# TWIN PARISH PORT DISTRICT

Delcambre, Louisiana

Financial Report

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners Twin Parish Port District P.O. Box 101 Delcambre, Louisiana 70528-0101

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Twin Parish Port District of Delcambre, Louisiana, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the 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 Twin Parish Port District of Delcambre, Louisiana, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 Twin Parish Port District of Delcambre, Louisiana, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 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**

Management has omitted a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and

other payments to agency head, are 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 or to 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 a report dated June 14, 2022 on our consideration of the District's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audits.

# Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana June 14, 2022

# Statements of Net Position December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,308,393	\$ 91,882
Restricted cash	999	11,369
Receivables	258,862	419,265
Prepaid expenses	20,383	41,202
Total current assets	1,588,637	563,718
Fixed Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	8,259,528	8,218,884
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,996,763)	(1,786,585)
	6,262,765	6,432,299
Total Assets	7,851,402	6,996,017
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	16,720	18,247
Accrued expenses	21,277	15,279
Bond payable, due currently	104,000	-
Total current liabilities	141,997	33,526
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Grant anticipation note payable	100,000	_
Bond payable	896,000	_
Total noncurrent liabilities	996,000	
Total Liabilities	1,137,997	33,526
NET POSITION		
Net invested in capital assets	6,158,765	6,432,299
Restricted for debt service	999	11,369
Unrestricted	553,641	518,823
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,713,405</u>	<u>\$ 6,962,491</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

OPERATING REVENUES:	2021	2020	
Leases and rents Program income	\$ 117,367	\$ 119,978 98,512	
Total operating revenues	221,477	218,490	
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Accounting and audit fees	16,250	15,500	
Depreciation	210,178	198,374	
Dues and subscriptions	5,773	4,739	
Insurance	19,748	15,961	
Interest	-	5,185	
Marketing expense	190,305	163,174	
Miscellaneous	2,359	8,065	
Office expense	4,128	9,625	
Outside services	21,256	16,123	
Payroll taxes	24,181	22,051	
Port director	51,477	51,641	
Professional fees	74,378	13,121	
Rent	17,663	9,570	
Repairs and maintenance	65,394	46,805	
Salaries	117,856	117,270	
Supplies	21,759	10,873	
Telephone	4,579	4,248	
Travel	3,590	5,101	
Utilities	36,396	33,038	
Website maintenance	3,977	16,490	
Total operating expenses	891,247	766,954	
Operating loss	(669,770)	(548,464)	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Ad valorem taxes	339,334	428,269	
Federal grants	43,867	40,643	
Interest income	6	7	
Miscellaneous	37,477	5,566	
Total non-operating revenues	420,684	474,485	
Change in net position	(249,086)	(73,979)	
Total net position, beginning of year	6,962,491	7,036,470	
Total net position, end of year	<u>\$ 6,713,405</u>	\$ 6,962,491	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	A 225.455	
Receipts from customers and users Payments to suppliers Payments to employees Net cash used by operating activities	\$ 227,475 (359,337) (142,037) (273,899)	\$ 218,567 (314,479) (139,321) (235,233)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Federal grant Receipts from ad valorem tax Miscellaneous receipts Net cash used by noncapital financing activities	43,867 339,334 37,477 420,678	40,643 428,269 5,566 474,478
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIV Net purchase of capital assets Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	/ITIES (40,644) (40,644)	(391,050) (391,050)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Payments on tax bond Proceeds from tax bond Proceeds from anticipation note Interest received on interest bearing deposits Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,000,000 100,000 6 1,100,006	(210,455) - - 7 (210,448)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,206,141	(362,253)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	103,251	465,504
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,309,392</u>	<u>\$ 103,251</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities: Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities	\$ (669,770)	\$ (548,464)
Depreciation Change in receivables Change in prepaid expenses Change in accrued expenses Change in accounts payable Net cash used by operating activities	210,178 160,403 20,819 5,998 (1,527) \$ (273,899)	198,374 124,088 (27,555) 77 18,247 \$ (235,233)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRIC Cash in bank Restricted deposits Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in statement of cash flows	©TED CASH: \$ 1,308,393 999 \$ 1,309,392	\$ 91,882 11,369 \$ 103,251

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Twin Parish Port District (District) is centrally divided between Iberia and Vermilion Parish and includes Vermilion bay. The District has a separate appointed board and provides services to residents within its geographic boundaries. The accounting and reporting policies of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the guides set forth in the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below:

#### Financial Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the District. There are no component units of the District.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenses is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or regulations. The District is presented in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

#### PROPRIETARY FUND -

The focus of Enterprise fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The Enterprise fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

The principal operating revenues of the District are leases and rents. The operating cost of the enterprise fund is all costs associated with the operation of the District. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### **Net Position**

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

a. Net Invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balance of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- b. Restricted net position Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

The District used restricted assets only when unrestricted assets are fully depleted.

#### Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

The Enterprise fund utilized an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

#### **Encumbrance Accounting**

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District.

#### Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Cash represents non interest-bearing demand deposits.

Interest-bearing deposits include interest-bearing demand deposits and short-term time deposits. These interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost which approximates market.

Under state law, the District may deposit funds with a fiscal bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union or the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates-of-deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the District considers only interest-bearing deposits with an initial maturity date of 90 days or less and all non-interest-bearing demand deposits to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in the proprietary fund type operations are valued at historical costs. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund type operations is charged as an expense against operations. Fixed assets on the balance sheet are net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the various assets as follows:

Machinery and Equipment	5-10 years
Improvements	20-40 years

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$210,178 and \$198,374, respectively.

#### Use of Estimates

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

#### Compensated Absences

The District does not have a formal policy on vacation and sick leave. Annual vacation and sick leave are granted at the discretion of the Board.

#### Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date through June 14, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS

As reflected, the District has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows:

	2021	2020
Unrestricted:		
Demand deposits	\$ 1,305,864	\$ 88,138
Petty cash	2,529	3,744
	1,308,393	91,882
Restricted for Debt Service:		
Demand deposits	999	11,369
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,309,392</u>	<u>\$ 103,251</u>

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS (Continued)

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 bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) are secured as follows:

	2021	2020
Accounts bank balances	\$ 1,337,720	\$ 135,054
Federal deposit insurance	250,000	135,054
Balance uninsured	1,087,720	
Pledged securities (category 3)	4,233,704	1,071,027
Excess pledged securities	<u> </u>	
over cash and investments	<u>\$ (3,145,984)</u>	<u>\$(1,071,027)</u>

Pledged securities in Category 3 include uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the pledging institution, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### NOTE 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The District uses the direct write-off method. Expense is recognized during the period in which a specific account is determined to be uncollectible. The District believes this procedure does not result in a material difference from the valuation method required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### NOTE 4 PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of changes in the proprietary fund type property, plant and equipment for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

		Balance						Balance
	De	cember 31,					De	cember 31,
<u>-</u>		2020	A	dditions	Dedu	ctions		2021
Land	\$	850,886	\$	_	\$	_	\$	850,886
Land improvements		7,218,928		-		-		7,218,928
Equipment		149,070		11,620		-		160,690
Construction in progress		<u>-</u>		29,024				29,024
		8,218,884		40,644		_		8,259,528
Accumulated depreciation	(	(1,786,585)	(2	210,178)		-	(	(1,996,763)
Net property, plant and equipment	\$	6,432,299	\$(	169,534)	\$		\$	6,262,765

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 5 LONG TERM DEBT

Long-term liabilities is comprised of the following:

The District issued Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of landside infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the District. The bonds are payable in semi-annual installments of principal and interest due on March 1 and September 1 of each year through March 2030. The bonds bear interest at 1.759 percent annually and are payable from ad valorem taxes.

The District has a Grant Anticipation Note dated September 22, 2021 in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of landside infrastructure within the jurisdictions of the District. The note is to be paid with anticipated grant proceeds as they are received, but no later than September 1, 2026. The note bears interest at 3.25 percent annually. As of December 31, 2021, the District drew \$100,000 on the note.

2021

	2021	2020
Limited Tax Revenue Bond, Series 2021, for \$1,000,000, issued September 22, 2021, at a rate of 1.75% per annum. Interest is to be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2022. The principal payments begin March 1, 2022 and should be paid with the interest payment in March of each year, with the final payment due on March 1, 2030.	\$1,000,000	\$ -
Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2021, for \$4,500,000, issued		
September 22, 2021, at a rate of 3.25% per annum. Interest is to be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1		
of each year, commencing March 1, 2022. Note will mature		
on September 1, 2026.	\$ 100,000	\$ -
	<u>\$1,100,000</u>	<u>\$</u> _
Less current maturities	119,569	
	\$ 980,431	<u>\$</u> _

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 5 LONG TERM DEBT (Continued)

The following is a summary of debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Bala 12/31/		Debt Proceeds	cipal nents	Balance 12/31/2021	Due within on year
Revenue Bond Grant Anticipation Note	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 1,000,000 100,000	\$ - -	\$ 1,000,000 100,000	\$104,000 
	\$		\$ 1,100,000	\$ 	\$ 1,100,000	\$104,000

Debt service requirements, including interest of \$79,759 for outstanding bonds and grant anticipation notes payable were as follows as of December 31, 2021

December 31,	Revenue Bonds Payable	An	Grant ticipation es Payable	 Total
2022	\$ 119,569	\$	_	\$ 119,569
2023	119,761	·	_	119,761
2024	119,906		_	119,906
2025	120,016		-	120,016
2026	120,091		100,000	220,091
Thereafter	 480,416			 480,416
	\$ 1,079,759	<u>\$</u>	100,000	\$ 1,179,759

#### NOTE 6 AD VALOREM TAXES

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. These taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the District has authorized, and levied, a 5.00 mill ad valorem tax.

#### NOTE 7 LITIGATION

There is litigation pending against the District at December 31, 2021. It is expected there is sufficient insurance to cover the defense and claim with no exposure to the Port District.

#### NOTE 8 COMPENSATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The commissioners of the District receive no compensation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

# TWIN PARISH PORT DISTRICT

## Delcambre, Louisiana

# Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head Year Ended December 31, 2021

Port Director: Wendell R. Verret

Salary	\$ 51,200
Phone	840
Travel	46
	\$ 52,086

# INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER GRANT INFORMATION



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

Board of Commissioners Twin Parish Port District Delcambre, 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 the business-type activities of Twin Parish Port District (the District) of Delcambre, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2022.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **District's Response to Findings**

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the 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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Delcambre, Louisiana June 14, 2022

# Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended December 31, 2021

2020-001 Findings: Segregation of Duties

The District does not segregate the duties of recording transactions, custody of assets, and authorization of transactions.

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2021-001.

#### Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended December 31, 2021

#### SECTION 1 SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Auditor's Report

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the Twin Parish Port District's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### Deficiencies and Material Weakness in Internal Control – Financial Reporting

There was one material weakness in internal control over financial reporting disclosed during the audit of the financial statement which is shown as item 2021-001 in Section 2 below.

#### Material Noncompliance - Financial Reporting

There were no instances of noncompliance noted during the audit of the financial statements.

#### FEDERAL AWARDS

#### Major Program Identification

This section is not applicable for the year ended December 31, 2021.

# SECTION 2 FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

## 2021-001 Segregation of Duties

<u>Criteria:</u> Effective internal controls require adequate segregation of duties to allow for prevention and detection of errors and possible misappropriation of funds.

<u>Condition</u>: Due to the limited number of personnel, one individual is responsible for all the key functions of the Port.

<u>Cause</u>: Due to the small number of personnel, the Twin Parish Port District did not have adequate segregation of duties within the accounting department.

<u>Effect</u>: A single person having responsibility for more than one area of recording, authorization, custody of assets, and execution of transactions could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, clerical errors, or misappropriation of funds not being detected in a timely manner.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Based on the size of the operation and the cost benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

## Schedule of Findings and Responses (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2021

## SECTION 3 FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS RELATING TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS

At December 31, 2021, the Twin Parish Port District did not meet the requirements to have a single audit in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance; therefore, this section is not applicable.

#### SECTION 4 MANAGEMENT LETTER

The auditor did not issue a management letter this year.

# Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings Year Ended December 31, 2021

Response to Finding 2021-001:

No response is considered necessary.



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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Governing Board of Twin Parish Port Commission (the "Port") and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

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 Port's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Port 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 as follows:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that 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
    Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
  - 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.
    - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above with exception of (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list.
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
    - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- 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).
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above with the exception of management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions.
- 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.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above with the exception of (3) legal review.
- 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).
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above with the exception of (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements.
- 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.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above with the exception of (2) annual employee training and (3) annual reporting.

#### **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.
    - Obtained and inspected minutes of the board for the fiscal period noting that the board met at least monthly in accordance with the entity's policy.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that 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.
    - The Port only has an enterprise fund. Budget-to-actual comparisons on proprietary funds started being performed on a monthly basis starting in August 2021. No budget-to-actual comparisons noted prior to August 2021.
  - 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.

The Port does not have a general fund; therefore, this section is not applicable.

#### 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);
    - Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

- 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
  - Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation.
- c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.
  - There were no reconciling items noted that were outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

#### Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4. Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> 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).
  - Obtained a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Selected all deposit sites as there were less than 5.
- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of <u>collection locations</u> 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 that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
    - Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - 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.
    - Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.
  - 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.
    - Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger.
  - 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.
    - Employee responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger is not responsible for collecting cash.

- 6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
  - Employees who have access to cash are not covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
- 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.
    - Not applicable as all collections tested were noncash and are checks through the mail.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
    - Traced supporting documentation to the deposit slip noting no exceptions.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
    - Traced the deposit slip totals to the actual deposit per the bank statement noting no exceptions.
  - d) Observe that 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).
    - Observed that the deposits were made within one business day of receipt at the collection location.
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
    - Traced the actual deposits per the bank statement to the general ledger noting no exceptions.

# 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).
  - Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete.
- 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.
    - Observed written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - Observed written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 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.
  - Observed written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 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.
  - Observed written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 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 that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
    - Observed that the disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables on the invoice were received by the Port.
  - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
    - Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested.

#### 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.
  - Obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards for the fiscal period and the numbers and names of persons who maintained possession of cards, and management provided representation that the listing is complete.
- 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 that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
    - Observed that there was no evidence that the monthly statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.

- Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
   Observed that there were no finance charges or late fees assessed on the selected statements.
- 13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, 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 that 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.

Observed that one transaction tested was not supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased. Observed that that all transactions tested were not supported by written documentation of the business/public purpose. There were no meal charges tested.

#### 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 that 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).
    - Observed that approved reimbursement rates were no more than those establishments by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration.
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
    - Observed that reimbursements using actual costs were supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) Observe that 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).
    - Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose. For meal charges, observed that the documentation included the names of those individuals participating.
  - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
    - Observed that each reimbursement was not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

This section is not applicable. Obtained representation from management that the Port did not initiate or renew any contracts during the fiscal period.

#### Payroll and Personnel

- 15. 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.
  - Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees, and 2 of the 5 paid salaries did not agree to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 16. 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 that 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.)
    - Observed that all selected employees documented their daily attendance, and no leave was taken or accrued.
  - Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
     Observed that supervisors did not approve the attendance of the selected employees.
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
    - No leave was accrued or taken during the pay period tested.
  - d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
    - Observed that the rate paid to 2 of the 5 employees tested did not agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 17. 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 policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate 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.
  - Management provided representation that there were no employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period.

18. 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.

Management provided representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

#### **Ethics**

- 19. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
    - The five employees selected for testing did have documentation to demonstrate that the required ethics training was completed.
  - b) Observe that 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.
    - No changes were made to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal year.

#### **Debt Service**

- 20. 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 that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
  - Obtained a listing of bonds issued during the fiscal period, and management provided representation the listing is complete. Observed that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
- 21. 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).
  - Obtained a listing of bonds outstanding at the end of the end of the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Inspected debt covenants noting no reserve balance required. Agreed payments to those required by debt covenants.

#### Fraud Notice

22. 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 Port attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Management has asserted that the Port did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets during the reporting period.

23. Observe that 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.

Observed that the entity has posted on its premises and website the required notice.

## Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 24. 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.
    - 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.
    - 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.
    - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

#### Sexual Harassment

- 25. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
  - The five employees selected for testing did have documentation to demonstrate that the required harassment training was completed.
- 26. Observe that 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).
  - Observed that the Port does not have posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures on its website.

- 27. 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 that 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;
    - Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.
  - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
    - Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.
  - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
    - Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.
  - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
    - Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.
  - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.
    - Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

We were engaged by the Port 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 Port 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.

# Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana April 6, 2022



#### April 6, 2022

#### COMITTMENT LETTER

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants Eunice, Louisiana

The following is management's response to the 2021 AUP report submitted for the Twin Parish Port Commission.

#### Written Policies and Procedures

1. b) Purchasing: how vendors are added to the vendors list.

Response: Policies and procedures will be updated and include the required language.

1. d) Receipts/Collections: management's actions to determine the completeness of collections for each type of revenue or agency fund addition.

Response: Policies and procedures will be updated and include the required language.

1. f) Contracting: legal review.

Response: Policies and procedures will be updated and include the required language.

1. j) Debt Service: continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements.

Response: Policies and procedures will be updated and include the required language.

1. l) Sexual Harassment: annual employee training and annual reporting.

Response: Policies and procedures will be updated and include the required language.

#### **Board of Finance Committee**

2. b) Minutes did not include quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons on proprietary funds throughout the entire fiscal year.

Response: Budget-to-actual comparisons on proprietary funds started being performed on a monthly basis in August 2021.

#### Collections

6. Employees who have access to cash are not covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft. Response: A bond or insurance policy to cover all employees who have access to cash will be obtained.

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

12. a) Observed that there was no evidence that the monthly statement for debit card usage and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.



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Response: The monthly statement and all supporting documentation will be reviewed and approved, in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.

13. 1) One debit card transaction tested was not supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Response: Original itemized receipts will be maintained for all transactions.

13. 2) Observed that all debit card transactions tested were not supported by written documentation of the business/public purpose.

Response: The business/public purpose will be supported by written documentation for card purchases.

## Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements

14. d) Observed that travel reimbursements tested were not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

Response: Travel reimbursements will be reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

# Payroll and Personnel

15. For two of five employees tested, their paid salaries did not agree to the authorized salaries.

Response: Authorized salary documentation will be updated to agree to the salaries paid.

- 16. b) Observed that supervisors did not approve the attendance of the selected employees. Response: Supervisors will start approving the attendance of employees.
- 17. d) For two of five employees tested, observed that the rate paid to the employees did not agree to the authorized salaries.

Response: Authorized salary documentation will be updated to agree to the rates paid.

#### Sexual Harassment

26. Observed that the Port does not have posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures on its website.

Response: The sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures will be posted to the Port's website.

Sincerely,

**Twin Parish Port Commission** 

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