

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

OF GRANT PARISH

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



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June 18, 2024

Independent Accountants' Review Report

To the Board of Directors
Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ACCOUNTANT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant requirements related to our review.

ACCOUNTANT'S CONCLUSION

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance (budget and



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actual) described in the table of contents 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. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the basic financial statements in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. This information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

OTHER MATTERS

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 18, 2024, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



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Alexandria, Louisiana

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5 OF GRANT PARISH

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2023

This section of annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Fire District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government –Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Fire District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the District's assets and all of its liabilities. All of the District's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by property taxes and related revenue sharing.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the District's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. All of the District's funds are limited to its general fund, which is classified as a Governmental Funds. This fund is used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund uses a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the District's finances. Assets reported by the governmental fund are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

An analysis of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Other Assets	\$ 1,036,935	\$ 877,262
Capital Assets	62,150	84,898
Total Assets	\$ 1,099,085	\$ 962,160
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	14,440	2,860
Payroll Liabilities	----	----
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,440	\$ 2,860

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2023

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
<u>Net Position:</u>		
Unrestricted	1,022,495	874,402
Invested in Capital Assets	62,150	84,898
Total Net Position	\$ 1,084,645	\$ 959,300

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, with the exception of \$62,150 invested in capital assets, the net position of the District is unrestricted and may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.

A comparative analysis of the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Program Revenue		
Charges for Services	\$ ----	\$ ----
Operating Grants and Contributions	----	25
General Revenue:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	319,589	282,549
Intergovernmental Revenues	40,178	41,159
Interest	595	671
Total Revenue	360,362	324,404
<u>Program Expenses:</u>		
Public Safety (Fire Protection)	235,017	312,507
Change in Net Position	125,345	11,897
Net Position Beginning	959,300	947,403
Net Position Ending	\$ 1,084,645	\$ 959,300

As demonstrated by the presentation appearing above, the financial position has improved as a result of careful management of the Fire District's resources.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

For the year ended December 31, 2023, differences between the government-wide presentation and the fund financial statements were limited to transactions involving capital assets.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2023, one revision was necessary to provide for funds that were not anticipated when the original budget was adopted.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended December, 31, 2023, capital asset activity was limited to the purchase of new equipment and recording depreciation on existing assets.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there was no debt activity and no debts are outstanding at year end.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

Fire Protection District #5 of Grant Parish

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 567,512
Accounts Receivable	469,423
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>62,150</u>
Total assets	<u>1,099,085</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	14,440
Payroll Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,440</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Unrestricted	1,022,495
Invested in Capital Assets	<u>62,150</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,084,645</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report

Fire Protection District #5 of Grant Parish

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Expenses:	
Public Safety (Fire Protection)	
Payroll & Related Benefits	\$ 61,719
Operating Services	63,816
Materials & Supplies	78,765
Other	3,482
Depreciation	<u>27,235</u>
Total Expenses	<u>235,017</u>
Program Revenues:	
Charges for Services	-
Capital Grants and Contributions	-
Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>-</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>-</u>
Net Expenses - Public Safety Activities	<u>(235,017)</u>
General Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	319,589
2% State Insurance Rebate	40,178
Interest	<u>595</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>360,362</u>
Change in Net Position	125,345
Net Position - Beginning	<u>959,300</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 1,084,645</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 567,512
Accounts Receivables	<u>469,423</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,036,935</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	14,440
Payroll Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,440</u>
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	<u>1,022,495</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,036,935</u>

Fund Balance	\$ 1,022,495
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>62,150</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,084,645</u>

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Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 319,589
2% State Insurance Rebate	40,178
Interest	595
Other	-
Total revenues	<u>360,362</u>
Expenditures:	
Public Safety (Fire Protection)	
Payroll & Related Benefits	61,719
Operating Services	63,816
Materials & Supplies	78,762
Other	3,482
Capital Outlay	4,488
Total expenditures	<u>212,267</u>
Change in Fund Balance	148,095
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>874,400</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 1,022,495</u>

Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 148,095
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Expenditures	4,488
Depreciation	<u>(27,238)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 125,345</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish (the Fire District) was created to provide fire protection for portions of Grant Parish. It is governed by a Board consisting of five members and the majority of the members are appointed by the Grant Parish Police Jury. The Fire District is a component unit of the Grant Parish Police Jury, the primary governing body of the Parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire District and do not present financial information on the primary government, the general government services provided by that entity, or the other governmental units that are accountable to the primary government.

The accompanying policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of a financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within a 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 reporting entity 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 reporting entity.
2. Organizations for which the reporting entity does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the reporting entity.
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.

Based on the previous criteria, the Fire District is a component unit of the Grant Parish Police Jury. The accompanying component unit financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by Fire Protection District No. 5 and do not present information on the police jury, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize all of the Fire District's operations as

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governmental activities. Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Fire District’s financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Fire District as a whole. The effect of most interfund activity is eliminated from these financial statements. Furthermore, government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities which are reported in the fund financial statements.

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service. Program revenues include any charges for services and most grants.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Fire District’s major funds is described as follows:

- **General Fund** – This fund is the primary operating fund of the Fire District is used to account for all resources.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The basis of accounting and measurement focus used for various financial statement presentations are described as follows:

<u>Financial Statement Presentation</u>	<u>Basis of Accounting</u>	<u>Measurement Focus</u>
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of account and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measure focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure of funds. In addition, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from

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issuing long-term debt are reported as other financing sources and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure of funds.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budget Practices

Budgets of the General Fund are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unexpended appropriations of this fund lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Budgets of the General Fund and all changes and amendments to these budgets are approved by the Board of Commissioners as a whole.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include significant acquisitions of equipment that are expected to remain in service for a period of years. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the fund financial statements. Instead, the funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are reported at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives that are based on the expected durability of the particular asset. Useful lives typically range from five to forty years.

Cash

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit and highly liquid investments.

NOTE 2 - CASH

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

At December 31, 2023, deposits were secured by FDIC insurance coverage in the amount of \$250,000 and \$689,903 in pledged securities.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

At December 31, 2023, receivables were limited to ad valorem taxes collected by other governmental units on behalf of the Fire District. These amounts are considered fully collectible and there is no allowance for doubtful accounts.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Fire District’s capital assets is provided as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Depreciable Capital Assets</u>				
Equipment	\$ 351,737	\$ 4,488	\$ ----	\$ 356,225
Vehicles	630,724	----	----	630,724
Buildings and Improvements	137,160	----	----	137,160
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,034,723)	(27,236)	----	(1,061,959)
Depreciable Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 84,898</u>	<u>\$ (22,748)</u>	<u>\$ ----</u>	<u>\$ 62,150</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, depreciation expense totaled \$27,236.

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Fire District insures against these risks by participating in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and are due on or before December 31 in the year the tax is levied. Revenues from property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year billed. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Assessment District was authorized to levy 11.59 mills.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive</u>
				<u>(Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 319,589	\$ 69,589
State Revenue Sharing	-	-	-	-
2% State Insurance Rebate	20,210	20,210	40,178	19,968
Interest	825	825	595	(230)
Other	3,500	3,500	-	(3,500)
Total revenues	<u>274,535</u>	<u>274,535</u>	<u>360,362</u>	<u>85,827</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
General Government				
Payroll & Related Benefits	54,363	54,363	61,719	(7,356)
Operating Services	122,700	122,700	63,816	58,884
Materials & Supplies	54,500	54,500	3,482	51,018
Travel and Other	3,600	3,600	78,762	(75,162)
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	4,488	95,512
Total expenditures	<u>335,163</u>	<u>335,163</u>	<u>212,267</u>	<u>122,896</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ (60,628)</u>	<u>\$ (60,628)</u>	<u>\$ 148,095</u>	<u>\$ 208,723</u>

See accompanying accountants' report

Fire Protection District #5 of Grant Parish

***Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023***

Agency Head - Patrick Smith

Purpose:

Compensation	-
Benefits	-
Reimbursements	-
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The President of the Fire District is the head of the agency and its Chief Executive Officer. The President volunteers his services and does not receive any compensation, benefits, or reimbursements.

See accompanying accountants' report



June 18, 2024

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors
Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2023, included in the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. 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.

PUBLIC BID LAW:

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No transaction met the scope of the Public Bid Law.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of the Fire District's board members as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with all payroll records.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the records obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (3) appeared on the reports provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).



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BUDGETING

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original and amended budget

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

Minutes indicating that the final budget was adopted were provided.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Revenue and expenditures were both within limit allowed State Law

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and.

(a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

Each transaction had required supporting documentation.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Each transaction was properly classified on the general ledger

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Each payment was approved by the Fire Chief and an additional Board Member.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the meeting facility. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, we could find no evidence supporting such assertion

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected the general ledger detail for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

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We inspected payroll records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. **Prior Comments and Recommendations:**

As part of our engagement we have considered prior-year suggestions, recommendations, and comments.

Our consideration of prior comments and recommendations is presented in the accompanying Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Cost.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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Fire Protection District No. 5 of Grant Parish Schedule of Findings

2023-001	Financial Reporting (Late Report Submission) – (Originally Reported 2023)
Condition	The audit was not completed by the initial due date.
Criteria	State Law requires audits to be completed within six months of year end.
Cause	The Fire District’s staff had conflicts that delayed the completion of procedures.
Effect	Noncompliance with State Law.
Recommendations	Submit information necessary to complete procedures earlier in the reporting cycle for future engagements.

2023-002	Collections (Originally Reported in 2023)
Condition	A check for property taxes issued by the Grant Parish Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$157,727 was never deposited. The check was written February 7, 2023, but was apparently lost in the mail and never deposited. The matter was not discovered until review procedures were conducted in June of 2024. Upon discovery, a replacement check was issued by the Sheriff’s Department.
Criteria	Management should have a process in place to monitor collection of receivables and address amounts that are not received within a proper period of time.
Cause	Management did not review tax collections to determine that amounts assessed were collected.
Effect	Tax revenues dedicated to the operation of the Fire District were not deposited in the Fire District’s bank account.
Recommendations	In the future, actual results should be compared to budgets on a regular basis to ensure that collections meet expectations.

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**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

<u>SECTION I</u> REVIEW REPORT	
<u>FINDINGS</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
<p><u>Finding 2023-001: Financial Reporting (Late Reporting)</u> The audit was not completed by the initial due date imposed by State Law.</p> <p><u>Finding 2023-002: Collections</u> A check for property taxes issued by the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$157,727 was never deposited. The check was written February 7, 2023, but was apparently lost in the mail and never deposited. The matter was not discovered until review procedures were conducted in June of 2024. Upon discovery, a replacement check was issued by the Sheriff's Department.</p>	<p><u>Response 2023-001:</u> Extenuating circumstances contributed to delayed reporting that are not expected to be a factor effecting future engagements</p> <p><u>Response 2023-002:</u> In the future, we will monitor collections by comparing actual results with our budget expectations.</p>
<u>SECTION II</u> ATTESTATION REPORT	
<u>FINDINGS</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
No findings	No findings
<u>SECTION III</u> MANAGEMENT LETTER	
No management letter was issued with this report.	Response – N/A

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5 OF GRANT PARISH

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>SECTION I</u> <u>ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT</u>	
<u>FINDINGS</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
No findings	No findings
<u>SECTION II</u> <u>MANAGEMENT LETTER</u>	
No management letter was issued with the previous report.	Response – N/A

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

Rozier, McKay & Willis

1407 Peterman Drive

Alexandria, Louisiana 71301

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [X] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [X] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [] No [X]

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [X] No []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [X] No []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [X] No []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [X] No []

