised that the District does not provide major and significant improvements of maintenance to these levees that would constitute ownership under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB No. 34) requirements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – Employees of the District earn annual and sick leave at varying rates, depending on their years of service. Upon termination, an employee is compensated for up to 300 hours of unused annual leave at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of termination. Employees accumulated \$280,721 in leave benefits in which they were fully vested at June 30, 2023. The balance is considered a long-term liability and is reported in the government-wide statement but not in the governmental fund statement.

Long-Term Obligations – Long-term liabilities consist of compensated absences, post-employment benefits liability, and net pension liability in the government-wide statements. In the fund financial statements, however, long-term liabilities are not reported and payments of long-term liabilities are recognized as expenditures when paid. The District recognizes OPEB liability based on the actuarially determined liability of the State. For the purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) and additions to/deductions from LASERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LASERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

<u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u> – The statement of net position reports in a separate section deferred inflows and outflows of resources. Deferred outflow or resources is a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period while deferred inflows of resources is an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to the future reporting period. The District reported deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB.

<u>Property Taxes</u> – Article 6, Section 39 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection and all other purposes incidental thereto, the District may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1st of each year. They are levied in November, billed in December and become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

Net Position/Fund Balances

In the statement of net position, the difference between a government's assets and liabilities is recorded as net position. Net position is classified in the following components:

- (a) *Investment in capital assets* consists of the District's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. The District does not have any outstanding debt obligations related to capital assets.
- (b) *Restricted* consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by external groups or through enabling legislation and provisions.
- (c) Unrestricted consists of the net amounts of the assets. deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of investment in capital assets. Unrestricted net position is used to transactions relating to the general operations of the District and may be used at its discretion to meet current year expenses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In the fund financial statements, fund balance for the governmental fund are classified as follows:

- (a) *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.
- (b) *Restricted* amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resource either by (a) externally imposed by creditors, (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- (c) *Committed* amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District Board of Commissioners. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed.
- (d) Assigned amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the general fund.
- (e) *Unassigned* residual fund balance for governmental fund.

<u>Accounting Pronouncements</u> – GASB Statement No. 87, "Leases" increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a defined inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The implementation of this standard had no material effect of the Board's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the vent of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. Under state law, they 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.

As of June 30, 2023, the District's deposits were secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities. The collected bank balances at June 30, 2023 was \$845,293. Deposits of the District are secured with \$250,000 of FDIC insurance and \$1,000,000 letter of credit in pledged securities. Book balances as of June 30, 2023 amount to \$773,860 which includes petty cash of \$700.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2023, the District had investments totaling \$23,525,516. A summary of the District's investments follows:

	_	Credit		
Investment	Percentage	Rating		Fair Value
Cash and Money Market Funds	8%	N/A	\$	1,985,070
Commercial Paper	25%	N/A		5,790,985
U.S. Government Obligations	59%	AAA		13,784,099
Mortgage Backed Securities	8%	N/A		1,878,753
Accrued Interest	0%	N/A		86,609
Total	100%		S	23,525,516

		June 30, 2023									
Investment	F	Less than 1 Fair Value Year		1 to 5 Years		6 to 10 Years		1	0+ Years		
Cash and MM Funds	<u> </u>	1,985,070	\$	1,985,070	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Commercial Paper		5,790,985		5,790,985		-		-		-	
U.S. Government Obligations		13,784,099		3,890,612		5,377,483	4,:	516,004		-	
Mortgage Backed Securities		1,878,753		-		-		-		1,878,753	
Accrued Interest		86,609		86,609		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Total	\$	23,525,516	\$	11,753,276	\$	5,377,483	\$ 4,3	516,004	\$	1,878,753	

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. State law limits the Districts investments per R.S. 33:2955. The District does not have policies to further limit credit risks.

Custodial risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investment policy states that the assets of the district shall be held in trust by the fiduciary designated by the District. For U.S. Treasury Obligations and U.S. Government Obligations state law provides these are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an entity's investment in a single issuer. The District does not have any policies to further limit concentration of credit risk.

Investment rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. State law as applicable to political subdivisions does not address interest rate risk. In addition, the District does not have policies to limit interest rate risk.

INVESTMENTS – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuations techniques used to measure fair value into three levels.

- Level 1 inputs the valuation is based on quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets.
- Level 2 inputs the valuation is based on quoted market prices for similar instruments traded in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 inputs the valuation is determined using the best information available under the circumstances and might include the government's own data. In developing unobservable inputs, a government may begin with its own data but should adjust those data is (a) reasonable available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or (b) there is something particular to the government that is not available to other market participants.

Fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

			Fair Value Hierarchy						
Investment	Fair Value June 30, 2023		for Identical Obs			ificant Other oservable its (Level 2)	Unot Ir	nificant oservable oputs evel 3)	
Cash and MM Funds	S	1,985,070	\$	-	\$	1,985,070	\$	-	
Commercial Paper		5,790,985		5,790,985		-		-	
U.S. Government Obligations		13,784,099		13,784,099		-		-	
Mortgage Backed Securities		1,878,753		-		1,878,753		-	
Accrued Interest		86,609		86,609		-		-	
Total	\$	23,525,516	\$	19,661,693	\$	3,863,823	\$	-	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance		А	dditions	Ret	irements	Ending Balance	
Capital Assets, not being depreciated								
Land	\$	16,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,000
Capital Assets, being depreciated								
Buildings and improvements		2,775,852		_		-		2,775,852
Machinery and equipment		6,692,490		10,901		-		6,703,391
Vehicles		1,185,791				-		1,185,791
Computer equipment		55,758				-		55,758
Furniture and fixtures		49,568		-		-		49,568
Less: accumulated depreciation		(8,308,373)		(613,273)				(8,921,646)
Capital Assets, net	\$	2,467,086	\$	(602,372)	\$	1	\$	1,864,714

Not included in the above capital assets are levees to which the Division of Administration of the State of Louisiana has advised are not owned by the district but to which the District is responsible for maintaining. These include 380 miles of Mississippi River and Tributaries Project levees that lie within the jurisdicition of the District. Of these, 110.5 miles are main line Mississippi River levees and 369.5 miles are Atchafalaya River and Guide levees. These levees were constructed and improved over the past 100 years by both original landowners and federal and state governments. The cost was estimated based on information obtained from the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at \$219,537,364.

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

Employees of the District are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.,S. 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <u>www.lasersonline.org</u>.

Benefits Provided

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Retirement Benefits

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by stature, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Our rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service, or at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015 may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the members average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

Members of the Harbor Police Retirement System who were members prior to July 1, 2014, may retire after 25 years of creditable service at any age, 12 years of creditable service at age 55, 20 years of creditable service at age 45, and 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Average compensation for the plan is the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment, with a 3.33% accrual rate.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service retirement for benefits varies depending upon the members employer and service classification.

Deferred Retirement Benefits

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

For members who are in the Harbo Police Plan, the annual DROP Interest Rate is the three-year average (calculated as the compound average of 36 months) investment return of the plan assets for the period ending the June 30^{th} immediately preceding that given date. The average rate so determined is to be reduced by a "contingency" adjustment of 0.5%, but not to below zero. DROP interest is forfeited if member does not cease employment after DROP participation.

Disability Benefits

Generally, active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation or 100% of final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence.

Members of the Harbor Police Retirement System who become disabled may receive a non-line of duty disability benefit after five years or more of credited service. Members age 55 or older may receive a disability benefit equivalent to the regular retirement benefit. Under age 55, the disability benefit is equal to 40% of final average compensation. Line of duty disability benefits are equal to 60% of the final average compensation, regardless of years of credited service or 100% of final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence. If the disability benefit retiree is permanently confined to a wheelchair or is an amputee incapable of serving as a law enforcement officer, or the benefit is permanently and legally blind, there is no reduction to the benefit if the retiree becomes gainfully employed.

Survivor's Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

A Hazardous Duty Services Plan member's surviving spouse and minor or handicapped or mentally incapacitated child or children are entitled to survivor benefits of 80% of the member's final average compensation if the member was killed in the line of duty. If the member dies in the line of duty as a result of an intentional act of violence, survivor benefits may be increased to 100% of the member's final average compensation.

Non-line of duty survivor benefits of the Harbor Police Retirement System may be received after a minimum of five years of credited service. Survivor benefits paid to a surviving spouse without children are equal to 40% of final average compensation and cease upon remarriage. Surviving spouse with children under 18 benefits are equal to 60% of final average compensation, and cease upon remarriage, and children turning 18. No minimum service credit is required for line of duty survivor benefits which are equal to 60% of final average compensation to surviving spouse or 100% of final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence, regardless of children. Line of duty survivor benefits cease upon remarriage, and then benefit is paid to children under 18.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Contributions

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers. The rates in effect during the year ended June 30, 2023 for the District's plan follow:

		2022
	Plan	Employer
Plan	Status	Rate
Regular Employees hired before 7/1/06	Closed	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/1/06	Closed	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 1/1/11	Closed	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/1/15	Open	39.50%

The District's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2022, was 40.40% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$907,120 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the Employer reported a liability of \$7,351.698 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.09725%, which was a decrease of 0.00386% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$737,061 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$-0-.

At June 30, 2023, the Agency reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	 d Outflows of esources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 20,049	\$	-
Changes of assumptions	133,664		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	592,153		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	85,218		188,938
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	 907,120		_
Total	 1,738,204	\$	188,938

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

\$907,120 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30	:	
2024	\$	(352,938)
2025	\$	(33,006)
2026	\$	149,739
2027	\$	(405,941)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions: Expected Remaining Service Lives	2 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.25% per annum, net of investment expenses*
Inflation Rate	2.3% per annum
Mortality	Non-disabled members - The RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. Disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP- 2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.
Termination, Disability, and Retirement	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five year (2014-2018) experience study of the System's members.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Salary Increases

Salary increases were projected based on 2014-2018 experience study of the System's members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

	Lower	Upper
Member Type	Range	Range
Regular	3.0%	12.8%
Judges	2.6%	5.1%
Corrections	3.6%	13.8%
Hazardous Duty	3.6%	13.8%
Wildlife	3.6%	13.8%

Cost of Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

*The investment rate of return used in the actuarial valuation for funding purposes was 7.60%, recognizing an additional 35 basis points for gain-sharing. The net return available to fund regular plan benefits is 7.25%, which is the same as the discount rate. Therefore, the System's management concludes that the 7.25% discount is reasonable.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term nominal rate of return is 8.34% for 2022. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

Expected Long Term Real Rates of Return					
Asset Class	2022				
Cash	0.39%				
Domestic Equity	4.57%				
International Equity	5.76%				
Domestic Fixed Income	1.48%				
International Fixed Income	5.04%				
Alternative Investments	8.30%				
Total Fund	5.91%				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the pension plan's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Current							
		6.25%	Dis	count Rate 7.25%	1%	% Increase 8.25%		
Employer's proportionate share of the								
net pension liability	\$	9,250,581	\$	7,351,698	\$	5,620,192		

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Pension

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued current LASERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at <u>www.lasersonline.org</u>.

Payables to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2023, the District owed \$84,651 to LASERS for the June 2023 employer and employee contributions.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 6: POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

The District provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially, all District employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District.

<u>Plan Description</u> – The Office of Group Benefits (OGB) administers the State of Louisiana Post-Retirement Benefits Plan-a defined-benefit, multi-employer other postemployment benefit plan. The plan provides medical, prescription drug, and life insurance benefits to retirees, disabled retirees, and their eligible beneficiaries through premium subsidies. Current employees, who participate in an OGB health plan while active, are eligible for plan benefits if they are enrolled in the OGB health plan immediately before the date of retirement and retire under one of the state sponsored retirement systems (Louisiana State Employee's Retirement System, or Louisiana State Police Retirement System) or they retire from a participating employer that meets the qualifications in the Louisiana Administrative Code 32:3:303. Benefit provisions are established under R.S. 42:962 for health insurance benefits and R.S. 42:821 for life insurance benefits. The obligations of the plan members, employer(s), and other contribution entities to contribute to the plan are established or may be amended under the authority of R.S. 42:802. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75. Effective July 1, 2008, and OPEB trust fund was statutorily established; however, this plan is not administered as a trust and no plan assets have been accumulated as of June 30, 2023. The plan is funded on a "pay-as-you-go basis" under which the contributions to the plan are generally made at about the same time and in about the same amount as benefit payments become due.

Employer Contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. Premium amounts vary depending on the health plan selected and if the retired member has Medicare coverage. OGB offers retirees four self-insured healthcare plans and one fully insured plan. Retired employees who have Medicare part A and Part B coverage also have access to four fully insured Medicare Advantage plans. The employer contribution percentage is based on the date of participation or rejoin the plan before January 1, 2002, pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage (except single retirees under age 65, who pay approximately 25% of the active employee cost). For those beginning participated or rejoining on or after January 1, 2002, the percentage of premiums contributed by the employer and retiree is based on the following schedule:

Years of Service	Employer %	Employee %
0-10 years	19%	81%
10-14 years	38%	62%
15-19 years	56%	44%
20+ years	75%	25%

As of June 30, 2023, the state does not use an OPEB trust. A trust was established with an effective date of July 1, 2008, but was not funded, has no assets, and hence a funded ratio of zero.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 6: POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

In addition to healthcare benefits, retirees may elect to receive life insurance benefits. Basic and supplemental life insurance is available for the individual retiree and spouses of retirees, subject to maximum values. Employers pay approximately 50% of monthly premiums for individual retirees. The retiree is responsible for 100% of the premium for dependents. The total monthly premium for retirees varies according to age group.

Total Collective OPEB Liability and Changes in Total Collective OPEB Liability

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$8,857,042 for its proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability. The total collective OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The District's proportionate share percentage is based on the employer's individual OPEB actuarial accrued liability. In relation to the total OPEB actuarial accrued liability for all participating entities included in the State of Louisiana reporting entity. At July 1, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.1312% which was a decrease of 0.0053% from the District's proportion at July 1, 2021.

The total collective OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial methods, assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

- Actuarial Cost Method-Entry Age Normal, level percentage of pay
- Estimated Remaining Service Lives 4.5
- Inflation Rate 2.40%
- Salary Increase Rate consistent with the pension valuation assumptions
- Discount Rate 4.09% based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 year high grade index
- Mortality rates for active lives: the RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Table, adjusted by 0.978 for males and 1.144 for females, projected from 2014 on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018.
- Healthcare costs trend rate- 7.00% for pre-Medicare eligible employees grading down by .25% each year beginning in 2023-2024, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2033 and thereafter; 5.25% for post-Medicare eligible employees grading down by .25% each year, beginning in 2023-2024, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2033 and thereafter; the initial trend using a building block approach which considers Consumer Price Index, Gross Domestic Product, and technology growth.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 6: POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.18% as of July 1, 2021 to 4.09% as of July 1, 2022.

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

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

	1%	6 Decrease 3.09%	Dis	Current count Rate 4.09%	1% Increase 5.09%			
Proportionate Share of Total Collective OPEB Liability		10,171,153	\$	8,857,042	S	7,798,457		

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the District's proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower of one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	1%	Decrease	1% Increase				
		6.00%	 7.00%		8.00%		
Proportionate Share of Total							
Collective OPEB Liability	\$	7,812,499	\$ 8,857,042	\$	10,161,072		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 6: POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023 the District recognized OPEB benefit of \$509,702. At June 30, 2023 the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual			
experience	\$	269,432	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other			
inputs		607,455	(2.910,493)
Differences between benefit payments			
and proportionate share of benefit			
payments		12,517	(1,092,411)
Difference between employer			
payments and proportionate share of			
employer payments		86,736	(2,182.00)
Current year amounts paid by the			
employer for OPEB subsequent to the			
measurement date		386,680	
Total	S	1,362,820	 (4,005,086)

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from the District's benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total collective OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023.

Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

	Net
	Amount
	Recognized
	in OPEB
Year Ended	Expense
2024	\$ (892,781)
2025	(824,966)
2026	(885,762)
2027	(425,437)
	\$ (3,028,946)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District.

NOTE 8: LEASES

The District had no operating or capital leases commenced at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 9: ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following is a summary of payables at June 30, 2023:

Accounts payable	\$ 43,857
Payroll withholdings	84,576
Accrued salaries	73,499
Deposits and other funds held	 29,814
Total	\$ 231,746

NOTE 10: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The District had no related party transactions in the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District had evaluated all subsequent events through August 28, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and there were no events between the close of the year through the issuance of this report that would materially impact those financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART 2 OF 2)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Part 2 of 2)

Schedule 1: Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability – LASERS

Presents the District's Net Pension Liability to LASERS

Schedule 2: Employer's Contributions – LASERS

Presents the amounts of contributions the District made to the LASERS pension system

Schedule 3: Employer's Proportionate Share of the Total Collective OPEB Liability

Presents the District's share of the State's OPEB liability

Schedule 4: Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Presents amounts and variances for budget and actual revenues and expenditures

SCHEDULE 1: EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY - LASERS For the Years Ended June 30,

	For The Year Ended June 30																
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	2016		2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)		0.097250%		0.101100%		0.097510%		0.107650%		0.102865%		0.104730%		0.105230%	0.104730%		0.101230%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	7,351,698	\$	5,564,685	\$	8,064,728	\$	7,799,077	\$	7,015,318	\$	7,286,244	\$	8,263,240	\$ 7,123,085	\$	6,329,990
Employer's covered employee payroll	\$	2.068,614	\$	2,136,923	\$	2,045,189	\$	2,141,261	\$	1,990,706	\$	2,164,350	\$	1.978,475	\$ 1,987,689	\$	1,865,011
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll		355.39%		260.41%		394.33%		364.23%		325.40%		336.65%		417.66%	358.36%		339.41%
Plan Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		63.70%		72.80%		54.95%		62.90%		64.30%		62.50%		57.70%	62.70%		65.00%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

*The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

SCHEDULE 2: EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS - LASERS For the Years Ended June 30.

Date	R	equired		Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution		Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2023	\$	844,085	S	907,120	S	12,166	\$	2,068,614	43.85%
2022	S	844,085	S	831,919	\$	12,166	\$	2,136,923	38.93%
2021	\$	820,121	\$	865,767	\$	(45,646)	\$	2,045,189	42.33%
2020	\$	871,493	\$	792,978	\$	78,515	\$	2,141,261	37.03%
2019	\$	754,477	\$	750,379	\$	4,098	\$	1,990,706	37.69%
2018	\$	731,461	\$	743,254	\$	(11,793)	\$	2,164,350	34.34%
2017	\$	708,294	\$	698,121	\$	10,173	\$	1.978.475	35.29%
2016	\$	739,420	\$	781,737	\$	(42,317)	\$	1,987,689	39.33%
2015	\$	693,784	\$	730,292	\$	(36,508)	\$	1,865,011	39.16%
	2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016	Date R 2023 \$ 2022 \$ 2021 \$ 2020 \$ 2019 \$ 2017 \$ 2016 \$	2023 \$ 844,085 2022 \$ 844,085 2021 \$ 820,121 2020 \$ 871,493 2019 \$ 754,477 2018 \$ 731,461 2017 \$ 708,294 2016 \$ 739,420	Date Required Contribution 2023 \$ 844,085 \$ 2022 \$ 844,085 \$ 2021 \$ 820,121 \$ 2020 \$ 871,493 \$ 2019 \$ 754,477 \$ 2017 \$ 708,294 \$ 2016 \$ 739,420 \$	Contractually Required Contributionin Relation to Contractually Required Contribution2023\$844,085\$2023\$844,085\$2022\$844,085\$2022\$844,085\$2021\$820,121\$2020\$871,493\$2019\$754,477\$2018\$731,461\$2017\$708,294\$2016\$739,420\$	Contractually Required Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution 2023 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2022 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2022 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2022 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2021 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2021 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2021 \$ 844,085 \$ 907,120 \$ 2020 \$ 844,085 \$ 865,767 \$ 2019 \$ 754,477 \$ 750,379 \$ 2018 \$ 731,461 \$ 743,254 \$ 2017 \$ 708,294 \$ 698,121 \$ 2016 \$ 739,420 \$ 781,737 \$	In Relation to Contractually Required ContributionContributionContributionDateContributionContributionContributionDeficiency (Excess)2023\$844,085\$907,120\$12,1662022\$844,085\$831,919\$12,1662021\$820,121\$865,767\$(45,646)2020\$871,493\$792,978\$78,5152019\$754,477\$750,379\$4,0982018\$731,461\$743,254\$(11,793)2017\$708,294\$698,121\$10,1732016\$739,420\$781,737\$(42,317)	LowLowIn Relation to Contractually Required ContributionContributionContributionDateContributionContributionContributionDeficiency (Excess)2023\$844,085\$907,120\$12,166\$2022\$844,085\$831,919\$12,166\$2021\$820,121\$865,767\$(45,646)\$2020\$871,493\$792,978\$78,515\$2019\$754,477\$750,379\$4,098\$2018\$731,461\$743,254\$(11,793)\$2016\$739,420\$781,737\$(42,317)\$	LowContractually Required Contributionin Relation to Contractually Required ContributionContributionEmployer's Covered Employee Payroll2023\$844,085\$907,120\$12,166\$2,068,6142022\$844,085\$907,120\$12,166\$2,068,6142022\$844,085\$831,919\$12,166\$2,068,6142022\$844,085\$865,767\$(45,646)\$2,045,1892021\$820,121\$865,767\$(45,646)\$2,045,1892020\$871,493\$792,978\$78,515\$2,141,2612019\$754,477\$750,379\$4,098\$1,990,7062018\$731,461\$743,254\$(11,793)\$2,164,3502017\$708,294\$698,121\$10,173\$1,978,4752016\$739,420\$781,737\$(42,317)\$1,987,689

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SCHEDULE 3: SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE TOTAL COLLECTIVE OPEB LIABILITY For the Years Ended June 30,

	For The Year Ended June 30													
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017
Employer's proportion of the total collective OPEB liability		0.13120%		0.13660%		0.15140%		0.14850%		0.15010%		0.14910%		3.40000%
Employer's proportionate share of the total		\$8,857,042		\$12,504,031		\$12,542,049		\$11,464,952		\$12,812,176	ļ	\$12,958,551		\$9,897,638
Employer's covered employee payroll	\$	2,128,773	\$	2,158,446	\$	2,117,523	\$	2,057,263	\$	2,017,485	\$	2,164,350	\$	2,012,670
Employer's proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll		416.06%		579.31%		592.30%		557.29%		635.06%		598.73%		491.77%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION For the year ended June 30, 2023

Net Pension Liability

Changes of Benefit Terms include:

2015 1) A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Act 102 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, and,

- 2015 2) Improved benefits for certain members employed by the Office of Adult Probation and Parole within the
 - Department of Public Safety and Corrections as established by Act 852 of 2014, and,
- 2017 3) A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, and,
- 2017 4) Added benefits for members of the Harbor Police Retirement System which was merged with LASERS effective July 1, 2015
- by Act 648 of 2014.
- 2018 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2017 valuation.
- 2019 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2018 valuation.
- 2020 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2019 valuation.
- 2021 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2020 valuation.
- 2022 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2021 valuation.
- 2023 No changes in benefit terms in the June 30, 2022 valuation.

Changes of Assumptions include:

- 2018 There were several changes in assumptions for the June 30, 2017 valuation. The Board adopted a plan to gradually reduce the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.50% in .05% annual increments, beginning July 1, 2017. Therefore, the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.70% for the June 30, 2017 valuation. A 7.65% discount rate was used to determine the projected contribution requirements for fiscal year 2018/2019. The Board reduced the inflation assumption from 3.0% to 2.75%, effective July 1, 2017. Since the inflation assumption is a component of the salary increase assumption, all salary increase assumptions decreased by .25%. In addition, the projected contribution requirement for fiscal year 2018/2019 includes direct funding of administrative expenses, rather than a reduction in the assumed rate of return, per Act 94 of 2016.
- 2019 For the valuation year ended June 30, 2018, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.70% to 7.65%. The inflation rate was also decreased from 2.75% to 2.5%.
- 2020 For the valuation year ended June 30, 2019, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.65% to 7.60%.
- 2021 For the valuation year ended June 30, 2020, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.60% to 7.55%. The inflation rate was also decreased from 2.5% to 2.3%.
- 2022 For the valuation year ended June 30, 2021, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.55% to 7.40%.
- 2023 For the valuation year ended June 30, 2022, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.40% to 7.25%.

OPEB Liability

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the requirements in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

Changes in assumptions -

2020

- 2018 In the valuation for 2017, the discount rate increased from 2.71% to 3.13%.
- In the valuation for 2018, the discount rate decreased from 3.13% to 2.98%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2018 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2019 premiums. The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was revised for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to reflect
- 2019 experience studies. The mortality assumption for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System was updated from the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant and Employee tables for males and females with generational projections using projection scale MP-2018. The percentage of future retirees assumed to elect medical coverage was modified based on recent plan experience.

For the July 1, 2019 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.98% to 2.79%. Baseline per capital costs wer updated to reflect 2019 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2020 premiums. Life insurance contributions were updated to reflect 2020 premium schedules. The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was removed. The High Cost Excise Tax was repealed in December 2019. Demographic assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System to reflect the recent experience study.

For the July 1, 2020 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.79% to 2.66%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2020 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2021 premiums. 2020 medical claims and enrollment

2021 experience were reviewed by not included in the projection of expected 2021 plan costs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actuary does not believe this experience is reflective of what can be expected in future years. The salary scale assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

For the July 1, 2021 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.66% to 2.18%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2021 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2022 premiums. 2021 medical claims and enrollment experience were reviewed by not included in the projection of expected 2022 plan costs.

For the July 1, 2022 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.18% to 4.09%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2022 claims and enrollment. Plan claims and premiums increased less than had expected, which decreased the Plan's liability.

SCHEDULE 4: BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (See Independent Auditor's Report)

Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Year Ended J	une s	50, 2025			_				
		Bud	geted				Variance Favorable				
		Original	Actual		nfavorable)						
REVENUES		Oliginal		Final		Actual	(0)	navorable)			
Taxes	\$	7,876,008	\$	9,427,495	\$	9,411,839	\$	(15,656)			
Intergovernmental revenues	47	236,000	Ψ	238,328	Ψ	238,328	Ψ	-			
Royalties and leases		120,000		146,000		130,660		(15,340)			
Charges for services		41,525		61,255		90,128		28,873			
Grant proceeds/contributions		362,450		361,669		361,669		-			
Sale of equipment		30,000		-		-		-			
Investment income		303,000		501,000		139,270		(361,730)			
Other revenues		8,000		50,124		50,124		-			
omerrevenues		0,000		20,121		20,121		,			
Total Revenues		8,976,983		10,785,871		10,422,018		(363,853)			
EXPENDITURES											
Salaries & compensation		2,613,442		2,669,173		2,673,400		(4,227)			
Employee benefits		2,319,921		2,372,801		2,370,669		2,132			
Travel		75,500		25,020		25,438		(418)			
Professional services		91,400		70,058		69,167		891			
Membership dues		2,800		2,050		2,050		-			
Insurance		186,100		204,524		204,524		-			
Levee maintenance		1,971,500		1,727,722		1,739,294		(11,572)			
Maintenance facilities		85,500		91,778		110,340		(18,562)			
Administrative office		135,000		130,320		128,208		2,112			
Miscellaneous		4,700		6,755		8,806		(2,051)			
Ad valorem tax collection		287,400		323,381		321,553		1,828			
Belle River Boat Landing		63,000		61,022		58,017		3,005			
Total General Government		7,836,263		7,684,604		7,711,466		(26,862)			
Capital Outlay		944,000		43,112		10,901		32,211			
Total Expenditures		8,780,263		7,727,716		7,722,367		5,349			
Net Change in Fund Balances		196,720		3,058,155		2,699,651		(358,504)			
Fund Balances, beginning		21,367,979		21,367,979		21,367,979					
Fund Balances, ending	\$	21,564,699	\$	24,426,134	\$	24,067,630	\$	(358,504)			

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS (See Independent Auditor's Report) Year Ended June 30, 2023

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this schedule of per diem paid to board members is presented for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Name	<u>Pe</u>	r Diem
Flynn, William	\$	1,881
Gordon, Kenneth		2,142
Guillory, Mark		1,555
Harvey, Spencer		939
Hebert, Daniel H.		704
Jewell, Karen		1,789
Matherne, Earl J.		1,760
McGee, Sean		821
Meche, Jody		1,058
Thibodeaux, Tommy A.		2,157
Rockforte, Nickie		823
Total	\$	15,628

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD (See Independent Auditors' Report) Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>William Tyson</u>		
Salary	\$ 16	59,228
Employee Benefits	4	40,911
Total	\$ 21	0,139



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

Board of Commissioners of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District State of Louisiana P.O. Box 170 Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Atchafalaya Basin Levee District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30. 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon date August 28, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing on 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.

Broussard and Company

Lake Charles, Louisiana August 28, 2023

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS June 30, 2023

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS

Financial Statements:

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	<u>Unmodified</u> Opinion
Internal control over financial reporting:	<u></u>
Material weakness(es) identified	No
Significant Deficiency(ies) identified	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted	No
Management Letter issued	<u>No</u>

FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

None reported.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES June 30, 2023

None reported.

N/A

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES June 30, 2023

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT

As a component unit of the State of Louisiana, the financial statements of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District are included in Louisiana's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Following are the statements, prepared by the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, being submitted to the Division of Administration for reporting purposes. The amounts recorded have been subjected to the same auditing procedures as those recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	773,860.65	
RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	23,525,516.52	
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	0.00	
DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00	
RECEIVABLES (NET)	0.00	
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00	
LEASES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00	
P3 RECEIVABLE (NET) (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00	
AMOUNTS DUE FROM PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	0.00	
DUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0.00	
INVENTORIES	0.00	
PREPAYMENTS	0.00	
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00	
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	0.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$24,299,377.17	
NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
RESTRICTED ASSETS:		
CASH	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	0.00	
RECEIVABLES (NET)	0.00	
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00	
OTHER	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	0.00	
RECEIVABLES (NET)	0.00	
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00	
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00	
LEASES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00	
P3 RECEIVABLE (NET) (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00	
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION)	0.00	
LAND	16,000.00	
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	853,410.97	
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	995,302.23	
INFRASTRUCTURE	0.00	
OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS	0.00	
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0.00	
INTANGIBLE RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS:	0.00	
LEASED LAND	0.00	
LEASED BUILDING & OFFICE SPACE	0.00	
LEASED MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0.00	
SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITA)	0.00	
PUBLIC-PRIVATE AND PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (P3) (Only relates to Operator)	0.00	
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS	0.00	
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	\$1,864,713.20	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,164,090.37	

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

ACCUMULATED DECREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF HEDGING DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00
DEFERRED AMOUNTS ON DEBT REFUNDING	0.00

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LEASE RELATED	0.00
P3-RELATED (Only relates to Operator)	0.00
GRANTS PAID PRIOR TO MEETING TIME REQUIREMENTS	0.00
INTRA-ENTITY TRANSFER OF FUTURE REVENUES (TRANSFEREE)	0.00
LOSSES FROM SALE-LEASEBACK TRANSACTIONS	0.00
DIRECT LOAN ORIGINATION COSTS FOR MORTGAGE LOANS HELD FOR SALE	0.00
ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS	0.00
OPEB-RELATED	1,362,820.00
PENSION-RELATED	1,738,204.47
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$3,101,024.47
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$29,265,114.84
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS	231,746.01
ACCRUED INTEREST	0.00
DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00
AMOUNTS DUE TO PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	0.00
DUE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0.00
AMOUNTS HELD IN CUSTODY FOR OTHERS	0.00
UNEARNED REVENUES	0.00
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.00
CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:	
CONTRACTS PAYABLE	0.00
COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE	0.00
LEASE LIABILITY	0.00
SBITA LIABILITY	0.00
P3 LIABILITY (Only relates to Operator)	0.00
ESTIMATED LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS	0.00
NOTES PAYABLE	0.00
BONDS PAYABLE	0.00
OPEB LIABILITY	0.00
POLLUTION REMEDIATION OBLIGATIONS	0.00
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$231,746.01
NONCURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:	
CONTRACTS PAYABLE	0.00
COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE	280,721.30
LEASE LIABILITY	0.00
SBITA LIABILITY	0.00
P3 LIABILITY (Only relates to Operator)	0.00
ESTIMATED LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS	0.00
NOTES PAYABLE	0.00
BONDS PAYABLE	0.00
OPEB LIABILITY	8,857,042.00
NET PENSION LIABILITY	7,351,698.00
POLITION REMEDIATION OBLIGATIONS	0.00

NET PENSION LIABILITY	7,351,698.00
POLLUTION REMEDIATION OBLIGATIONS	0.00
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	0.00
UNEARNED REVENUE	0.00
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	\$16,489,461.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$16,721,207.31

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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

ACCUMULATED INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF HEDGING DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00
DEFERRED AMOUNTS ON DEBT REFUNDING	0.00
LEASE RELATED	0.00
P3-RELATED (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00
GRANTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MEETING TIME REQUIREMENTS	0.00
SALES/INTRA-ENTITY TRANSFER OF FUTURE REVENUES (TRANSFEROR)	0.00
GAINS FROM SALE-LEASEBACK TRANSACTIONS	0.00
SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS	0.00
POINTS RECEIVED ON LOAN ORIGINATION	0.00
LOAN ORIGINATION FEES RECEIVED FOR MORTGAGE LOANS HELD FOR SALE	0.00
OPEB-RELATED	4,005,086.00
PENSION-RELATED	188,938.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$4,194,024.00

NET POSITION:	
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	1,864,713.20
RESTRICTED FOR:	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
NONEXPENDABLE	0.00
EXPENDABLE	0.00
OTHER PURPOSES	0.00
UNRESTRICTED	\$6,485,170.33
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$8,349,883.53

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

		PROGRAM REVENUES		
EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	- NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE
7,275,049.39	41,287.02	0.00	0.00	\$(7,233,762.37)
GENERAL R	EVENUES			

PAYMENTS FROM PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	238,328.26
OTHER	10,142,403.18
ADDITIONS TO PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS	0.00
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$3,146,969.07
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	\$5,202,914.46
NET POSITION - RESTATEMENT	0.00
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$8,349,883.53

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DUES AND TRANSFERS

Account Type Amounts due from Primary Government	Intercompany (Fund)		Amount	
		Total		\$0.00
Account Type Amounts due to Primary				
Government	Intercompany (Fund)		Amount	
		Total		\$0.00

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SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE

Series Issue	Date of Issue	Original Issue Amount	Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	Interest Outstanding CFY
		0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Series - Unamortized Premiums:

Series Issue	Date of Issue		Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	
			0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Series - Unamortized Discounts:

Series Issue	Date of Issue		Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	
			0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE AMORTIZATION

Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest
2024	0.00	0.00
2025	0.00	0.00
2026	0.00	0.00
2027	0.00	0.00
2028	0.00	0.00
2029	0.00	0.00
2030	0.00	0.00
2031	0.00	0.00
2032	0.00	0.00
2033	0.00	0.00
2034	0.00	0.00
2035	0.00	0.00
2036	0.00	0.00
2037	0.00	0.00
2038	0.00	0.00
2039	0.00	0.00
2040	0.00	0.00
2041	0.00	0.00
2042	0.00	0.00
2043	0.00	0.00
2044	0.00	0.00
2045	0.00	0.00
2046	0.00	0.00
2047	0.00	0.00
2048	0.00	0.00
2049	0.00	0.00
2050	0.00	0.00
2051	0.00	0.00
2052	0.00	0.00
2053	0.00	0.00
2054	0.00	0.00
2055	0.00	0.00
2056	0.00	0.00
2057	0.00	0.00
2058	0.00	0.00
Premiums and Discounts	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

If your agency has active or retired employees who are members of the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) Health P provide the following information: (Note: OGB has a 6/30/2022 measurement date for their OPEB valuation)	lan, please
Benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date of the OGB Actuarial Valuation Report until the employer's fiscal year end. (Benefit payments are defined as the employer payments for retirees' health and life insurance premiums). For agencies with a 6/30 year end this covers the current fiscal year being reported. For calendar year end agencies, it covers the period 7/1 to 12/31 for the current year being reported.	385,186.53
Covered Employee Payroll for the PRIOR fiscal year (not including related benefits)	2,128,773.00
For calendar year-end agencies only: Benefit payments or employer payments for retirees' health and life insurance premiums made for the next year's valuation reporting period (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023). This information will be provided to the actuary for the valuation report early next year.	0.00
For agencies that have employees that participate in the LSU Health Plan, provide the following information: (N	ote: The LSU

Health Plan has a measurement date of 6/30/2023 for their OPEB valuation report.)

Covered Employee Payroll for the CURRENT fiscal year (not including related benefits) 0.00

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FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION RESTATEMENT

Account Name/Description	Restatement Amount

Total

\$0.00

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SUBMISSION

Before submitting, ensure that all data (statements, notes, schedules) have been entered for the agency.

Once submitted no changes can be made to any of the agency data for the specified year.

By clicking 'Submit' below you certify that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position and the results of operations for the year ended in accordance with policies and practices established by the Division of Administration or in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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