

**LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE
SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Financial Statements
December 31, 2021**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance
Service District No. 1
Jena, LA 71342

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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, each major fund, of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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 LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and 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 LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 27, 2022, on our consideration of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's, internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's, internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's, internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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April 27, 2022
Jena, Louisiana

**Management's Discussion
& Analysis
(MD&A)**

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

As management of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1, we offer readers of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's financial statements, this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's financial statements.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$570,725 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$422,321 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 had total revenue of \$394,618.
- The LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 had total expenditures of \$390,499.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements of the Service District report information about the Service District using Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting principles. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The Balance Sheet includes all of the Service District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Service District creditors (liabilities.) It also provides the basis for computing rate of return, evaluating the capital structure and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Service District. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures improvements in the Service District's operations over the past two years and can be used to determine whether the Service District has been able to recover all of its costs through its revenue sources.

MD&A

FINANACIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SERVICE DISRTICT

The Balance Sheets and the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Service District's activities. These two statements report the net position of the Service District and changes in them. Increases or decreases in the Service District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, other non-financial factors such as changes in the health care industry should also be considered.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budget presentation. The general fund's budgetary comparison schedule is included as "required supplementary information." Required supplementary information is information that the accounting rules strongly suggest be presented within the District's financial report. This schedule demonstrates compliance with the District's adopted and final revised budget.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's fund, a governmental fund.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

MD&A

Table 1
Statement of Net Position

The following table represents a condensed Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2021:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,408	\$ 28,499	63.7
Receivables	382,989	372,860	-2.6
Prepaid Insurance	17,805	20,962	17.7
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>242,257</u>	<u>148,404</u>	-38.7
Total Assets	<u>660,459</u>	<u>570,725</u>	-13.5
Liabilities & Net Position			
Notes Payable	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	-0-
Total Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	-0-
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	242,257	148,404	-38.7
Unrestricted	<u>418,202</u>	<u>422,321</u>	0.9
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 660,459</u>	<u>\$ 570,725</u>	-13.5

Table 2
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance

The following table represents a condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 483,012	\$ 418,202	-13.4
Total Revenues	412,069	394,618	-4.2
Total Expenditures	<u>(476,879)</u>	<u>(390,499)</u>	18.1
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>(64,810)</u>	<u>4,119</u>	93.6
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 418,202</u>	<u>\$ 422,321</u>	0.9

MD&A

CAPITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2021, the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 had \$148,404 invested in capital assets, including furniture and equipment.

Capital Assets at Year-End

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Movable Equipment	\$ 632,777	\$ 632,777
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(390,520)</u>	<u>(484,373)</u>
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 242,257	\$ 148,404

CONTACTING THE LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's finances and to show the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, contact the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's Office, PO Box 2780, Jena, Louisiana 71342, telephone number 318-992-9150.

Basic Financial Statements

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance District No. 1
Jena, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2021

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 28,499
Ad Valorem Tax Receivable	372,860
Prepaid Insurance	20,962
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>422,321</u>
FIXED ASSETS	
Plant, Property, & Equipment	148,404
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>148,404</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>570,725</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Notes Payable	-0-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-0-</u>
EQUITY	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	148,404
Net Position Unrestricted	422,321
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ <u>570,725</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1
Jena, Louisiana
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2021

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ (484,352)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ (484,352)
		Revenues		
		Ad Valorem Taxes		393,567
		Insurance Reimbursement		774
		Interest Income		277
		Other		-0-
		Total Revenues		394,618
		Change in Net Position		(89,734)
		Net Position – Beginning of Year		660,459
		Net Position – End of Year	\$	570,725

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LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1
Jena, Louisiana
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
December 31, 2021

		GOVERNMENTAL FUND
<hr/>		
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	S	28,499
Ad Valorem Tax Receivable		372,860
Prepaid Insurance		20,962
TOTAL ASSETS		<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 422,321 <hr/>
 LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<hr/> -0- <hr/>
 FUND BALANCES		
Unassigned		422,321
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 422,321 <hr/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	S	<hr/> 422,321 <hr/>

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LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1
Jena, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Fund balances – total governmental funds \$ 422,321

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

	Capital Assets	632,777	
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(484,373)</u>	
			148,404

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. (principal & Accrued Interest)

	Notes Payable	<u>-0-</u>	
			<u>-0-</u>
Net Position of governmental activities			\$ <u>570,725</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

		<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND</u>
REVENUES		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	393,567
Interest Income		277
Other Income		774
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>394,618</u>
 EXPENDITURES		
Insurance		22,185
Professional Fees		3,450
Advertising Fees		-0-
Capital Outlay		-0-
Debt Service		-0-
Towing Fees		-0-
Disbursements to Parish Hospitals:		
LaSalle General Hospital		201,213
Hardtner Medical Center		163,651
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>390,499</u>
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES		 4,119
 FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING		 <u>418,202</u>
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$	<u><u>422,321</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1
Jena, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance
of Government Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds \$ 4,119

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

	Capital Outlay	-0-	
	Depreciation Expense	<u>(93,853)</u>	
			(93,853)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

	Principal Paid	-0-	
	Loan Proceeds	<u>-0-</u>	
			<u>-0-</u>

Change in Net Position of governmental activities \$ (89,734)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**NOTES TO THE BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. GENERAL

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 is an ordinance created by the LaSalle Police Jury in 1974 to maintain a Parish-wide ambulance service using ad valorem tax proceeds. LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 created a contract with LaSalle General Hospital and Hardtner Medical Center in order to provide an ambulance service. The ad valorem taxes collected by the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 are allocated to the two hospitals in order to offset the costs of providing the ambulance service.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District’s overall financial position and results of operations;
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the District’s activities; and
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

C. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the LaSalle Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for LaSalle 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 (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the LaSalle Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

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 appoints the board members, the District was determined to be a component unit of the LaSalle 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 the police jury, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities. A fund is a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Governmental funds account for all or most of the District's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following are the District's governmental funds:

General Fund - The primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the District's policy.

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance 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 the District's operations. (See the reconciliation statements).

In the Fund Financial Statements, governmental fund equity is classified as a fund balance. The District has implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

The amounts reflected in the General Fund of Statements in the FFS 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 governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the 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, attached as an enforceable lien, and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Fees for preparing tax rolls are recorded in the year prepared. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured. Interest income on demand deposits is recorded monthly when the interest is earned and credited to the account.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes and fees for preparing tax rolls have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the District's users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District's general revenues.

Equity Classifications – In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted Net Position – Net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

F. CASH & INVESTMENTS (CDS IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

Cash and cash equivalents consists of deposits in checking, money market and certificates of deposits with maturities of 90 days or less.

G. USE OF ESTIMATES

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

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES & RETIREMENT PLANS

The District does not compensate unused vacation and sick leave. District employees are covered under the social security system.

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

I. PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

Collections are made by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office and remitted to the District monthly.

Taxes levied annually in September are due on December 31. The lien date is January 1, with interest and penalty added January 31.

Most property taxes to be collected occur in December of the fiscal year and January and February of the subsequent fiscal year. Therefore, property tax receivable is included on the accompanying balance sheet because it is available within 60 days of the District's year-end. There is no allowance for uncollectible taxes since the taxes are secured by property.

The levied ad valorem tax mileage was 5.0.

NOTE 2 – PLANT PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

All fixed assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Movable Equipment 5 Yrs.

Expenditures for additions, major renewals, and betterments are capitalized and expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred.

The cost of assets, retired or otherwise disposed of, and related accumulated depreciation is eliminated from the accounts in the year of disposal. Gains or losses resulting from property disposals are credited or charged to operations currently.

Changes in plant, property, and equipment are as follows:

	Balance 12-31-20	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-21
Equipment	\$ 632,777	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 632,777
Accumulated Depreciation	(390,520)	(93,853)	-0-	(484,373)
Net Total	\$ 242,257	\$ (93,853)	\$ -0-	\$ 148,404

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

NOTE 3 – PASS THRU ACTIVITY

The District distributes collected property taxes to the two parish hospitals, after consideration of annual operating expenditures. The percentages paid are 60% to LaSalle General Hospital and 40% to Hardtner Medical Center.

NOTE 4 - BOARD MEMBERS

Lana Francis -	Executive Director
Paul Mathews -	Executive Director
Sammy Franklin -	Chairman
Steve Tannehill-	Member
Lee Richardel -	Member
Jimmy Arbogast -	Member
Mickey Cockerham -	Member
Allyson Fannin -	Financial Officer

Board members are paid \$-0- for their services.

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS
& SCHEDULES**

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures & Changes in
Fund Balances - Budget vs Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUE			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 380,000	\$ 393,567	\$ 13,567
Interest income	500	277	(223)
Other income	-0-	774	774
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>380,500</u>	<u>394,618</u>	<u>14,118</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Insurance	26,000	22,185	3,815
Professional Fees	3,250	3,450	(200)
Advertising	500	-0-	500
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies	100	-0-	100
Towing Fees	-0-	-0-	-0-
Capital outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Disbursements:			
LaSalle General Hospital	192,000	201,213	(9,213)
Hardtner Medical Center	158,000	163,651	(5,651)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>379,850</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>(10,649)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE & OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES			
	\$ <u>650</u>	<u>4,119</u>	\$ <u>3,469</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING		<u>418,202</u>	
FUND BALANCE, ENDING		<u>\$ 422,321</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

**Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District #1
-Allyson Fannin, Accountant

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ -0-
Benefits-Insurance	-0-
Benefits-Retirement	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

See independent auditor's report.

OTHER REPORTS

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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
LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance
Service District No. 1
Jena, LA 71342

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 LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and Legislative Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a public document and its distribution is not limited.

The Vercher Group

April 27, 2022
Jena, Louisiana

LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

We have audited the financial statements of the LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2022. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes

Significant Deficiencies Yes

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes

b. Federal Awards (Not Applicable)

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No Other Conditions Yes No

Type of Opinion On Compliance Unmodified Qualified
 For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse

Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Yes No

c. Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Number (s)	Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)
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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$ 750,000

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance? Yes No

**LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST- (CONT.)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

Section II Financial Statement Findings

No items identified.

Section III Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

**LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

FINDINGS:

No items identified.

**LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

There are no current year management letter comments.

**LASALLE PARISH-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY
OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

The management of LaSalle Parish-wide Ambulance Service District No. 1 has provided the following action summaries relating to findings brought to their attention as a result of their audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

2020-1 Budget Variance (Resolved)

Condition: The District had an unfavorable expenditure budget variance of \$127,029 or 36.3% during the year.

Criteria: The State Budget Act requires that Governmental Districts prepare annual budgets and amend the budgets when there is a variance of more than 5%.

Cause of Condition: The budget was not amended to be within the 5% requirement.

Effect of Condition: The District violated the Budget Act.

Recommendation: The District should amend its budget when there is a budget variance of more than 5%.

Client Response: When revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues or expenditures exceed the budget by more than 5%, the budget will be amended.