

**ST. MARTIN PARISH WATER
AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1**
Stephensville, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Commissioners
St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1
Stephensville, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 (hereinafter, the "Commission"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Martin, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as of December 31, 2019, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that schedules for employer's share of net pension liability/asset and employer pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the schedule of employer's share of net pension liability/asset on page 29, schedule of employer contributions on page 30, or note to retirement system schedules on page 31 because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Commission has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 24, 2020 on our consideration of the Commission'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 Commission'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 Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana
September 24, 2020

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. MARTIN PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 290,967
Receivables:	
Accounts	49,168
Ad valorem taxes, net	345,504
Due from other governmental units	2,855
Prepaid expenses	13,038
Restricted assets:	
Cash	806,125
Ad valorem taxes receivable, net	94,701
Total current assets	<u>1,602,358</u>

Property, plant and equipment:

Land	91,117
Other, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>2,020,086</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>2,111,203</u>

Other assets:

Deposits	519
Total assets	<u>3,714,080</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	<u>100,343</u>
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Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,814,423</u>
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Statement of Net Position (continued)
December 31, 2019

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 28,146
Due to other governmental units	55,451
Accrued liabilities	10,695
Deductions from ad valorem taxes	17,746
Unearned revenue	12,070
Payable from restricted assets:	
Current maturities of long term debt	102,000
Accrued interest	14,253
Refundable deposits	<u>3,172</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>243,533</u>
Long-term debt:	
General obligation bonds payable	645,000
Revenue bonds payable	215,000
Net pension liability	<u>106,676</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>966,676</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,210,209</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	<u>6,499</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,278,703
Restricted for -	
Debt service	753,901
Unrestricted	<u>565,111</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,597,715</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u>\$ 3,814,423</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2019

OPERATING REVENUES	
Utility service revenues	\$ 498,507
Miscellaneous	<u>2,183</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>500,690</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and related benefits	225,370
Supplies and materials	17,743
Other services and charges	266,752
Plant operation	178,141
Depreciation	<u>192,189</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>880,195</u>
Operating loss	<u>(379,505)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Ad valorem taxes	493,844
Interest income	3,807
Miscellaneous	459
Loss on asset disposition	(121)
Bond interest and fiscal charges	<u>(44,844)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>453,145</u>
Change in net position	73,640
NET POSITION, beginning	<u>2,524,075</u>
NET POSITION, ending	<u>\$ 2,597,715</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2019

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Water and sewer revenue collected	\$ 485,233
Payments for goods and services	(500,936)
Payments to employees	<u>(201,743)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(217,446)</u>
NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from taxes	<u>544,507</u>
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of capital assets	(99,982)
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(46,185)
Principal paid on bonds	<u>(135,000)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(281,167)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest received	<u>3,807</u>
Net increase in cash	49,701
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>1,047,391</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 1,097,092</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows (continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (379,505)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities -	
Depreciation	192,189
Pension expense, net of nonemployer contributions	21,790
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Receivables	(16,697)
Prepaid expenses	(1,492)
Accounts payable	(61,223)
Due to other governmental units	26,612
Accrued liabilities	921
Deferred revenue	(3,118)
Refundable deposits	<u>3,077</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (217,446)</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to the statement of net position:	
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 290,967
Cash - restricted	<u>806,125</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>1,097,092</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	161,322
Cash - restricted	<u>886,069</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>1,047,391</u>
Net increase in cash	<u>\$ 49,701</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARTIN PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

The St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 (“Commission”) was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:7831 by ordinance issued by the St. Martin Parish Police Jury on March 2, 1993. The Commission is authorized to operate, maintain, improve, extend and/or dispose of all works and facilities for water, sewer, and sewerage treatment or disposal facilities and systems within the boundaries of Ward 6 of St. Martin Parish. The Commission is governed by five to seven board members appointed by the Council of St. Martin Parish Government.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Martin Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Martin Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (parish council), (b) organizations for which the primary government are financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Martin Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability.

These criteria include:

- 1) Appointing a voting majority of an organization’s governing body, and
 - a) The ability of the Parish to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b) The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Parish.
- 2) Organizations for which the Parish does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Parish Government.
- 3) Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Because the Parish Council appoints the Commission's governing body, the Commission was determined to be a component unit of the St. Martin Parish Government, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Commission 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.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds are used to account for ongoing operations and activities that are similar to those often found in the private sector. The measurement focus is based upon determination of net position, changes in net position, and cash flows. The two types of proprietary funds are enterprise and internal service funds. The Commission's fund is an enterprise fund.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or changes in net position is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

Measurement Focus

The proprietary fund utilizes 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), 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.

Basis of Accounting

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

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

Cash and Interest-bearing Deposits

For balance sheet purposes, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits. For the purpose of the cash flows, “cash and cash equivalents” include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Unbilled utility service receivables resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month, are recorded at year-end.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current reporting period are recorded as prepaid items.

Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

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Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported on the balance sheet. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Commission maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing assets.

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

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, with accumulated depreciation reflected on the balance sheet. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	20 years
Water Plant	40 years
Sewerage Plant	40 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-7 years

Capitalized Interest

The Commission capitalizes net interest costs and interest earned as part of the cost of constructing various water and sewer projects when material.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due from utility services and ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available indicating the collectability of the receivable.

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Compensated Absences

Employees of the Commission earn from seven and one-half to thirteen and one-half days of vacation and seven and one-half to thirteen and one-half days of sick leave each year, depending on length of service with the Commission. All unused vacation and sick leave shall be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year.

At December 31, 2019 accumulated vacation and sick leave benefits were immaterial.

Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the financial statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of bonds payable.

Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted – 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 – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the Commission’s policy is to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

E. Revenues and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenses

Expenses are classified by function for business-type activities and are further classified as operating and nonoperating.

Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

F. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employees Retirement System (the Plan), and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. 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.

G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Enterprise funds are not required under Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1301 et seq to adopt a budget and the Commission has elected to not formally adopt a budget. Accordingly, budgeted figures are not presented in this financial report.

H. Use of Estimates

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

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Commission may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2019, the Commission has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,097,092 as follows:

Cash on hand	\$ 300
Demand deposits	959,382
Time deposits	<u>137,410</u>
Total	<u>\$1,097,092</u>

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) at December 31, 2019, are as follows:

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Bank balances	<u>\$ 1,105,649</u>
At December 31, 2019, the deposits are secured as follows:	
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 396,275
Collateralized by securities held by pledging financial institution	<u>709,374</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,105,649</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Commission's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. The Commission does not have a policy to monitor or attempt to reduce exposure to custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2019, deposits in the amount of \$709,374 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent but not the Commission's name.

(3) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Commission in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November or December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1st of the following year.

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

	Tax Millage
Commission taxes:	
Special Assessment	7.65
District taxes:	
Maintenance-	
St. Martin Parish Sewerage District No. 1	4.78
St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 2	4.90
Bond and Interest-	
St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 2	4.75

Levied millages are reported as non-operating revenue on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Total taxes of \$502,181 were levied on property having assessed taxable valuations totaling \$22,743,466. At December 31, 2019, ad valorem taxes receivable consisted of the following:

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	Non Restricted	Restricted	Total
Ad valorem taxes receivable	\$ 354,784	\$ 97,245	\$ 452,029
Allowance for uncollectible receivables	(9,280)	(2,544)	(11,824)
Ad valorem taxes receivable, net	\$ 345,504	\$ 94,701	\$ 440,205

(4) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type (Enterprise Utility Fund)

Restricted assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2019:

	Cash	Taxes Receivable	Total
<u>Sewer Revenues and Refunding Bonds</u>			
Revenue bond and interest sinking fund	\$ 534,536	\$ -	\$ 534,536
Depreciation and contingency fund	45,117	-	45,117
Operations and maintenance - unspent bond proceeds	129,500	-	129,500
	709,153	-	709,153
 <u>General Obligation Refunding Bonds</u>			
Series 2013	96,972	94,701	191,673
Total	\$ 806,125	\$ 94,701	\$ 900,826

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(5) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/19
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 91,117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,117
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	101,083	-	-	101,083
Water system	1,795,443	47,067	10,229	1,832,281
Sewerage plant	4,556,923	28,530	130,476	4,454,977
Office equipment	22,000	-	-	22,000
Machinery and equipment	45,516	-	-	45,516
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>6,520,965</u>	<u>75,597</u>	<u>140,705</u>	<u>6,455,857</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	58,537	2,818	-	61,355
Water system	1,113,208	50,508	10,230	1,153,486
Sewerage plant	3,147,367	138,524	130,354	3,155,537
Office equipment	20,959	-	-	20,959
Machinery and equipment	44,095	339	-	44,434
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,384,166</u>	<u>192,189</u>	<u>140,584</u>	<u>4,435,771</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$2,227,916</u>	<u>\$ (116,592)</u>	<u>\$(281,289)</u>	<u>\$ 2,111,203</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities in the amount of \$192,189.

No interest costs were capitalized for the year ended December 31, 2019. Total interest costs incurred and charged to expense was \$44,844.

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(6) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Commission for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	<u>1/1/2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
General Obligation Refunding Bonds	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ (65,000)	\$ -	\$ -
General Obligation Bonds	685,000	-	(5,000)	680,000	35,000
Sewer Revenue Bonds	<u>347,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(65,000)</u>	<u>282,000</u>	<u>67,000</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 1,097,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (135,000)</u>	<u>\$ 962,000</u>	<u>\$ 102,000</u>

Bonds payable at December 31, 2019 are comprised of the following individual issues:

Sewer Revenue Bonds:

\$675,000 Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, dated 12/27/2013, due in annual installments of \$53,000 - \$74,000 through September 1, 2023; interest at 3.75 percent; secured by system revenues

\$ 282,000

General Obligation Bonds:

\$700,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, dated 12/27/2013, due in annual installments of \$5,000 - \$65,000 through March 1, 2033; interest at 4.75 percent; secured by ad valorem tax revenues

680,000

Total bonds payable

\$ 962,000

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Future maturities of the bonds are due as follows:

Year ending <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2020	102,000	42,044	144,044
2021	109,000	37,749	146,749
2022	112,000	33,263	145,263
2023	114,000	28,662	142,662
2024	45,000	23,868	68,868
2025-2029	240,000	86,214	326,214
2030-2033	<u>240,000</u>	<u>23,514</u>	<u>263,514</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 962,000</u>	<u>\$ 275,314</u>	<u>\$ 1,237,314</u>

(7) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use - System Revenues

Under the terms of the \$675,000 Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, the bonds are secured and payable by a pledge and dedication of the revenues of the system, subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the system. The Commission is obligated to fix, establish, maintain and collect such rates and fees sufficient to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, paying the principal and interest falling due on the bonds each year, and which will provide at least 105% of the largest amount of principal and interest falling due.

The Commission is also required to establish and maintain certain sinking and contingency funds as follows:

Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund

The Commission is required to set aside into a Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund, on or before the 20th day of each month, a sum equal to one-sixth (1/6th) of the total interest falling due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth (1/12th) of the total amount of principal falling due on the next principal payment date. Funds deposited in this account are available only for the retirement of maturing bonds and interest.

Depreciation and Contingency Fund

The Sewer Depreciation and Contingency Fund is established to care for depreciation, extensions, additions, improvements, and replacements necessary to operate the system. The Commission is required the fund the Sewer Depreciation and Contingency Fund by transferring, on or before the 20th day of each month, a sum at least equal to five percent (5%) of the amount to be paid into the Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund. Such payments continue until there has been accumulated a maximum of \$25,000.

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(8) Employee Retirement

The employer pension schedules for the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Members' earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed.

Substantially all of the Commission's employees are covered under the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. Details concerning the plan are:

Plan Description: The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the state of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish.

Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan". Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. Employees of the Commission are members of Plan A.

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a stand-alone report on their financial statements. Access to the report can be found on the system's website, www.persla.org, or on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.la.la.gov.

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

Eligibility Requirements: All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits: Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

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For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits: Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits, and married not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the Retirement System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

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For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in the Plan will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this Plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that any returns and other rights of the Plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits: For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age sixty.

Cost of Living Increases: The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Employer Contributions: According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 9.99% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 was 11.50% for Plan A.

According to state statute, the System also receives 1/4 of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Commission recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$1,837 for its participation in the System.

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

At December 31, 2019, the Commission reported a liability of \$106,676 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of PERS. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2018 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Commission's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2018, the Commission's proportional share of PERS was 0.024035%, which was an increase of 0.007870% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2017.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Commission recognized pension expense of \$42,722 in its activities.

At December 31, 2019, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Governmental Activities	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 6,499
Changes in assumptions	26,672	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	51,066	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,510	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,095	-
	\$ 100,343	\$ 6,499

Deferred outflows of resources of \$19,095 related to pensions resulting from the Commission's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an adjustment to the net pension liability in the following fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year	
2020	\$ 25,677
2021	14,530
2022	11,986
2023	22,556
Total	\$ 74,749

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Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefits to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Plan A
Valuation Date	December 31, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.50%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.
Mortality Rates	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants
Inflation Rate	2.40%

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The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50% for Plan A, which was a .25% decrease from the rate used as of December 31, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates 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, PERS'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.

The investment rate of return was 6.50% for Plan A, which was a .25% decrease from the rate used as of December 31, 2017. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset 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 7.43% for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate Of Return</u>
Fixed Income	35%	1.22%
Equity	52%	3.45%
Alternatives	11%	0.65%
Real assets	<u>2%</u>	<u>0.11%</u>
Totals	<u>100%</u>	5.43%
Inflation		<u>2.00%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		<u>7.43%</u>

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The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. For Disabled annuitants mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale.

Sensitivity to Change in Discount Rate: The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.50% or one percentage point higher 7.50% than the current rate.

	Changes in Discount Rate:		
	2019		
	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount	Increase
	<u>5.50%</u>	<u>6.50%</u>	<u>7.50%</u>
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 226,551</u>	<u>\$ 106,676</u>	<u>\$ 6,471</u>

Payables to the Pension Plan

The Commission recorded accrued liabilities to PERS for the year ended December 31, 2019, primarily due to the accrual for payroll at the end of the fiscal year. The amounts due are included in liabilities under the amounts reported as accrued liabilities. The balance due to PERS as of December 31, 2019 is \$8,140.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Positions

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report for PERS available at www.persla.org.

(9) Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Commission has elected to purchase insurance coverage through the commercial insurance market to cover its exposure to loss. The Commission is insured up to policy limits for each of the above risks. There were no significant changes in coverage, retentions, or limits during the year ended December 31, 2019. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the previous three fiscal years.

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(10) Contingencies

The Commission operates a sewerage plant, which is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. In the opinion of the Board of Commissioners, all applicable regulations have received full compliance, however, due to the complexity of the regulations, differing interpretations of the regulations by DEQ and/or the EPA may result in instances of noncompliance.

(11) Compensation Paid to Board Members

The schedule of compensation paid to the board of commissioners is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7833 limits compensation paid to board members, with the approval of the board, for per diem and travel allowance to an amount not to exceed \$250 per month.

Board members:

Eroy Acosta	\$ 3,000
Jimmy Bailey	3,000
Shelby Daigle	3,000
Stanley Daigle	1,250
Ricky Acosta	1,500
Jesse Doiron	<u>3,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,750</u>

Act 706 of the 2014 Legislative Session amended RS 24:513A requiring additional disclosure of total compensation, reimbursements, benefits, or other payments made to an agency head or chief officer. With the exception of per diem, no other payments which would require disclosure were made to the Commission's chief officer. For the year ended December 31, 2019 the Commission's chief officer, Jesse Doiron, received \$3,000 in per diem payments.

(12) Related Party Transactions

The Commission bills and collects from residential households' solid waste disposal fees on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government (hereinafter, the "Parish"). For each resident who is billed by the Commission and who pays in full the monthly solid waste disposal fees, the Commission is entitled, monthly, to an administrative fee of 60 cents. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Commission remitted \$59,619 to the Parish and earned an administrative fee of \$1,329.

(13) On-Behalf Payments

As required by GASB Statement No. 24, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance*, the accompanying financial statements include ad valorem tax revenues and the related pension expenditures for on-behalf payments made by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff and Tax Collector to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System in the amount of \$1,766.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Fiscal Year Ended Dec 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	Employer's Covered Payroll (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability/ Asset
2014	0.016716%	\$ 4,570	\$ 94,588	4.83%	99.15%
2015	0.014849%	\$ 39,087	\$ 86,609	45.13%	92.23%
2016	0.015370%	\$ 31,655	\$ 91,152	34.73%	94.15%
2017	0.016165%	\$ (11,998)	\$ 99,492	-12.06%	101.98%
2018	0.024035%	\$ 106,676	\$ 147,753	72.20%	88.86%

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

See note to retirement system schedules.

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Schedule of Employer Contributions
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Plan Year Ended Dec 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 12,345	\$ 12,345	\$ -	\$ 86,609	14.25%
2016	\$ 11,850	\$ 11,850	\$ -	\$ 91,152	13.00%
2017	\$ 12,437	\$ 12,437	\$ -	\$ 99,492	12.50%
2018	\$ 16,992	\$ 16,992	\$ -	\$ 147,753	11.50%
2019	\$ 19,095	\$ 19,095	\$ -	\$ 166,043	11.50%

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

See note to retirement system schedules.

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Note to Retirement System Schedules
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Parochial Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Changes of assumptions –

Fiscal Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
2015	7.25%	7.25%	3.00%	4	5.75%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2017	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.75%

INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS

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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*

Members of the Board of Commissioners
St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1
Stephensville, 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 St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 (hereinafter, the "Commission"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Martin, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission'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 Commission'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit results and findings as items 2019-001, 2019-002, and 2019-003.

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Schedule of Audit Results and Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Commission's Response to Findings

The Commission's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying corrective action plan for current audit findings. The Commission's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 Commission'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 Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 44:6.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana
September 24, 2020

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Stephensville, Louisiana

Schedule of Audit Results and Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditor's report issued on financial statements:

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Enterprise Fund	Unmodified

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	<u>✓</u>	yes	<u> </u>	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<u> </u>	yes	<u> </u>	✓ none reported

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements? yes ✓ no

Other

4. Management letter issued? yes ✓ no

Part II. Findings reported in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*:

A. Internal Control –

2019-001 - Segregation of Duties

Year Initially Occurring: Unknown

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

CRITERIA: Internal control is a process – effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel – designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Commission’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the Commission’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in financial statements.

CAUSE: The cause of the condition is the result of a failure to design and implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control.

EFFECT: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

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RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

2019-002 – Financial Reporting

Year Initially Occurring: Unknown

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

CRITERIA: The Commission's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to its ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in the financial statements, including the ability of its management and staff to detect potential misstatements that may exist in the financial statements and related disclosures.

CAUSE: The condition results from a reliance on the external auditor as part of the internal control process.

EFFECT: Financial statements and related notes may reflect a material departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION: The additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit may not be economically feasible.

2019-003–Material Financial Statement Adjustments

Year Initially Occurring: Unknown

CONDITION: Misstatements in the financial statements were not prevented, nor detected and corrected by the Commission's internal control resulting in proposed audit adjustments material to the financial statements.

CRITERIA: Internal control is a process – effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel – designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Commission's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the Commission's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in financial statements.

Such internal controls also allow management to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.

CAUSE: The condition results from the failure to design and implement or follow implemented policies and procedure which provide assurance that the financial statements are not materially misstated.

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EFFECT: Material audit adjustments were necessary to correct misstatements in the financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the Commission design and implement policies and procedures or follow implemented policies and procedures which provide assurance to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

B. Compliance –

No findings are reported in this section.

Part III. Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Programs:

Requirements of the Uniform Guidance do not apply.

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Stephensville, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2019

A. Internal Control –

2018-001 – Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2019-001.

2018-002 – Financial Reporting

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

RECOMMENDATION: The additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit may not be economically feasible.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2019-002.

2018-003 – Material Financial Statement Adjustments

CONDITION: Misstatements in the financial statements were not prevented, nor detected and corrected by the Commission's internal control resulting in proposed audit adjustments material to the financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the Commission design and implement policies and procedures or follow implemented policies and procedures which provide assurance to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2019-003.

B. Compliance –

No findings were reported under this section.

C. Management Letter –

No management letter was issued as a result of the prior engagement.

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Stephensville, Louisiana

Corrective Action Plan for Current Audit Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2019

2019-001 – Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, we were advised that a response to this issue is not required.

2019-002 – Financial Reporting

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: The Commission has determined that it would be more cost effective to outsource the preparation of the Commission's financial statements to its independent auditors rather than incur the costs to employ someone with the appropriate skill and expertise to prepare the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

2019-003 – Material Financial Statement Adjustments

CONDITION: Misstatements in the financial statements were not prevented, nor detected and corrected by the Commission's internal control resulting in proposed audit adjustments material to the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: The Commission has evaluated the cost/benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and determined that it is the best interest of the Commission to outsource this task to its independent auditors and we will assign someone to oversee their services. We will also review, approve and accept responsibility for the content and presentation of the statements and related notes prior to issuance.

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Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES TO CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

Board of Commissioners
St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, and
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 (hereinafter "Commission") and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, as required by the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Commission's management is responsible for those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the provisions of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General to the United States, applicable to attestation engagements. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Commission and LLA. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated exceptions 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.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

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.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- 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).

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

The Commission has policies addressing the above functions with the exception of reviewing and approving time and attendance records.

- 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.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- 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).

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

- k) **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.

The Commission does not have adopted policies that address the above functions.

Board or Finance Committee

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

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.
- 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 and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.
- 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.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of client 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 selected each account, and observe that:

Obtained a listing of bank accounts and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected the main operating account and randomly selected four additional accounts. Randomly selected one month out of the year and obtained statements and reconciliations for that month.

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

One of the five reconciliations obtained was not prepared within two months of the bank statement 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

None of the five reconciliations obtained included evidence of management's review.

- 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.

One of the five reconciliations obtained had an item that had been outstanding for more than twelve months.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

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).

Obtained a listing of deposit sites and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected the commission's only deposit site.

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 and 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:

Obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing was complete. Selected the Commission's only collection location.

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

The employee responsible for collecting cash shares a drawer with another employee.

- 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- 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 verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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:

Randomly selected two deposit dates for the only bank account that has deposits.

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- 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).

Neither of the deposits tested were made within one day of receipt and the depositing bank is not more than ten miles from the collection location.

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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 and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected the Commission's only payment processing location.

- 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- 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.

The employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files and another employee does not periodically review changes to vendor files.

- 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- 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:

Obtained the non-payroll disbursements population and management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly selected five disbursements.

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards), 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.
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. [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]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not 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.

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

Procedure not applicable – The Commission does not travel or travel-related expenses.

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, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is 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).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

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 that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
 - 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 that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulate leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

Obtained a listing of employees/officials and management's assertion that the listing is complete randomly selected five employees for testing.

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

The Commission has not adopted an official ethics policy.

Debt Service

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
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).

Other

Note: Procedure excluded from testing procedures in the current year - Per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, Year 3: "Entities that did not have exceptions in one or more of the twelve AUP categories tested during Year 1 or Year 2 may exclude those categories from testing in Year 3."

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.
24. 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.

Management's Response

The Commission concurs with the exceptions and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those control and compliance 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.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. This report is intended solely for the information of and use by the Commission's management and the LLA and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana
September 24, 2020