DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish Port Barre, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of District No. 6 Public Works Commission, component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Commission, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedule be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the 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 information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 31-34 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated June 27, 2023, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our test 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 27, 2023, on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

John J. Doling & Compony

Opelousas, Louisiana June 27, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District No. 6 Public Works Commission's basic financial statements comprise the following three components:

<u>Government-wide financial statements</u> - provide readers with a broad overview of District No. 6 Public Works Commission's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business.

<u>Fund financial statements</u> - provide readers information with an emphasis on inflows and outflows of resources useful for making decisions in a budgetary context where the focus is on meeting the near-term financial needs.

<u>Notes to financial statements</u> - provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION GOVERNMENTAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL	
	ACTIVITIES	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,136,043	
Receivables		
Ad valorem taxes (net)	2,272,123	
State revenue sharing	20,871	
Leases	65,926	
Prepaid insurance	11,668	
Capital assets (net)	9,220,981	
Total assets	13,727,612	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,813	
Construction payable	403,119	
Lease liability	103,119	
Due within one year	34,796	
Due in more than one year	33,710	
Total liabilities	481,438	
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	9,220,981	
Unrestricted	4,025,193	
Total net position	13,246,174	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

		Program Revenues	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position	
		Grants and	Governmental	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Activities	
Governmental Activities				
Public works	\$ 1,312,059	\$-	\$ (1,312,059)	
Total governmental				
activities	1,312,059		(1,312,059)	
	General revenues	3		
	Taxes		2,370,993	
	Intergovernmen	ntal	31,307	
	Interest		1,610	
	Miscellaneous		12,102	
	Total general	revenues	2,416,012	
	Change in ne	Change in net position		
	Net position – Ja	ported 12,144,612		
	Implementation of	. B.) <u>(2,391)</u>		
	Net position – Ja	nuary 1, 2022, as restated	12,142,221	
	Net position – D	ecember 31, 2022	13,246,174	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GENERAL FUND
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 2,136,043
Ad valorem taxes receivable (net)	2,272,123
State revenue sharing receivable	20,871
Prepaid Insurance	11,668
Total assets	4,440,705
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 9,813 [.]
Total liabilities	9,813
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenues - ad valorem taxes	45,778
Unavailable revenues - state revenue sharing	20,871
Total deferred inflows of resources	66,649
FUND BALANCE	
Nonspendable	11,668
Unassigned	4,352,575
Total fund balance	4,364,243
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources	4 440 505
and fund balance	4,440,705

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH <u>PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA</u> <u>RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND'S BALANCE SHEET</u> <u>TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</u> <u>DECEMBER 31, 2022</u>

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2022		\$ 4,364,243
The Statement of Net Position reports receivables at their net realizable value. However, receivables not available to pay for current-period expenditures		
are deferred in governmental funds.		66,649
Lease receivable/right of use asset is not a financial resource and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.		65,926
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2022	\$ 11,836,898	,
~		0.220.081
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2022	(2,615,917)	9,220,981
Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities.		
Lease liability		(68,506)
Construction payable		(403,119)
Net position at December 31, 2022		13,246,174

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES	
Taxes	
Property taxes	\$ 2,377,484
Intergovernmental	
State revenue sharing	30,567
Interest	1,610
Miscellaneous	12,102
Total revenues	2,421,763
EXPENDITURES	
Current operating	
Salaries - administration	42,345
Salaries - operators	197,802
Board member pay	6,700
Payroll taxes	18,925
Property tax pension	74,081
Materials	47,465
Workmen's compensation	18,281
Other insurance	103,764
Legal and advertising	2,566
Licenses and fees	394
Telephone	7,040
Utilities	4,662
Professional fees	26,868
Rent	22,884
Repairs and maintenance	51,035
Fuel and oil	40,006
Parts and supplies	21,640
Office supplies	11,541
Uniforms	3,052
Lease expense	47,060
Miscellaneous expense	9,717

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -GOVERNMENTAL FUND (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

· · · ·	GENE	GENERAL FUND	
EXPENDITURES - Continued			
Debt Service			
Principal	\$	33,768	
Interest		2,606	
Capital outlay			
Road project - Black top	1	,192,409	
Testing and inspection		-	
Vehicle		72,775	
Total expenditures	2	2,059,386	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		362,377	
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		,001,866	
FUND BALANCE, end of year		1,364,243	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended		
December 31, 2022 per Statement of Revenues,		
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance		\$ 362,377
Governmental funds defer revenues that do not provide current		
financial recourses. However, the Statement of Activities		• .
recognizes such revenues at their net realizable value when		
earned, regardless of when received.		(5,751)
Net decrease in lease expense on the accrual basis		(189)
Capital outlay which are considered expenditures on Statement		
of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$1,265,184	
Depreciation expense for year ended December 31, 2022	(517,668)	747,516
Total change in net position for the year ended		
December 31, 2022 per Statement of Activities		1,103,953

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and possesses all the powers necessary to construct, acquire, operate, and maintain roads, bridges, and road drainage facilities as well as the rights, powers, and authority enumerated for road districts in Part II of Chapter 2 of Title 48. The Commission was created by Louisiana Revised Statute 48:600.1.

The Commission is governed by 6 commissioners appointed by the St. Landry Parish Government. Effective in October 2009, the Commission approved reimbursements to commissioners for each meeting attended. Prior to October 2009, they received no compensation.

The financial statements of District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish.

A. <u>FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY</u>

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Landry Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Landry Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (parish government), (b) organizations for which the primary government is 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 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Landry 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.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

A. <u>FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY</u> - Continued

This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the parish government 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 government.
- 2. Organizations for which the parish government 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.

Because the parish government appoints the commissioners of District No. 6 Public Works Commission and the function of the Commission serves as a substantial contribution to similar services provided by the parish government, the Commission was determined to be a component unit of the St. Landry 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

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources. This statement establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and all reporting periods

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. <u>BASIS OF PRESENTATION</u> - Continued

thereafter. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 87 have been implemented by the Commission during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 had the following effect on the beginning net position.

	Governmental Activities
Net position at January 1, 2022 Adjustments:	\$12,144,612
Net book value - leased assets Lease liability	99,883 (102,274)
Restated net position at January 1, 2022	12,142,221

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Commission, a component unit, as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. <u>BASIS OF PRESENTATION</u> - Continued

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 minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Funds of the Commission are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the Commission's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of capital assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Commission or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The Commission reports the following major governmental fund:

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Operating Fund of District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

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

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus or the economic resources measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a current financial resources measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. A fund on an accrual basis utilizes an economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using 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. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenue sharing revenues received from the State of Louisiana are recognized when susceptible to accrual.

Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. The costs of governmental fund type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased and items on hand at year-end, if material, are recorded as assets. The policy regarding prepaid expenditures is to record the portion of insurance premiums that are paid during the current year for the future periods.

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Investments, if any, are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market.

Louisiana statutes authorize the Commission to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment. At December 31, 2022, the Commission did not hold any investments.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

E. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such assets are maintained on the basis of original cost (cash paid plus trade-in allowance, if applicable).

Depreciation of all exhaustible assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. 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:

Infrastructure	20 years
Equipment	10-20 years
Trucks	10 years

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

F. <u>BUDGETS</u>

The Commission legally adopted a budget for the year ended December 31, 2022. The budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis. At year-end, all appropriations lapse. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised for the year. The level of budgetary control is by total appropriations; however, for reporting purposes, the budgetary information has been expanded.

G. <u>ENCUMBRANCES</u>

The Commission does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Annual vacation leave is provided to all full-time employees and they are encouraged to take an annual vacation. Employees earn 40 hours of vacation time for the first year of service, 80 hours for the second year, and 120 hours beginning on the eleventh year. Vacation time in excess of 30 days may not be accumulated for a period more than one year in addition to the present year in which the vacation time is being earned.

Sick leave is earned at the rate of 2.77 hours per bi-weekly period. Any unused sick leave is carried over on December 31 of each year. Upon termination or resignation accrued sick leave will not be paid to the employee.

Employees also may accumulate compensatory time for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. Compensatory time will not be paid upon termination or resignation.

I. LONG-TERM DEBT

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Long-term debt for the governmental fund is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

J. EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for governmental activities.

In the fund financial statements, the governmental fund reports expenditures of financial resources.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

K. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

- 1. <u>Net investment in capital assets</u> 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 borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- <u>Restricted net position</u> 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.
- 3. <u>Unrestricted net position</u> All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance reports aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

1. <u>Restricted</u> – Reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- 2. <u>Committed</u> Consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the board members the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board members remove the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- 3. <u>Assigned</u> Reflects the amounts constrained by the Commission's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The members of the board have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. <u>Unassigned</u> This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Commission considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Commission's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned, and unassigned – in order as needed.

L. ESTIMATES

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

M. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish does not provide any post-employment benefits to employees and therefore is not required to report under GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits other than Pensions.

N. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position 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 (expenses/expenditures) until that time. The Commission does not have any of this type.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position includes 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. The Commission has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, which qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from two sources: property taxes and state revenue sharing. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available. Property taxes and state revenue sharing receivable for the governmental fund types, which have been remitted within 60 days subsequent to the year end, are considered measurable and available and recognized as revenues. All other property taxes and state revenue sharing are offset by deferred inflows of resources and, accordingly, have not been recorded as revenue.

NOTE 2 - CASH

At December 31, 2022, the bank and book balances of cash in checking accounts were \$2,289,986 and \$2,270,861 respectively.

NOTE 2 - <u>CASH</u> - Continued

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 will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal securities plus 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 Commission or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The Commission does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

At year-end, \$250,000 of the bank balance was covered by FDIC insurance and \$2,039,986 was covered by securities.

NOTE 3 - AD VALOREM TAXES

District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish levies a special tax of 14.54 mills on all taxable property. This tax, which was renewed at a special election held on April 21, 2012, will be assessed for a period of 10 years, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, operating, and maintaining the roads, bridges and road drainage facilities of the Commission and acquiring the necessary equipment, therefore.

The Commission's ad valorem property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the Commission. Property taxes are due on October 1 and become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff bills, collects, and distributes the property taxes for the Commission using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Landry Parish.

NOTE 3 - AD VALOREM TAXES - Continued

The Commission is required to remit a percentage of the total ad valorem taxes per the tax roll to a State Pension Fund. This amount is determined by the legislative auditor each year. Since the Sheriff collects all taxes for the parish, the tax collected in the first month is reduced by the Sheriff for the Pension Fund amount owed and the remainder is remitted to the taxing district. Therefore, the ad valorem tax receivable and revenue are shown net of Pension Fund distributions. A breakdown of taxes receivable is as follows:

	Total Per Tax Roll	Pension Fund Requirements	Received in November & December	Allowance for Uncollectible	Tax Receivable
2022	\$ 2,373,892	\$ 74,081	\$ 18,702	\$ 8,986	\$2,272,123

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, for District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish are as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2022	Additions	Transfers/ Disposals	Balance December 31, 2022
Governmental activities			<u>^</u>	
Depreciable				
Trucks	\$ 84,847	\$ 72,775	\$-	\$ 157,622
Equipment	221,576	-	-	221,576
Infrastructure	9,912,551	-	-	9,912,551
Construction in Progress	-	1,545,149		1,545,149
Totals at historical cost	10,218,974	1,617,924		11,836,898
Less accumulated depreciation				
Trucks	(73,662)	(9,258)	· _	(82,920)
Equipment	(112,773)	(12,782)	-	(125,555)
Infrastructure	(1,911,814)	(495,628)		(2,407,442)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,098,249)	(517,668)		(2,615,917)
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	8,120,725	1,100,256	-	9,220,981

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Public works

\$ 517,668

NOTE 5 - <u>LEASE LIABILITY</u>

On June 10, 2020, the Commission entered into an operating lease for a Hino 338 Dump Truck. The lease is for a period of four years and requires monthly payments of \$1,721 beginning August 2020.

On June 11, 2020, the Commission entered into an operating lease for a Caterpillar 308-07CR Hydraulic Excavator. The lease is for a period of 5 years and requires monthly payments of \$1,310.

Changes in lease liability during the year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	Description of Debt	Balance 1/1/2022	<u>(</u> D	ncrease ecrease)	12/	Balance 31/2022
	Lease liability	\$102,274	\$ (33,768)		\$	68,506
Future minimum lease payments are as follows:						
	2023		\$	34,796		
	2024			27,207		
	2025			6,503	_	
		Total		68,506		
		Total		6,503		

Lease expense during the year amounted to \$33,957.

NOTE 6 - FUND BALANCE

The Commission does not have a deficit fund balance in its fund financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 7 - COMMISSION MEMBERS

A list of commissioners as of December 31, 2022, along with compensation received is as follows:

Jason Fitzgerald, Chairman	\$ 1,400
James Allen Cox, Secretary	1,300
Frank Albrecht	1,100
Dale Polozola	700
Renee Aymond	900
Charles Lafleur	 1,300
	6,700

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 27, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of June 27, 2023, there were no subsequent events noted.

NOTE 9 – FUND BALANCE CONSTRAINTS

The constraints on fund balance as listed in aggregate in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are detailed according to balance classification.

	GENERAL FUND				
Fund Balance:					
Nonspendable	\$ 11,668				
Unassigned	4,352,575				
Total Fund Balance	4,364,243				

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

DISTRICT NO. 6 ROAD PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	BUD) GET		VARIANCE FAVORABLE		
	ORIGINAL			(UNFAVORABLE		
<u>REVENUES</u>				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Taxes						
Property taxes	\$1,829,590	\$1,799,051	\$2,377,484	\$ 578,433		
Intergovernmental						
State revenue sharing	31,000	30,000	30,567	567		
Interest	1,500	1,311	1,610	299		
Miscellaneous		12,035	12,102			
Total revenues	1,862,090	1,842,397	2,421,763	579,366		
EXPENDITURES						
Current Operating						
Salaries - administration	39,244	42,345	42,345	-		
Salaries - operators	196,423	196,271	197,802	(1,531)		
Board member pay	7,800	6,800	6,700	100		
Payroll taxes	20,451	19,261	18,925	336		
Property tax pension	-	1,026	74,081	(73,055)		
Materials	70,000	47,000	47,465	(465)		
Medical	150	-	-	-		
Workmen's compensation	20,000	23,500	18,281	5,219		
Insurance - other	96,500	107,050	103,764	3,286		
Legal advertising	2,400	2,450	2,566	(116)		
Licenses and fees	50	131	394	(263)		
Telephone	7,200	7,100	7,040	60		
Utilities	3,000	4,400	4,662	(262)		
Professional fees	24,300	25,200	26,868	(1,668)		
Rent	93,100	106,200	22,884	83,316		
Repairs and maintenance	25,000	50,000	51,035	(1,035)		
Fuel and oil	33,000	39,900	40,006	(106)		
Parts and supplies	17,000	18,500	21,640	(3,140)		
Office expense	7,100	11,500	11,541	(41)		

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DISTRICT NO. 6 ROAD PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (CONTINUED) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

						VA	ARIANCE	
	BUDGET					FA	VORABLE	
	OR	IGINAL	NAL FINAL		ACTUAL		(UNF.	AVORABLE)
EXPENDITURES - Continued								
Uniforms	\$	3,500	\$	3,000	\$	3,052	\$	(52)
Lease expense		-		-		47,060		(47,060)
Miscellaneous expense		-		-		9,717		(9,717)
Debt Service								
Principal		-		-	33,768			(33,768)
Interest		-		-		2,606		(2,606)
Capital outlay								
Road project - Black top		2,231,700 1,300,000 1,192		192,409		107,591		
Testing and inspection		6,000	-			-		-
Engineering Fees		180,000		98,500	-			98,500
Vehicles		-		77,905	72,775			5,130
Total expenditures	3,	083,918	2,1	188,039	2,059,386			128,653
<u>NET CHANGE IN</u>								5 00.010
FUND BALANCE	(1,	221,828)		345,642)		362,377		708,019
		-						
FUND BALANCE, beginning of								
year					4,	001,866	-	
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FUND BALANCE, end of year						4,364,243		

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund has a greater number and variety of revenue sources than any other fund, and its resources normally finance a wider range of activities. The resources of the General Fund are ordinarily largely expended and replenished on an annual basis.

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	GENERAL FUND	
	2022	2021
REVENUES		
Taxes		
Property taxes	\$ 2,377,484	\$ 1,884,099
Intergovernmental		
State revenue sharing	30,567	30,562
Interest	1,610	1,912
Miscellaneous	12,102	16,397
Total revenues	2,421,763	1,932,970
EXPENDITURES		
Current operating		
Salaries - administration	42,345	40,052
Salaries - operators	197,802	176,450
Board member pay	6,700	6,900
Payroll taxes	18,925	17,272
Property tax pension	74,081	59,075
Materials	47,465	45,245
Workmen's compensation	18,281	18,774
Other insurance	103,764	90,385
Legal and advertising	2,566	3,223
Licenses and fees	394	338
Telephone	7,040	7,435
Utilities	4,662	2,809
Professional fees	26,868	20,520
Rent	22,884	9,733
Repairs and maintenance	51,035	22,685
Fuel and oil	40,006	31,553
Parts and supplies	21,640	13,228
Office expense	11,541	6,320

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	GENERAL FUND			
		2022		2021
EXPENDITURES - Continued				
Uniforms	\$	3,052	\$	1,585
Lease expense		47,060		84,416
Miscellaneous expense	·	9,717		-
Debt Service				
Principal		33,768		-
Interest		2,606		-
Capital outlay				
Road project - black top		1,192,409		1,047,266
Vehicle		72,775		
Total expenditures		2,059,386		1,705,264
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		362,377		227,706
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		4,001,866		3,774,160
FUND BALANCE, end of year		4,364,243		4,001,866

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DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Agency Head Name: Jason Fitzgerald, Chairman

Purpose	Amount	
Salary	\$1,400	
Benefits-insurance	0	
Benefits-retirement	0	
Benefits- <list any="" here="" other=""></list>	0	
Car allowance	0	
Vehicle provided by government	0	
Per diem	0	
Reimbursements	0	
Travel	0	
Registration fees	0	
Conference travel	0	
Continuing professional education fees	0	
Housing	0	
Unvouchered expenses	0	
Special meals	0	

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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

To the Board of Commissioners District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish Port Barre, 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of District No 6 Public Works Commission, component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2023.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 such that there have a combination of deficiencies, in internal control 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.

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

Report on 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

John J. Doling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana June 27, 2023

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

A. <u>SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS</u>

- 1. We have audited the basic financial statements of District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2023. 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 <u>Governmental Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and provisions of the Uniform Guidance. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2022, resulted in an unmodified opinion.
- No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the 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.
- 4. No management letter was issued for District No 6 Public Works Commission as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- 5. A single audit was not required under the Uniform Guidance.

B. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS None

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

SECTION I - <u>INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE TO THE FINANCIAL</u> <u>STATEMENTS</u>

No findings.

SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A.

SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

No findings.

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To the Board of Commissioners of District No. 6 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Commission's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Commission has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for budgeting and address all of the above functions.

Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for purchasing and address all of the above functions.

iii. Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for disbursements and address all of the above functions.

iv. *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Written policies and procedures were obtained for receipts/collections and address all of the above functions.

v. *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for payroll/personnel and address all of the above functions.

vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for contracting and address all the above functions.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained for travel and expense reimbursement and address all the above functions.

viii. Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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)

Not applicable. The Commission does not have any credit cards.

ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for ethics and address all the above functions.

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

Not applicable. The Commission does not have any debt.

xi. Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Written policies and procedures were obtained for information technology disaster recovery/business continuity and address all of the above functions.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained for sexual harassment and address all of the above functions.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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
 - i. 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.

The board did not meet at least monthly.

ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.

No exceptions noted.

iii. 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.

Not applicable.

iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings, according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Not applicable.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); *No exceptions noted.*
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a 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 *No exceptions noted.*
- iii. 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. *Not applicable.*

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

A. 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).

The Commission only has one deposit site and obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.

B. 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 (e.g. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

There is only one deposit site and only one collection location for that deposit site.

i. Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

The Commission mainly collects checks for property taxes and revenue sharing; therefore, the Commission's employees do not have a cash drawer or register.

ii. 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 noted.

iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and

No exceptions noted.

iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

No exceptions noted.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 (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:
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Not applicable to the Commission.

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

No exceptions noted.

iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

One deposit observed was not marked received and was not deposited within one week.

v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

A. 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).

The Commission processes payments at one location and obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

No exceptions noted.

ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

No exceptions noted.

iii. 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;

No exceptions noted.

iv. 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; and

No exceptions noted.

v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Not applicable.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Not applicable.

B. 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:

- *i*. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder, and
 - Not applicable.
- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Not applicable.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B 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 (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Not applicable.

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

- A. 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:
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);

No exceptions noted.

ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

Not applicable.

> iii. 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 Policies and Procedure procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Mileage reimbursement forms do not contain evidence of review or approval.

8) *Contracts*

- A. 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:
 - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions noted.

iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

Not applicable.

iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - i. Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

Although the supervisor did approve attendance and leave for employees, the supervisor also approved his/her own attendance and leave.

iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Not applicable. No termination payments were made during the fiscal period.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted.

10) *Ethics*

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Not applicable.

B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

The Commission has not appointed an ethics designee.

11) Debt Service

A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Not applicable.

B. 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). *Not applicable.*

12) Fraud Notice

A. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.

Per management, there were no misappropriations of public funds or assets during the fiscal period.

B. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

The Commission has a notice posted on its premises but not on its website.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures:
 - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

No exceptions noted.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

None of the selected employees/officials completed the sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

B. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements.
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions noted.

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

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

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

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Opelousas, Louisiana June 27, 2023

DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURE EXCEPTIONS:

Board or Finance Committee

2.A.i. The Commission will meet monthly if there is a quorum. R.S. 33:405 states that if a monthly meeting fails for lack of quorum, the Board may announce before closing the meeting the date of a rescheduled meeting. However, nothing in the law requires that the regular monthly meeting be rescheduled when it fails for lack of quorum.

Collections

4.D.iv. The Commission will mark all deposits with a received date and make the said deposit within one business day of the Commission.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements

7.A.iv. The Commission will begin having someone other than the person receiving reimbursement review and approve the reimbursement.

Payroll and Personnel

9.B.ii. The Commission's supervisor will begin having the secretary or a board member approve his/her attendance and leave.

Ethics

10.B. The Commission will appoint an ethics designee and state who is appointed in the Commission's policy.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

14.A. All employees and board members of the Commission will complete the required sexual harassment training in 2023.