Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (A Component Unit of Tangipahoa Parish Government) Tickfaw, Louisiana

Annual Financial Report

As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (the "Drainage District"), a component unit of Tangipahoa Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Drainage 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 governmental activities and the general fund of the Drainage District, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Drainage District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Drainage District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility 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 opinion. 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 judgment 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 Drainage 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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Drainage 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 Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis found on pages 5 through 9, the budgetary comparison schedule, the schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and related ratios, the schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the schedule of the District's contributions found on pages 39 through 42 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Drainage District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is 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 May 3, 2022, on our consideration of the Drainage District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Drainage District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Drainage District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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James Lambert Riggs and Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

May 3, 2022

Required Supplemental Information (Part I):

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Introduction

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish (the "District") is pleased to present its Annual Financial Report developed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments*, and related standards.

The District's discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the District's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the District financial position, (d) identify any significant variations from the District's financial plan, and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

As with other sections of this financial report, the information contained within this Management's Discussion and Analysis should be considered only a part of a greater whole. The readers of this statement should take time to read and evaluate all sections of this report, including the footnotes and the other Required Supplemental Information ("RSI") that is provided in addition to this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Financial Highlights

- At December 31, 2021, the District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$14,524,229 (net position). Of this amount, \$12,659,961 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations for drainage work for its citizens.
- At December 31, 2021, the District's total assets decreased by 6.64% or \$1,176,909. This is primarily due to the increased expenditures on canal improvements.
- At December 31, 2021, the District's government fund reported an ending fund balance of \$13,056,677, a decrease of \$1,948,691 for the year. This decrease is due primarily to an increase in canal improvement projects.
- Investment income for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$92,778, a decrease of \$94,962. This decrease is due primarily to an increase in canal expenditures.
- Ad valorem taxes for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$5,232,609, which represents an increase of \$87,309.

Overview of the Annual Financial Report

The financial statement focus is on both the District as a whole and on the major individual funds. Both perspectives, government-wide and major funds, allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison, and enhance the District's accountability. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements, which consist of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary schedules in addition to the basic financial statements.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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 a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on the District's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, in a manner similar to the accounting used by private business enterprises. The difference between the assets and liabilities is reported as net position. Over time, the increases or decreases in net position and changes in the components of net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year, focusing on both the gross and net costs of various activities that are supported by the District's various revenues. This is intended to summarize and simplify the reader's analysis of the cost and / or subsidy of various governmental services.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are of single type:

• Governmental activities – The District's basic services are reported here and are financed primarily through ad valorem taxes.

The government-wide financial statements include the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (component unit of the Tangipahoa Parish Government) only and can be found on Exhibits A and B of this report.

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, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related and legal requirements. The District uses a single category of funds to account for financial transactions: governmental funds. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar.

Governmental funds are used to account for all the District's basic services. However, unlike the governmentwide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances that are left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on Exhibits C and E of this report.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, there are differences in the information presented for government funds and for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Review of these differences provides the reader of the financial statements insight on the long-term impact of the District's more immediate decisions on the current use of financial resources. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. The reconciliations can be found on Exhibits D and F of this report.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following table provides a summary of the District's net position for the current year as compared to the prior year. For more detailed information, see the Statement of Net Position on Exhibit A of this report.

December 31, 2021 and 2020						
	Governmental Activities					
	2021	2020	\$ Change	% Change		
Assets:						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 14,677,059	\$ 15,688,296	\$ (1,011,237)	-6.45%		
Capital Assets	1,864,268	2,029,940	(165,672)	-8.16%		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 16,541,327</u>	<u>\$ 17,718,236</u>	<u>\$ (1,176,909</u>)	-6.64%		
Deferred Outflows	<u>\$ 215,846</u>	<u>\$ 182,301</u>	<u>\$ 33,545</u>	18.40%		
Liabilities:						
Other Liabilities	\$ 1,620,382	\$ 682,928	\$ 937,454	137.27%		
Long-Term Liabilities	185,584	372,784	(187,200)	-50.22%		
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,805,966	<u>\$ 1,055,712</u>	\$ 750,254	71.07%		
Deferred Inflows	\$ 426,978	\$ 273,500	<u>\$ 153,478</u>	56.12%		
Net Position:						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,864,268	\$ 2,029,940	\$ (165,672)	-8.16%		
Unrestricted	12,659,961	14,541,385	(1,881,424)	-12.94%		
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 14,524,229</u>	\$ 16,571,325	<u>\$ (2,047,096)</u>	-12.35%		

Net Position December 31, 2021 and 2020

Approximately 13% of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, furniture, and equipment) net of any outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and do not represent resources available for future spending.

Approximately 87% of the District's net position are unrestricted and may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to its citizens at the District's discretion.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's was able to report positive balances in its three categories of net position. The same held true for the prior fiscal year.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

The District's activities decreased its net position by \$2,047,096, with the decrease primarily attributable to its increase in drainage canal improvement activities.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position, the following table provides a summary of the results of the District's activities for the current year as compared to the prior year, restated for GASB 68. An analysis of the primary sources of these changes follows the table. For more detailed information, see the Statement of Activities on Exhibit B of this report.

Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities			
	2021	2020	2020 \$ Change	
Revenues:				
Program Revenues	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	-
General Revenues	5,485,514	5,404,237	81,277	1.50%
Total Revenues	5,485,514	5,404,237	81,277	1.50%
Expenses:				
Public Works - Drainage	7,376,653	6,217,107	1,159,546	18.65%
Depreciation	155,957	66,352	89,605	135.04%
Total Expenses	7,532,610	6,283,459	1,249,151	19.88%
Changes in Net Position	(2,047,096) (879,222)	(1,167,874)	132.83%
Net Position, Beginning	16,571,325	17,450,547	(879,222)	-5.04%
Net Position, Ending	\$ 14,524,229	\$ 16,571,325	<u>\$ (2,047,096)</u>	-12.35%

Governmental Activities

The District's governmental net position decreased by \$2,047,096, or 12% of the prior year ending net position, to \$14,524,229. Revenues increased by \$81,277 and expenses increased by \$1,249,151 causing the net decrease in net position.

Fund Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term, inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

At the end of the current year, the District's governmental funds reported ending fund balance of \$13,056,677. This represents a decrease of \$1,948,691 or 13% of the prior year's ending balances.

Major Governmental Fund Budgetary Highlights

District demonstrated legal compliance by adopting and amending its budget in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Budget Act. As required by state law, actual revenues and other sources were within 5% of budgeted revenues and other sources, and actual expenditures and other uses did not exceed budgeted expenditures and other uses by 5%.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2021, amounts to \$1,864,268 (net of depreciation). There were a few asset purchases and some surplused assets. The total decrease in the District's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$165,672 (net depreciation).

The following table provides a summary of the District's capital assets (net of depreciation) at the end of the current year as compared to the prior year. For more detailed information see Note 6 to the financial statements.

	Governmen	tal Activities
	2021	2020
Land	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Buildings	921,659	961,290
Equipment	505,524	621,178
Leasehold Improvements	365,265	375,652
Office Furniture and Equipment	1,820	1,820
	<u>\$ 1,864,268</u>	\$ 2,029,940

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's users with a general overview of the District's finances and show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions regarding this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish, Post Office Box 31, Hammond, Louisiana 70404. The District's telephone number is (985) 542-4292.

Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2021

Exhibit A

		overnmental Activities
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	294,181
Investments, At Fair Value		9,103,610
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles		5,279,268
Land		70,000
Fixed Assets, Net		1,794,268
Net Pension Asset		200,177
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	16,741,504
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Changes in Assumptions	\$	65,492
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience		48,736
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions		
and Proportionate Share of Contributions		5,052
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date		96,566
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	215,846
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	7,917
Contracts Payable		1,325,441
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Liabilities		84,299
Deductions from Ad Valorem Taxes Payable		202,725
Portion Due in More Than One Year:		
Accrued Sick Leave		2,913
Postemployment Healthcare Benefits Payable		382,848
Total Liabilities	\$	2,006,143
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	23,892
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on		
Pension Plan Investments		390,687
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions		
and Proportionate Share of Contributions		12,399
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	426,978
Net Position		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net	\$	1,864,268
Unrestricted		12,659,961
Total Net Position	\$	14,524,229

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2021	<u>Exhibit B</u>
	Governmental Activities
Expenses:	
Public Works - Drainage:	
Salaries and Related Benefits	\$ 1,141,083
Professional Fees	43,157
Insurance	117,570
Materials and Supplies	27,225
Repairs and Maintenance	63,725
Statutory Charges	210,969
Utilities	30,024
Fuel	52,778
Other Charges	31,075
Rehab Projects	5,659,047
Depreciation	155,957
Total Expenses	7,532,610
Program Revenues:	
Charges for Services	
Total Program Revenues	
Net Program (Expense) / Revenue	(7,532,610)
General Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	5,232,609
PILOT Revenue	59,209
State Revenue Sharing	100,288
Investment Earnings	92,778
Miscellaneous Income	747
Revenue from Non-Contributing Employer	9,598
Gain / (Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(9,715)
Total General Revenues	5,485,514
Change in Net Position	(2,047,096)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	16,571,325
Net Position - End of the Year	<u>\$ 14,524,229</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fund Financial Statements – Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Governmental Fund Balance Sheet

Exhibit C

December 31, 2021

	General	
	Fund	
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 294,181	
Investments, At Fair Value	9,103,610	
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles	5,279,268	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,677,059</u>	
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,917	
Contracts Payable	1,325,441	
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Liabilities	84,299	
Deductions from Ad Valorem Taxes Payable	202,725	
Total Liabilities	1,620,382	
Fund Balance:		
Unassigned	13,056,677	
Total Fund Balance	13,056,677	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 14,677,059</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2021	<u>Exhibit D</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balance (Exhibit C)	\$ 13,056,677
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 the funds.	1,864,268
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued Sick Leave Other Postemployment Healthcare Obligations	(2,913) (382,848)
In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, the net pension liability related to pension plans, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources are not recorded in the governmental funds.	
Net Pension Asset	200,177
Deferred Outflows of Resources	215,846
Deferred Inflows of Resources	 (426,978)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	\$ 14,524,229

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Statement of Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General Fund	
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	5,232,609
PILOT Revenue		59,209
State Revenue Sharing		100,288
Investment Earnings		92,778
Miscellaneous Income		747
Total Revenues		5,485,631
Expenditures:		
Salaries & Related Benefits		1,198,752
Professional Fees		43,157
Insurance		117,570
Materials and Supplies		27,225
Repairs and Maintenance		63,725
Statutory Charges		210,969
Utilities		30,024
Fuel		52,778
Other Charges		31,075
Rehab Projects		5,659,047
Capital Outlay		-
Total Expenditures		7,434,322
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		(1,948,691)
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year		15,005,368
Fund Balance - End of the Year	\$	13,056,677

Exhibit E

Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish		<u>Exhibit F</u>
Tickfaw, Louisiana Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Changes in Fund Balance to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2021	and	
Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Funds (Exhibit E)	\$	(1,948,691)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These differences consist of:		
Capital Outlay Depreciation Expense Gain / (Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets		- (155,957) (9,715)
In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, the net pension liability related pension plans is not required to be recorded in the governmental fund financial statements. Adjustments to pension expense related to charges in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reflected in the statement of activities:		
Net Change in Pension Expense Contributions from Non-Employer Contributing Entities		76,475 9,598
The net change in long-term liabilities is reported in the government-wide statements, but not in the governmental fund statements:		
Postemployment Health Care Benefits		(18,806)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	\$	(2,047,096)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Narrative Profile

The Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish (hereinafter referred to as "District") was created by the Tangipahoa Parish Police Jury as authorized by Act 19 of the 1950 Second Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended by Act 384 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The District was created to open and maintain all-natural drains in the district, where drainage is accomplished using the natural force of gravity. This may be accomplished by cutting and opening new drains, ditches, and canals. The District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of nine (9) members of the Tangipahoa Parish Council who represent any portion of Wards 6, 7, or 8 of Tangipahoa Parish, which comprise the boundaries of the District. The District employs approximately thirteen (14) employees, including an administrator, office staff, and construction and maintenance employees. The District maintains an office and maintenance facility in Tickfaw, Louisiana. The District is presently responsible for maintains approximately three hundred ninety (390) miles of drainage canals within the district.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying component unit financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) and to guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

B. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the District is considered a component unit of Tangipahoa Parish Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions relating to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all the District's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following are the District's governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> – the primary operating fund of the District that accounts for the operations of the District. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the District's policy.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the activities of the District with the interfund activities removed. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

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

Basic Financial Statements – Governmental Funds

The amounts reflected in the General Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of the current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected

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within 60 days after the fiscal year end except ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing, which are recognized in the period for which they are levied. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which are recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

 $\underline{Revenues}$ – Revenues from ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing are recognized in the period for which they are levied. Investment earnings are recognized when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

 $\underline{\text{Expenditures}}$ – Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

<u>Reconciliation</u> – Explanation of differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in Statement D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

E. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

Demonstrating compliance with the adopted budget is an important component of a government's accountability to the public. Many citizens participate in one way or another in the process of establishing the annual budgets of state and local governments and have a keen interest in following the actual financial process of their governments over the course of the year. Many governments revise their budgets over the course of the year for a variety of reasons. As a result, the District's original budget is shown along with the comparison of the final budget and actual results.

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

- 1. The District prepares budgets on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP. The District adopted a budget for the General Fund.
- 2. The District's administrator prepares the proposed budget and submits it to the board of commissioners no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The proposed budget for 2021 was presented to the board of commissioners on November 9, 2020.
- 3. The public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- 4. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten (10) days after publication of the call for the hearing. The public hearing on the proposed budget for 2021 was held on December 9, 2020.
- 5. After holding the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted. The proposed budget for 2021 was adopted on December 9, 2020.

- 6. Budgetary amendments require the approval of the board of commissioners. The budget for the District was not amended for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- 7. All budgetary appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 8. Periodic budget comparisons are made as a part of interim reporting. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the originally adopted budget amounts and final amended budgetary amounts.

F. Deposits and Investments

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

Investments for the District are reported at fair market value. The state investment pool Louisiana Asset Management Pool ("LAMP") operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated costs if historical costs are not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value (entry price) at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

The cost of cutting and opening of new drains, ditches, and canals is not capitalized.

H. Compensated Absences

After sixty (60) days of employment, fulltime employees will be credited with vacation leave earned from the date of hire at an accrual rate of 1.5385 hours per eighty (80) hour pay period. After one (1) year of employment, each employee earns 3.0769 hours per pay period (or 80 hours per year). After five (5) years of employment, each employee earns 4.6154 hours per pay period (or 120 hours per year). After ten years of employment, each employee earns 6.1538 hours per pay period (or 160 hours per year).

Vacation leave may be carried over and accumulated in subsequent calendar years up to one hundred twenty hours (120) over the current year's accrual. Any vacation time earned in excess of this amount will be transferred over to sick leave and applied to sick leave according to sick leave policy. Accumulated vacation leave is fully vested.

Each employee shall accrue sick leave at a rate of 3.6923 hours per two-week pay period (96 hours or 12 days per year). Although employees may not use paid sick leave during the first sixty (60) days of employment, fulltime employees shall accrue sick leave during this period which may be used at the end

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of the sixty (60) days. At the time of retirement, death or a reduction in force from the District, employees will be paid for any unused sick leave at the straight time rate of pay earned at the time of separation up to one hundred eighty (180) working days or 1440 hours. Unused sick leave, in excess of one hundred eighty (180) working days or 1440 hours may be utilized in computing benefits at the time of retirement in accordance with retirement system policy. No payment for unused sick leave will be permitted if any employee other than the Administrator is discharged or leaves voluntarily prior to retirement.

The District Board may authorize up to eighty (80) hours advanced sick leave in any two (2) year calendar period to full-time employees. This advanced sick leave must be repaid from future earned sick and / or annual leave within ten (10) months at the rate of eight (8) hours per month.

The Administrator earned fourteen (14) hours of vacation leave and eight (8) hours of sick leave for each month of continuous service with the District. At the time of retirement or termination the Administrator shall be paid for any unused vacation time and sick time at the straight time rate of pay earned at the time of separation, sick leave shall be paid up to one hundred eighty (180) days.

The cost of current leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is taken.

I. <u>Pension Plans</u>

For 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 District's pension plan and additions to / deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis, which is the same basis as they are reported by the plans. 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.

J. <u>Net Position</u>

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

- 1. Net Investment in Capital Assets consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2. Restricted this component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

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

K. Fund Equity

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

- 1. Nonspendable Fund Balance amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- 2. Restricted Fund Balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of enabling legislation, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens.
- 3. Committed Fund Balance amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners (the District's highest level of decision-making authority).
- 4. Assigned Fund Balance amounts that are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- 5. Unassigned Fund Balance all amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

As of December 31, 2021, the District did not have any nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances.

L. <u>New Accounting Pronouncements</u>

New accounting pronouncements adopted by the District are as follows:

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement No 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code 457 Deferred Compensation Plans. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. This Statement requires that for purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, except for a potential component unit that is a defined contribution pension plan, a defined contribution OPEB plan, or an other employee benefit plan (for example, certain Section 457 plans), the absence of a governing board should be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform. This Statement also requires that the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, be applicable to only defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, or paragraph 3 of Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, respectively.

This Statement (1) requires that a Section 457 plan be classified as either a pension plan or an other employee benefit plan depending on whether the plan meets the definition of a pension plan and (2) clarifies that Statement 84, as amended, should be applied to all arrangements organized under IRC Section 457 to determine whether those arrangements should be reported as fiduciary activities. This Statement supersedes the remaining provisions of Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, as amended, regarding investment valuation requirements for Section 457 plans. As a result, investments of all Section 457 plans should be measured as of the end of the plan's reporting period in all circumstances. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged.

The District early adopted GASB Statement No. 97 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

M. Estimates

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

2. Levied Taxes

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become due on January 1 of each year. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year, and January and February of the ensuing year.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	Authorized	Levied	Expiration
Taxes Due For:	Mileage	Mileage	Date
Acquisition, Construction, and Maintenance	5.00	4.96	2031
Acquisition, Construction, and Maintenance	5.00	5.00	2029

3. Deposits and Investments

Cash and cash equivalent and investments as of December 31, 2021, are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	294,181
Investments	_	9,103,610
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$	9,397,791

Deposits and investments (GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions (Including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*, as amended) as of December 31, 2021, consist of the following:

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Deposits with Financial Institutions: Interest-Bearing Demand Deposits Certificates of Deposit	\$ 294,181
Total Deposits with Financial Institutions	294,181
Investments: Louisiana Asset Management Pool Total Investments	3,080,702 3,080,702
Total Deposits and Investments	\$ 3,374,883

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

At December 31, 2021, the District had \$6,022,909 in bank deposits (collected bank balances). \$250,000 is covered by FDIC insurance, and \$5,772,909 is uninsured but collateralized with a FHLB Letter of Credit.

Even though the pledged securities are not held in the entity's name, LRS 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk. As of December 31, 2021, the District was in compliance with state law, which requires any uninsured cash balances with the fiscal agent bank to be adequately collateralized by a pledge of securities.

At December 31, 2021, the District investment balances are as follows:

	Carrying	Fair
	Amount	Value
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	\$ 3,080,702	\$ 3,080,702
	\$ 3,080,702	\$ 3,080,702

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Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LRS 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40 requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

Credit Risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u>: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of Credit Risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5% disclosure requirement.

Interest Rate Risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating / variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments was 58 days as of December 31, 2021.

Foreign Currency Risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

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

LAMP, Inc., issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc., That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc. 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or by calling (800) 249-5267.

4. Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2021, \$5,772,909 of the District's bank balances are exposed to custodial credit risk because they are uninsured but collateralized with a FHLB Letter of Credit.

5. Receivables

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2021:

Class of Receivable	Total
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 5,327,192
State Revenue Sharing	67,552
Other Receivable	44,340
Total	5,439,084
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Ad Valorem Taxes	(159,816)
Total	\$ 5,279,268

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation for governmental activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Balance 12/31/20	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/21
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000
Total Capital Assets Not Depreciated	70,000	-	-	70,000
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Building	1,433,210	-	-	1,433,210
Equipment	1,898,464	-	64,771	1,833,693
Infrastructure Improvements	415,468	-	-	415,468
Office Furniture & Equipment	20,090			20,090
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	3,767,232	-	64,771	3,702,461
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Building	471,920	39,631	-	511,551
Equipment	1,277,286	105,939	55,056	1,328,169
Leasehold Improvements	39,816	10,387	-	50,203
Office Furniture & Equipment	18,270			18,270
Total Accumulated Depreciation	1,807,292	155,957	55,056	1,908,193
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	1,959,940	(155,957)	9,715	1,794,268
Government Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 2,029,940	<u>\$ (155,957)</u>	\$ 9,715	\$ 1,864,268

Depreciation expense of \$155,957 for the year ended December 31, 2021, was charged to the governmental activities.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Machinery & Equipment	5 - 10 Years
Furniture & Fixtures	5 - 20 Years
Vehicles	5 - 10 Years
Building & Building Improvements	10 - 40 Years

7. Compensated Absences

At December 31, 2021, employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$61,071 of employee leave benefits. This amount is recorded as a liability on the accompanying financial statements.

8. Accounts, Salaries and Other Payables

The payables of \$1,620,382 at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Class of Payable	Total
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,917
Contracts Payable	1,325,441
Accrued Annual Leave	61,071
Accrued Salaries and Wages Payable	14,813
Payroll Withholdings and Related Payables	8,415
Deductions from Ad Valorem Taxes Payable	202,725
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,620,382</u>

9. Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2021:

]	Balance					I	Balance
	1	2/31/20	Α	dditions	Re	eductions	1	2/31/21
Postemployment Healthcare Benefits	\$	364,042	\$	26,885	\$	8,079	\$	382,848
Net Pension Liability (Asset)		5,829		-		206,006		(200,177)
Compensated Absences		2,913				-		2,913
Total	\$	372,784	\$	26,885	\$	214,085	\$	185,584

10. Leases

The District records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. The District had no capital leases outstanding at December 31, 2021.

11. Tax Abatements

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is an original state incentive program which offers attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, for up to ten years, local property taxes (ad valorem) on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. This exemption is granted per contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and will specify the buildings and / or personal property items covered by the exemption. There are currently 66 tax abatements in Tangipahoa Parish, related to 17 companies, under the Louisiana ITEP. For the 2021 calendar year, estimated forgone ad valorem taxes due to this abatement program was \$27,118 for the District.

12. Employee Pension Plan – Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

General Information about the Pension Plan

<u>Plan Description</u> – Employees of the District are eligible for participation in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the "System") – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees and established by Act 205 of the 1952 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.persla.org. The report may also be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7905 Wrenwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 928-1361.

<u>Benefits Provided</u> – The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 3.0% of the employee's final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of creditable service. Employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Under state law, cost of living increases to benefits are allowable only if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. Cost of living increases cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement.

<u>Contributions</u> – Per Act 765 of the 1979 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, contribution rates for employees are established by state law and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System's Board of Trustees. Employees are required to contribute 9.50% of their annual pay. The District's contractually required contribution rate was 12.50% for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Contributions to the System from the District were \$93,407 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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

At December 31, 2021, the District reported (200,177) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability / (asset). The net pension liability / (asset) was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension liability / (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability / (asset) was based on a projection of the District's December 31, 2021, contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2020, the District's proportion was 0.114164%, which was a decrease of 0.009664% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized pension asset of (\$76,475). At December 31, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	48,736	\$	23,892
Changes of Assumptions		65,492		-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on				
Pension Plan Investments		-		390,687
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer				
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		5,052		12,399
Employer Contribution Subsequent to the Measurement Date		96,566		-
Total	\$	215,846	\$	426,978

The District reported a total of \$96,566 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2020, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability / (asset) for the year ended December 31, 2021. 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	
2021	\$ (86,125)
2022	(29,654)
2023	(128,061)
2024	 (63,827)
	\$ (307,667)

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> – The total pension liability / (asset) in the December 31, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Projected Salary Increases	4.75% (2.30% Inflation, 2.45% Merit)
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, Net of Investment Expense

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Table for active members, the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table for healthy annuitants and beneficiaries, and the RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Tables for disabled annuitants for Males or Females, as appropriate.

The mortality rate assumption used in the December 31, 2020, valuation was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method, which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up), and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates 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 rates 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 2.00% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing / diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2020.

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected
	Asset	Real Rate
Asset Class	Allocation	of Return
Fixed Income	33.00%	0.86%
Equity	51.00%	3.36%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.67%
Real Assets	2.00%	0.11%
Total	100.00%	5.00%
Inflation		2.00%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.00%

<u>Discount Rate</u> – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability / (asset) was 6.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System'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 / (asset).

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability / (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability / (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability / (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.40%) or one percentage-point higher (7.40%) than the current rate:

	1.0%		6 Current			1.0%				
	Decrease			Decrease Rate			Rate	Increase		
	(5.40%)		(6.40%)		(7.40%)					
District's Proportionate Share of the NPL	\$	419,712	\$	(200,177)	\$	(719,321)				

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u> – Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System financial report.

<u>Payables to the Pension Plan</u> – As of December 31, 2021, the District owed -0- to the System for the District's 4th quarter 2021 payroll contribution.

13. Deferred Compensation Plan

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

The District's contributions to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$25,000.

The District's contribution is limited to and may not exceed 3.0% of the employees' annual salaries.

14. Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

General Information about the OPEB Plan

<u>Plan Description</u> – In accordance with a resolution adopted by the board of commissioners on July 16, 2003, employees who retire from the District with at least 7 years of service may qualify for participation in the Retirement Group Insurance Plan (RGIP). RGIP is a self-administered, single-employer, defined benefit plan. RGIP provides medical benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The participant must also have been covered under the Employee Group Insurance Plan for at least one year prior to retirement. A plan participant may only select coverage up to the extent that the participant had coverage under the Employee Group Insurance Plan participant may reduce coverage but may not increase coverage. RGIP does not issue a financial report; however, the entity is included in Tangipahoa Parish Government's annual financial report. You may obtain a copy of the annual financial report by contacting the Director of Finance at (985) 748-3211 or Tangipahoa Parish Government, P.O. Box 215, Amite, LA 70422.

<u>Benefits Provided</u> – The District provides medical, dental, and vision benefits for retirees and their dependents as follows:

Employees who meet any of the following eligibility requirements immediately prior to retirement are eligible for medical and life benefits. Coverage for medical benefits is provided from date of retirement, for the balance of the retiree's life, and is contingent on the payment of the retiree's premium.

- Employees with 7 years of service with District and who have been covered under the Employee Group Insurance Plan for at least one year prior to retirement are eligible to continue coverage after termination. No portion of the medical or dental premium is paid for by the District.
- Employees with at least 10 years of service may elect to remain covered with the District paying 25% of the total premium up to \$350 per month.
- Employees with at least 15 years of service may elect to remain covered with the District paying 50% of the total premium up to \$500 per month.
- Once the participant and spouse are eligible for Medicare, the participant can elect to move to the Drainage District Medicare Supplement Plan. If elected, the District will pay 100% of the total premium up to \$350 per month.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At January 1, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Actives	14
Retirees	2
Beneficiaries	0
Spouses of Retirees	2
Total	18

<u>Total OPEB Liability</u> – The District's total OPEB liability of \$382,848 was measured as of December 31, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

<u>Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs</u> – The total OPEB liability in the January 1, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.20%
Salary, Increases, Including Inflation	4.25%
Discount Rate	2.06%

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer's 20-year General Obligation Index immediately prior to or coincident with the measurement date.
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Mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the Sex Distinct RP-2000 Employee & Annuitant Healthy Mortality Tables projected using Scale BB.

Mortality rates for disabled lives were based on the Sex Distinct RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables projected using Scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2020, valuation were based on those used in the Retirement Group Insurance Plan valuation and actuarial experience.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 364,042
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	15,615
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	7,964
Effect of Plan Changes	-
Effect of Economic / Demographic Gains and Losses	-
Effect of Assumptions, Changes, or Inputs	3,306
Benefit Payments	 (8,079)
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 382,848

<u>Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</u> – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.06%) or 1 percentage point higher (3.06%) than the current rate:

	1.0%		Current			1.0%
	D	Decrease		Rate		ncrease
	(1.06%)		.06%) (2.06%)		(3.06%)	
Total OPEB Liability	\$	427,336	\$	382,848	\$	345,698

<u>Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u> – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current trend rates:

	Current					
	1.0%		Trend		1.0%	
	Decrease		Rate		Increase	
Total OPEB Liability	\$	377,701	\$	382,848	\$	388,069

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized an OPEB expense of (\$8,770). At December 31, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ (167,197)	\$ 48,975
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(47,348)	35,955
Total	<u>\$ (214,545)</u>	\$ 84,930

Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31:	_	
2022	\$	(32,349)
2023		(32,349)
2024		(32,349)
2025		(32,634)
2026		66
Thereafter		-

15. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District attempts to minimize risk from significant losses through the purchase of commercial insurance.

16. Compensation of Board Members

On July 1, 2010, the board adopted a resolution to implement compensation as provided in R.S. 38:1794(B)(3) stating that board members may receive compensation of not more than five hundred dollars per month for performing the duties imposed upon a member by virtue of appointment.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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

Board Member	A	Amount
Emile J. "Joey" Mayeaux, President	\$	6,000
H.G. "Buddy" Ridgel, Vice President		6,000
Carlo Bruno		6,000
Kimberly L. Coates		6,000
Brigette D. Hyde		6,000
John G. Ingraffia		6,000
Louis L. "Nick" Joseph		6,000
David Vial		6,000
Lionel Wells		6,000
	\$	54,000

17. Litigation

The District has no pending litigation as of the date of this report.

18. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, May 3, 2022.

In January 2022, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service granted the District an award in the amount of \$17,293,011 for Hurricane Ida Debris Removal. In March 2022, a contract was executed for phase 1-A and phase 1-B of the debris removal project in the amount of \$5,180,596 and \$4,597,512.

No other subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Required Supplemental Information (Part II)

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

Schedule 1

Governmental Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

P	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts GAAP Basis	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 4,796,500	\$ 4,996,500	\$ 5,232,609	\$ 236,109
PILOT Revenue	10,000	-	59,209	59,209
State Revenue Sharing	90,000	90,000	100,288	10,288
Investment Earnings	60,000	60,000	92,778	32,778
Miscellaneous Income	8,500	8,500	747	(7,753)
Total Revenues	4,965,000	5,155,000	5,485,631	330,631
Expenditures:				
Salaries & Related Benefits	1,237,500	1,272,500	1,198,752	73,748
Professional Fees	72,500	72,500	43,157	29,343
Insurance	120,000	125,000	117,570	7,430
Materials and Supplies	24,000	24,000	27,225	(3,225)
Repairs and Maintenance	66,500	66,500	63,725	2,775
Statutory Charges	200,000	200,000	210,969	(10,969)
Utilities	30,000	35,000	30,024	4,976
Fuel	42,000	42,000	52,778	(10,778)
Other Charges	42,500	42,500	31,075	11,425
Rehab Projects	3,511,500	5,516,500	5,659,047	(142,547)
Capital Outlay	421,500	81,500		81,500
Total Expenditures	5,768,000	7,478,000	7,434,322	43,678
Excess of Revenues over				
Expenditures	(803,000)	(2,323,000)	(1,948,691)	374,309
Fund Balance -				
Beginning of the Year	13,375,000	15,005,638	15,005,368	(270)
End of the Year	\$ 12,572,000	\$ 12,682,638	\$ 13,056,677	\$ 374,039

See independent auditor's report.

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Schedule 2

Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total OPEB Liability:			
Service Cost	\$ 15,615	\$ 12,106	\$ 21,135
Interest	7,964	14,224	20,214
Change of Benefit Term	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	39,220	-
Effect of Economic / Demographic Gains or (Losses)	-	(250,795)	92,187
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	3,306	49,945	(89,126)
Benefit Payments	 (8,079)	 (15,261)	 (3,320)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	18,806	(150,561)	41,090
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	 364,042	 514,603	 473,513
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 382,848	\$ 364,042	\$ 514,603
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 762,441	\$ 762,441	\$ 778,897
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered			
Employee Payroll	50.21%	47.75%	66.07%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

Notes to Schedule:			
Changes of Benefit Terms:	None	None	None
Changes of Assumptions:	None	None	None

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

See Note 14 to the Financial Statements.

See independent auditor's report.

	Schedule 3						
Fiscal Year*	1					Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	
2021	0.114164%	\$	(200,177)	\$	875,946	-22.85%	104.00%
2020	0.123838%	\$	5,829	\$	822,771	0.71%	99.89%
2019	0.116975%	\$	519,177	\$	868,779	59.76%	88.86%
2018	0.124326%	\$	(92,281)	\$	792,467	-11.64%	101.98%
2017	0.132245%	\$	272,360	\$	767,578	35.48%	94.15%
2016	0.122887%	\$	323,474	\$	746,866	43.31%	92.23%
2015	0.120361%	\$	32,908	\$	734,767	4.48%	99.15%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of December 31 of the current year

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Schedule of the District's Contributions – Parochial Employee's Retirement System of Louisiana For the Year Ended December 31, 2021									
Fiscal Year		ntractually d Contribution				ContributionDistrict's CoveredDeficiency / (Excess)Employee Payroll			Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
2021 2020 2019	\$ \$ \$	93,407 93,312 90,294	\$ \$ \$	93,407 93,312 90,294	\$ \$ \$	- - -	\$ \$ \$	875,946 822,771 868,779	10.66% 11.34% 10.39%
2018 2017 2016 2015	\$ \$ \$	82,698 95,947 101,836 102,165	\$ \$ \$ \$	82,698 95,947 101,836 102,165	\$ \$ \$ \$	- - -	\$ \$ \$ \$	792,467 767,578 746,866 734,767	10.44% 12.50% 13.64% 13.90%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of December 31 of the current year

See independent auditor's report.

Other Supplemental Information

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Schodula of Componentian Bonefits, and Other Boument to Agency Head

Schedule 5

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payment to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Purpose	Amount		
Salary	\$	151,736	
Benefits - Insurance		12,352	
Benefits - Retirement (12.25% - Parochial)		18,588	
Deferred Compensation (3.00%)		4,552	
Benefits - Medicare		2,225	
Car Allowance		-	
Vehicle Provided by Government		-	
Vehicle Rental		-	
Reimbursement for Cell Phone		600	
Reimbursement for Mileage		8,136	
Dues		410	
Per Diem		-	
Reimbursements		-	
Travel		-	
Registration Fees		990	
Conference Travel		-	
Housing		638	
Unvouchered Expenses		-	
Special Meals		-	
Other			
	\$	200,227	

Agency Head: <u>Kiley Bates</u>, Administrator

Other Independent Auditor's Reports and Findings

Dennis E. James, CPA Lyle E. Lambert, CPA Paul M. Riggs, Jr., CPA J. Bryan Ehricht, CPA Megan E. Lynch, CPA B. Jacob Steib, CPA





Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Commissioners Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (the "Drainage District"), a component unit of Tangipahoa Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Drainage District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Drainage District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Drainage District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Drainage 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 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 Drainage District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish May 3, 2022

accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

James, hambert Riggs

James Lambert Riggs and Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

May 3, 2022

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations, and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements with collectively comprise the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish's basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2022. Our audit of the basic financial statements as of December 31, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

1. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control:		
Material Weakness	Yes	X No
Significant Deficiencies	Yes	<u> </u>
Compliance:		
Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	Yes	<u> </u>

Section II Financial Statement Findings

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

None

Compliance and Other Matters

None

Management Letter Suggestions

None

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Fiscal Year Findings

Ref. # Occurred Description of Findings

Corrective Action Taken

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

None

Compliance and Other Matters

None

Note: This schedule has been prepared by the management of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish.

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH

STATEWIDE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Dennis E. James, CPA Lyle E. Lambert, CPA Paul M. Riggs, Jr., CPA J. Bryan Ehricht, CPA Megan E. Lynch, CPA B. Jacob Steib, CPA





Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Kiley F. Bates, P.E., Administrator and the Board of CommissionersConsolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish Tickfaw, Louisiana

Louisiana Legislative Auditor Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish's (the "District") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are detailed in Schedule "A."

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

James, hambert Riggs

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Hammond, Louisiana

May 3, 2022

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d. *Receipts / Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - e. *Payroll / Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - f. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - g. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled,
 (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- h. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- i. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- j. *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure / EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- k. Information Technology Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing / verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches / updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 1. *Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board / finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a. Observe that the board / finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- c. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management / board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash / checks / money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers / registers.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- b. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing / making bank deposits, unless another employee / official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- c. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee / official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- d. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and / or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and / or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee / official verifies the reconciliation.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- d. Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- e. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases / payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order / making the purchase.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding / modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d. Either the employee / official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
 - a. Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial / date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Credit Cards / Debit Cards / Fuel Cards / P-Cards

- 11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit / debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
 - **Results:** For the credit cards / fuel cards tested, the fuel card statement had late fees and other charges for the month tested.

- 13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business / public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- 14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms / prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business / public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d. Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Contracts

- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements / contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body / board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Payroll and Personnel

- 16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries / pay rates in the personnel files.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a. Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and / or contract, the official should document his / her daily attendance and leave.)
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- b. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - **Results:** For the five selected employees, one employee's sick leave was not approved in writing by a supervisor.
- c. Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- d. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary / pay rate found within the personnel file.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
 - **Results:** No employees or officials received termination payments during the fiscal period.
- 19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Ethics

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees / officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee / official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Debt Service

- 21. Obtain a listing of bonds / notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
 - **Results:** The District had no new debt issued during the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 22. Obtain a listing of bonds / notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond / note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).
 - **Results:** The District had no outstanding debt for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Fraud Notice

- 23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
 - **Results:** We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
 - b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested / verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing / verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test / verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - **Results:** We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- c. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
 - **Results:** We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment

- 26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees / officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee / official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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May 10, 2022

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc. Attn: Ms. Megan Lynch P.O. Box 369 Hammond, LA 70404

Dear Ms. Lynch,

In response to the concerns raised in the 2021 Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit, I offer the following remediations:

- In regard to the unsigned leave slip, the drainage district has a double redundant system in place to safeguard against such an occurrence. Unfortunately, in this case the leave slip in question was for one of the employees that is in the chain of review and this employee was absent due to COVID. In the future, we will ensure all procedures are followed to prevent such an occurrence.
- 2. In regard to the partial payment of a late fee, this vendor is a critical need for district operations. The bill was mailed one week prior to the due date, but delays at the post office resulted in the bill being posted late. We will continue to monitor payment due dates and make payments online or by phone when and if we deem it necessary.

Sincerely,

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