

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

December 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire
Protection District No. 1
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Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1'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, the business-type activities, each major and non-major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1'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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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, 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 Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1'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 Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1'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

The Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 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, economical, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Governmental Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 21, 2022, on our consideration of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, and Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Lake Charles, Louisiana
May 21, 2022

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,602,492
Ad valorem tax receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$18,396	736,130
Accrued interest receivable	367
Prepaid insurance	6,828
Land and other capital assets not being depreciated	3,931
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,764,979
Restricted cash	60,162
	6,174,889
Total assets	6,174,889

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	27,823
Payroll taxes payable	750
Ad valorem pension payable	23,012
Accrued interest	6,225
Deferred insurance proceeds	125,321
Long-term liabilities:	
Bond payable--	
Portion due within one year	50,000
Portion due after one year	1,085,000
	1,318,131
Total liabilities	1,318,131

NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	1,768,910
Restricted	155,472
Unrestricted	2,932,376
	4,856,758
Total net position	\$ 4,856,758

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Governmental Activities - Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants, and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 781,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (781,509)
Total Government Activities	\$ 781,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(781,509)
General revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes					710,395
State revenue sharing					6,940
Fire tax rebate					11,629
Interest					15,303
Insurance proceeds					47,775
Miscellaneous					1,388
					Total general revenues
					793,430
					Change in net position
					11,921
					Net position - beginning of year
					4,844,837
					Net position - end of year
					\$ 4,856,758

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2021**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,602,492	\$ -	\$ 3,602,492
Ad valorem tax receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$18,396	637,688	98,442	736,130
Accrued interest receivable	367	-	367
Prepaid insurance	6,828	-	6,828
Restricted cash	-	60,162	60,162
Total assets	\$ 4,247,375	\$ 158,604	\$ 4,405,979
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 27,823	\$ -	\$ 27,823
Payroll taxes payable	750	-	750
Ad valorem pension payable	19,880	3,132	23,012
Deferred insurance proceeds	125,321	-	125,321
Total liabilities	173,774	3,132	176,906
Fund balance:			
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	122,350	122,350
Other capital projects	-	33,122	33,122
Unassigned	4,073,601	-	4,073,601
	4,073,601	155,472	4,229,073
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,247,375	\$ 158,604	\$ 4,405,979

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**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021**

FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$ 4,229,073
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, not reported in the funds.</p>		
Land	\$ 3,931	
Cost of capital assets	4,898,147	
Less - accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,133,168)</u>	1,768,910
Accrued interest		(6,225)
Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2021		
Bonds payable		<u>(1,135,000)</u>
 NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		 <u><u>\$ 4,856,758</u></u>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 613,068	\$ 97,327	\$ 710,395
State revenue sharing	6,940	-	6,940
Fire tax rebate	11,629	-	11,629
Interest	11,681	3,621	15,302
Insurance proceeds	47,775	-	47,775
Miscellaneous	1,390	-	1,390
Total revenues	<u>692,483</u>	<u>100,948</u>	<u>793,431</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	552,659	4,904	557,563
Capital outlay	9,721	-	9,721
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	50,000	50,000
Interest	-	35,090	35,090
Total expenditures	<u>562,380</u>	<u>89,994</u>	<u>652,374</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	130,103	10,954	141,057
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer in	372,646	-	372,646
Transfer out	-	(372,646)	(372,646)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>372,646</u>	<u>(372,646)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	502,749	(361,692)	141,057
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>3,570,852</u>	<u>517,164</u>	<u>4,088,016</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 4,073,601</u>	<u>\$ 155,472</u>	<u>\$ 4,229,073</u>

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**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

Total net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$	141,057
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
<p>However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period.</p>		
Capital outlays	\$	9,721
Depreciation expense	<u>(194,317)</u>	(184,596)
Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.		
		5,460
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position		
		<u>50,000</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>11,921</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 (“District”) was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1492-1501, for the purpose of providing fire protection for the people of Ward 7 of Calcasieu Parish. The district is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Calcasieu Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the 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 Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury 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 police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
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 police jury financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization were not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (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 more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Presentation – (Continued)

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by a total column. Fiduciary activities of the District are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the District are reported in three categories: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District's functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the District are classified into one category, governmental fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

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

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus – (Continued)

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund financial statements, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The government-wide financial statements are accounted for using an “economic resources” measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

The government-wide financial statements 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. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar-year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. Intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds. Interest income on deposits is recorded when interest is earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

The District’s primary expenditures include salaries, supplies and insurance, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) when the transfers are authorized by the District.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus – (Continued)

Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when insurance monies are received before the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

The General Fund is the District's operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for and report the payment of, debt principal, interest and related cost.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Ad Valorem Tax Receivable

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Receivables are reported net of allowance for uncollectible accounts and revenues net of uncollectibles. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as uncollectible using the allowance method. The allowance for uncollectible accounts at December 31, 2021, was \$18,396.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Building and building improvements	10 – 50 years
Equipment	5 – 20 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 – 7 years

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

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Restricted Cash

Certain debt proceeds of the District, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants and they are maintained in separate bank accounts.

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund statement of fund net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Equity Classification

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

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

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

Fund Balance Classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- a. Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Balance Classification – (Continued)

- b. Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District. The District board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- d. Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed.
- e. Unassigned: includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Budget Practices

- 1. The proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the Advisory Board for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. The proposed budget is made available for public inspection.
- 3. The budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 5. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Board.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Estimates

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

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences for sick and personal time have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonably estimated. The District policy is to recognize cost when actually paid.

Date of Management’s Review of Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date of the independent auditors' report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. GASB Statement 95 has postponed the effective date by eighteen months in light of COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 87 and 95 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The effect of implementation on the District's financial statements has not yet been determined.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2021, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$3,662,654.

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

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – (Continued)

At December 31, 2021, the District has \$3,673,182 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$3,757,267 of pledged securities held by the custodial banks in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

NOTE 3 – AD VALOREM TAXES

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America for government prescribe a modified accrual basis to be applied to property tax revenues. An assessment is made to finance the budget of a particular period and the revenue produced from any property tax assessment should be recognized in the fiscal period for which it was provided (budgeted) and for which the collections are reasonably available.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, taxes of 11.61 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling approximately \$62,114,065. Total taxes levied for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$721,145.

Expected collections and collections of the 2021 levy are accrued as receivable and as revenue in the current year (2021). For budget purposes, property taxes collected in 2021 are designated as revenue appropriable in the 2021 budget year.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied (tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value) ad valorem taxes:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Expiration Date	Tax Amount
Maintenance	10.03	10.03	2027	\$ 98,140
Sinking	1.60	1.58	2038	623,005
	11.63	11.61		\$ 721,145

During the year, the tax assessor made adjustments to decrease previous year taxpayer valuations of \$5,501 worth of taxes. This amount was net against current year ad valorem taxes along with \$4,959 worth of prior year tax refunds. The District also made a \$1,443 increase adjustment to their allowance for uncollectible taxes that management deemed necessary.

The parish bills and collects its property taxes using the assessed values determined by the Calcasieu Parish Tax Assessor.

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2021, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 3,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,931
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 3,931</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,931</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	\$ 530,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,194
Building improvements	141,466	9,721	-	151,187
Furniture & fixtures	10,745	-	-	10,745
Equipment	4,206,021	-	-	4,206,021
Total capital assets being depreciated	4,888,426	9,721	-	4,898,147
Less accumulated depreciation				
Building	(328,254)	(10,341)	-	(338,595)
Building improvements	(107,981)	(3,374)	-	(111,355)
Furniture & fixtures	(10,599)	(134)	-	(10,733)
Equipment	(2,492,017)	(180,468)	-	(2,672,485)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,938,851)</u>	<u>(194,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,133,168)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 1,949,575</u>	<u>\$ (184,596)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,764,979</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, was charged to governmental activity in the amount of \$194,317.

NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED CASH

The District maintains a sinking fund reserve bank account with a balance of \$61,162 as of December 31, 2021 which is controlled by Merchant and Farmers Bank. See note 6 for more details.

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NOTE 6 – BOND PAYABLE

The District incurred debt and issued bonds in the amount of \$1,220,000 for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding six (3.4%) percent per annum, for the purpose of purchasing and installing fire hydrants and water lines to be used in giving fire protection to the property within the District, title to which shall be in the public, which said bonds shall be retired with, paid from and secured by ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the limits of Ward Seven Fire Protection District No. One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, sufficient in rate and amount to pay said bonds in principal and interest, with the millage rate to be 1.5 mills in the first year of issue. The following is a recap of the bond payable:

A. Debt Outstanding

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

Bond payable, December 31, 2020	\$	1,185,000
Bond repaid		(50,000)
Bond issued		-
Bond payable, December 31, 2021		\$ 1,135,000

Debt payable at December 31, 2021 is comprised of the following:

\$1,220,000 general obligation bond dated April 18, 2019, due in annual installments of \$35,000 - \$80,000 through March 1, 2039, interest at 3.0% - 3.4%		\$ 1,135,000
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B. Debt Service Requirement to Maturity

The annual requirements, including interest, to amortize the bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest
Year Ending December 31,		
2022	\$ 50,000	\$ 33,590
2023	\$ 50,000	\$ 32,090
2024	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,715
2025	\$ 55,000	\$ 29,403
2026	\$ 55,000	\$ 28,028
2027-2039	\$ 870,000	\$ 274,293

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NOTE 6 – BOND PAYABLE – (Continued)

C. Sinking Fund Requirement

The initial bond proceeds were deposited into a sinking fund, all disbursements for the purchase of fire hydrants and water lines are to come out of this account. The balance in the sinking fund pertaining to the bond proceeds at December 31, 2021 was \$21,797.

The Bond also requires the District to keep any interest earned and make ad valorem tax deposits into this sinking fund. Ad valorem taxes will be levied on property of the District at 1.6 mills. These taxes and interest will be used for the principal and interest payments on the bond payable described above. The balance of the sinking fund at December 31, 2021 for bond repayment is \$38,365.

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENT

As of December 31, 2021, the District has a remaining commitment of \$21,797 to purchase fire hydrants and water lines pertaining to the bond issue described in Note 6.

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of these risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 – PER DIEM PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of per diem paid to commissioners was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1498, each commissioner received \$100 per diem for attending regular monthly meetings and special meetings. A summary of paid per diems for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Guy L. Renfrow	\$	200
Stephen A. Smith		1,300
Jerry C. Nichols		1,300
Kent Ledoux		1,200
John McClelland		500
Justin Carrier		500
Harold Pickett		400
	\$	5,400

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NOTE 10 – STEWARTSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

NOTE 11 – CASUALTY LOSS

The District was impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta when they made landfall in August and October 2020, respectively. As a result, the District sustained damages to their property and equipment. The District has filed a claim with their insurance carrier and received \$191,905 as of December 31, 2021 in insurance proceeds. As of December 31, 2021 the District has recognized a total of \$66,584 in insurance proceeds to offset replacement of capital outlay and repairs. The remaining \$125,321 is recorded as deferred revenue and will go to offset the remaining repairs in 2022. There can be no assurance that the Company will not recognize additional casualty losses related to these hurricanes in the future as this cannot be estimated at this time.

NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the District has evaluated its December 31, 2021 financial statements for subsequent events through the date of the independent auditors' report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE (GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenue:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 550,000	\$ 530,500	\$ 613,068	\$ 82,568
State revenue sharing	6,900	6,940	6,940	-
Fire tax rebate	11,600	11,629	11,629	-
Interest	6,500	2,000	11,681	9,681
Insurance proceeds	-	44,899	47,775	2,876
Miscellaneous	5,000	1,550	1,390	(160)
Total revenues	<u>580,000</u>	<u>597,518</u>	<u>692,483</u>	<u>94,965</u>
Expenditures:				
Governmental				
General government	726,440	770,408	552,659	217,749
Capital outlay	-	-	9,721	(9,721)
Total expenditures	<u>726,440</u>	<u>770,408</u>	<u>562,380</u>	<u>208,028</u>
Transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>512,646</u>	<u>372,646</u>	<u>(140,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(146,440)	339,756	502,749	162,993
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>3,570,852</u>	<u>3,570,852</u>	<u>3,570,852</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,424,412</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,910,608</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,073,601</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 162,993</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES - BUDGET
AND ACTUAL (GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - GENERAL FUND**

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Accounting	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Bad debt	1,000	1,000	1,266	(266)
Deductions from ad valorem taxes - retirement	15,000	15,000	19,880	(4,880)
Firemen's fee	30,000	25,900	25,506	394
Fuel	10,000	8,000	8,402	(402)
Insurance	63,000	66,582	66,141	441
Joint service agreement	403,340	512,646	275,584	237,062
Maintenance and repairs	70,000	18,000	53,137	(35,137)
Office	6,000	7,580	7,159	421
Service	24,000	14,000	12,928	1,072
Payroll taxes	2,440	2,440	2,503	(63)
Per diem paid commissioners	5,600	5,400	5,400	-
Salaries	31,800	31,800	31,800	-
Supplies - operating	42,260	42,260	19,455	22,805
Supplies - housekeeping	200	-	-	-
Utilities and telephone	13,800	13,800	17,498	(3,698)
 Total general governmental expenditures	 <u>\$ 726,440</u>	 <u>\$ 770,408</u>	 <u>\$ 552,659</u>	 <u>\$ 217,749</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE (GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenue:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ 84,940	\$ 97,327	\$ 12,387
Interest	-	3,082	3,621	539
Total revenues	-	88,022	100,948	12,926
Expenditures:				
Governmental				
General government	-	-	4,904	(4,904)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	50,000	50,000	-
Interest	-	35,090	35,090	-
Total expenditures	-	85,090	89,994	(4,904)
Transfers in (out)	-	(512,646)	(372,646)	140,000
Excess expenses over revenues	-	(509,714)	(361,692)	148,022
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	517,164	517,164	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ 7,450	\$ 155,472	\$ 148,022

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Agency Head Name: Harold Pickett (01/01/21 - 05/31/2021)

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 0
Benefits	0
Per Diem	400
Travel	0
Other	0
	<u>\$ 400</u>

Agency Head Name: Kent Ledoux (06/01/21 - 12/31/2021)

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 0
Benefits	0
Per Diem	800
Travel	0
Other	0
	<u>\$ 800</u>



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire
Protection District No. 1
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
Vinton, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 21-01(IC) that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

**Board of Commissioners
Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1**

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1'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 two instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standard*. These instances of noncompliance is identified as 21-01 (C) and 21-02 (C).

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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



Lake Charles, Louisiana
May 21, 2022

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR AUDIT
FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

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| a. | Material weakness identified? | NO |
| b. | Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | YES |

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? NO

Federal Awards

Not applicable

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Current year – 12/31/2021

Internal Control:

21-01 (IC) – Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that accounting duties be performed by separate individuals so that one individual could not perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities without them being detected by another individual who was performing his or her assigned duties.

Condition: All accounting duties are performed by one employee.

Cause: Limited number of employees due to the small size of the District.

Effect: Errors or irregularities may not be detected within a timely period.

Recommendation: Present all transactions to the board of commissioners at their monthly regular schedule meeting for their review and approval.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: It is not feasible to correct this deficiency based on the size of the District. The Board of Directors reviews and approves all checks before distribution and reviews all bank statements for unusual items on a monthly basis.

Compliance:

21-01 (C) – Budget Preparation

Criteria: The District is required to follow the Louisiana Budget Act.

Condition: For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District did not adequately budget for transfers between funds causing transfers to exceed budgeted transfers by more than 5%. State law requires that actual transfers to fall within 5% of budget.

Cause: The District had transfers during the year that they did not properly budget for.

Effect: The District was not in compliance with the Budget Act.

Recommendation: That the District review the Louisiana Budget Act annually for any changes. That they monitor all planned revenues, spending and transfers and seek guidance from legal council or CPA if necessary.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: Management agrees with CPA's recommendation. All board members were given a copy of the Louisiana Budget Act for review. They will monitor all planned revenues, expenses and transfers carefully and make sure that they are in compliance with the Budget Act.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – (Continued)**

21-02 (C) – Budget Preparation

Criteria: The District is required to follow the Louisiana Budget Act.

Condition: For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District had a governmental fund that qualified as a major fund and had actual expenditures that exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%. State law requires that actual expenditures fall within 5% of budget.

Cause: The District had accruals at the end of the year they did not budget for.

Effect: The District was not in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act. Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by 5.76%.

Recommendation: That the District review the Louisiana Budget Act annually for any changes. That they monitor all funds and seek guidance from legal council or CPA if necessary.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: Management agrees with CPA's recommendation. All board members were given a copy of the Louisiana Budget Act for review. They will monitor all planned revenues, expenses and transfers carefully and make sure that they are in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act.

Prior year – 12/31/2020

Internal Control:

20-01 (IC) – Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that accounting duties be performed by separate individuals so that one individual could not perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities without them being detected by another individual who was performing his or her assigned duties.

Condition: All accounting duties are performed by one employee.

Cause: Limited number of employees due to the small size of the District.

Effect: Errors or irregularities may not be detected within a timely period.

Recommendation: Present all transactions to the board of commissioners at their monthly regular schedule meeting for their review and approval.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: It is not feasible to correct this deficiency based on the size of the District. The Board of Directors reviews and approves all checks before distribution and reviews all bank statements for unusual items on a monthly basis.

**CALCASIEU PARISH WARD 7 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY**

**SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – (Continued)**

Compliance:

20-01 (C) – Budget Preparation

Criteria: The District is required to follow the Louisiana Budget Act.

Condition: For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District's actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5% and budget revenues exceeded actual revenues by 5%. State law requires that actual expenditures fall within 5% of budget and budgeted revenues fall within actual revenues.

Cause: The District had accruals and capital outlay at the end of the year they did not budget for.

Effect: The District was not in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act.

Recommendation: That the District review the Louisiana Budget Act annually for any changes. That they monitor all planned revenues, spending and transfers and seek guidance from legal council or CPA if necessary.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: Management agrees with CPA's recommendation. All board members were given a copy of the Louisiana Budget Act for review. They will monitor all planned revenues, expenses and transfers carefully and make sure that they are in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act.

20-02 (C) – Budget Preparation

Criteria: The District is required to follow the Louisiana Budget Act.

Condition: For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District had a governmental fund that qualified as a major fund and did not prepare a budget for. State law requires that the general fund and each major governmental fund adopt a budget.

Cause: The District had a fund that qualified as a major fund in the current year and they did not budget for that fund.

Effect: The District was not in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act.

Recommendation: That the District review the Louisiana Budget Act annually for any changes. That they monitor all funds and seek guidance from legal council or CPA if necessary.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan: Management agrees with CPA's recommendation. All board members were given a copy of the Louisiana Budget Act for review. They will monitor all planned revenues, expenses and transfers carefully and make sure that they are in compliance with the Louisiana Budget Act.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1
Lake Charles, Louisiana

To the Governing Board of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections

for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Exception: Per our inspection of the policies and procedures of the District, we noted that the District did have written policies and procedures however they were missing some of the subcategories listed under these main categories listed above. Also noted that the District did not have any policies or procedures for the disaster recovery/business continuity category or the sexual harassment category.

Management's response: Management is in the process of updating their policies and procedures to address the above exceptions.

Board or Finance Committee

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:

- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

The board met on a monthly basis for the fiscal period with a quorum in attendance at all meetings.

- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue fund. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

Exception: The minutes obtained from management do not reference or include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund.

Management's response: Management acknowledges that the minutes do not state that they go over monthly financials, but have stated that they indeed go over the financials monthly. Going forward, they will make sure that this is stated in the minutes.

- c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Per the prior year audit report, the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund did not have a negative ending balance; therefore, making this procedure not applicable.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

We obtained a list of bank accounts from management and management's representation that the list was complete.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

We obtained a listing of all deposit sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Exception B, C & D: The person responsible for collecting cash is responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, posting collection entries to the general ledger and reconciling cash collections to the general ledger.

Management's response: Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible and the board reviews all financial documents at their monthly board meetings.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

The entity only receives money from ad valorem taxes and other periodic payments; therefore, they will not have a system in place to issue sequentially pre-numbered receipts thus making this procedure not applicable.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of this procedure.

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

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Per discussion with management, we noted only one location processes payments for the fiscal period.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Exception: The employee responsible for processing payments is responsible for mailing the payments.

Management's response: Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties in the accounting department. They have, however, segregated as many duties as possible and the board reviews all financial documents at their monthly board meetings.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:

- a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

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

We obtained a listing of active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

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

There were no travel expenses incurred by the entity during the fiscal period making this procedure not applicable.

Contracts

15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

None of the selected contracts were subject to bid law; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no amendments during the fiscal period; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Payroll and Personnel

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

We obtained a listing of all employees during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

- d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no terminated employees during the fiscal period thus making this procedure not applicable.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Debt Service

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

No debt was issued during the fiscal period. Therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Fraud Notice

23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Management has asserted that the entity did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets.

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

The District has posted on its premises the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

The District does not use information technology ("IT") for their accounting records, making this procedure not applicable.

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

The District does not use IT for their accounting records, making this procedure not applicable.

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

The District does not use IT for their accounting records, making this procedure not applicable.

Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Exception: No employees completed one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Management’s response: Management is in the process of updating their policies and procedures to address the above exceptions.

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

Exception: The District does not have a sexual harassment policy so it cannot post anything in their premises.

Management’s response: Management is in the process of updating their policies and procedures to address the above exceptions.

28. Obtain the entity’s annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exception: The District does not have a sexual harassment policy so it cannot meet the above requirements.

Management’s response: Management is in the process of updating their policies and procedures to address the above exceptions.

We were engaged by the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Calcasieu Parish Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 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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