

**WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

*Component Unit Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020*

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward One Rural Fire District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***Report on the Financial Statements***

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Ward One Rural Fire District, a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Fire District as listed in the table of contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward One Rural Fire District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***Opinions***

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of Ward One Rural Fire District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5 and 17 through 18 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurances.

***Other Information***

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

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 1, 2021, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Monroe, Louisiana  
June 1, 2021

*David M. Hunt, CPA (APAC)*

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART A)**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
 RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

Our discussion and analysis of the Ward One Rural Fire District (the District) financial statements provides an overview of its activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

**The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector entities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. The District's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) measure the District's financial position. Increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or not.

**The District as a Whole**

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, net position changed as follows:

	2020	2019
Beginning net position	\$ 2,688,463	\$ 2,707,726
Increase (Decrease) in net position	( 23,641)	( 19,263)
Ending net position	\$ 2,664,822	\$ 2,688,463

## The District's Funds

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

Revenues	2019	Percent of Total	2019	Percent of Total
Parcel Fees	\$584,425	96.62%	\$583,669	96.77%
Interest & Miscellaneous	11,018	1.82%	10,085	1.67%
State Fire Insurance Rebate	9,407	1.56%	9,412	1.56%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$604,850</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$603,166</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Expenditures	2020	Percent of Total	2019	Percent of Total
Public Safety – Fire Protection	\$628,491	100.00%	\$622,429	100.00%

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's total revenues in 2020 were within 5% of the final budgeted revenue. Actual expenditures in 2020 were also within 5% of the budgeted amounts.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2020, the District had \$4,252,855 invested in capital assets (\$1,933,480 net of accumulated depreciation) including machinery and equipment and vehicles.

Assets	December 31, 2019	Additions	Disposals	December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 15,200	-	-	\$ 15,200
Autos & Equipment	2,764,839	1,004,512	-	3,769,351
Buildings	461,204	7,100	-	468,304
<b>Total at historical cost</b>	<b>3,241,243</b>	<b>1,011,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,252,855</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Autos & Equipment	(1,807,656)	(400,047)	-	(2,207,703)
Buildings	(98,522)	(13,150)	-	(111,672)
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,065</b>	<b>\$ 598,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 1,933,480</b>

## **Debt**

At year end, the District had no debt.

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The District's revenues are derived mainly from property taxes and a variety of grants and state fire insurance rebates. The District is not aware of any significant increases or decreases in those revenues sources or associated expenditures but in light of the current economic volatility, the District must continue to monitor its limited resources to fit the needs of the citizens of Richland Parish and be aware of other funding opportunities that may present themselves.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the funds received by it. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

Gina Jones, Secretary-Treasurer  
Post Office Box 475  
Delhi, LA 71232



**COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<i>Assets</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,111
Certificates of Deposit	166,139
Accounts Receivable - Property Taxes	577,693
Accounts Receivable - Other	30
Meter Deposits	992
Capital Assets:	
Non-Depreciable	15,200
Depreciable	<u>1,918,280</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,686,445</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
RP Pension Payable	21,623
Total Liabilities	<u>21,623</u>
<i>Net Position</i>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,933,480
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u>731,342</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,664,822</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
Governmental Activities					
Public Safety	\$ 628,491	\$ 584,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (44,066)

General Revenues:	
Insurance Rebate	9,407
Other	5,741
Interest	5,277
Total General Revenues	20,425
Changes in Net Position	(23,641)
Net Position - Beginning	2,688,463
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 2,664,822

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
BALANCE SHEET, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	8,111
Certificates of Deposit		166,139
Property Taxes Receivable		577,693
Accounts Receivable - Other		30
Meter Deposits		992

<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>752,965</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

RP Pension Payable	\$	21,623
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Fund Balance

Unassigned		731,342
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<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>752,965</u>
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**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Net Position**

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

Fund Balance, Governmental Funds:	\$	731,342
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Governmental Assets		4,252,855	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(2,319,375)</u>	
			<u>1,933,480</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,664,822</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Operating Revenue</u>	
Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	\$ 581,365
Fire Assessments - Poverty Point	3,060
State Fire Insurance Rebate	9,407
Total Operating Revenue	<u>593,832</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
Volunteer Incentives	27,706
Repairs and Maintenance	30,567
Materials and Supplies	2,806
Public Awareness and Education	171
Fuel	3,136
Insurance	23,432
Legal and Accounting	17,750
Uniforms & Safety Equipment	53,550
Utilities	17,931
Pension Expense	21,623
Other	16,622
Capital Outlay	1,011,612
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,226,906</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	(633,074)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</u>	
Interest Income	5,277
Other Income	5,741
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>11,018</u>
<u>Change in Fund Balance</u>	(622,056)
<u>Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year</u>	<u>1,353,398</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE - END OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 731,342</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (CONTINUED)

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Activities**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (622,056)

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures,  
however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those  
assets is *depreciated over their estimated useful lives.*

Expenditures for capital assets	1,011,612	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(413,197)</u>	
		<u>598,415</u>

Changes in net position of governmental activities \$ (23,641)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Ward One Rural Fire District (the District) was created by resolution of the Richland Parish Police Jury on February 18, 1992, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining fire equipment and providing fire protection for the people included in the district according to the boundaries set by Richland Parish Police Jury. The District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members. The Commissioners are appointed by the Richland Parish Police Jury and receive compensation of \$30 each for each meeting up to two meetings per month. The District has no employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the District is considered a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.



WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

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

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The District has no proprietary fund.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

C. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

Investments for the District are reported at fair value. The state investment pool (LAMP) operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

D. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become delinquent on January 1 of each year. The following is a summary of authorized and levied Parcel Fees:

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Levied</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Property Taxes	7.04 Mills	6.99 Mills	2022

Delinquent property taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible fees is provided.

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	40 Years
Autos and Equipment	5-15 Years

F. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District is operated by volunteers and therefore has no policy for compensated absences.

G. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. At December 31, 2020, the District had no long-term obligations.

H. FUND EQUITY

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in government funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form -- prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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

*Restricted Fund Balance* -- This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed Fund Balance* -- These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Commissioners -- the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

H. FUND EQUITY (Continued)

*Assigned Fund Balance* – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Commissioners and management have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

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

I. ESTIMATES

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

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

*Budget Information:* Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer during November of each year. During November, the Board reviews the proposed budget and makes changes as it deems appropriate. The budget is then adopted during the December meeting. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and one amendment for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

*Custodial Credit Risk – deposits.* The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District’s policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require the financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2020.

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

The District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$8,111 at December 31, 2020 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 1,672
Savings & Money Market Accounts	<u>6,439</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 8,111</u>

The District also has four Certificates of Deposit not considered cash and cash equivalents. Their value at December 31, 2020 totaled \$166,139.

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. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2020, are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	\$ 177,456
FDIC Insurance	500,000
Pledged Collateral	<u>500,000</u>
Uninsured Amount	<u>\$ -</u>

The accounts are managed by the District's fiscal agent and consist of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. Investments are in accordance with LRS 33:2955(A)(1)(e) and are not required to be covered by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

Note 4 - Accounts Receivable

At December 31, 2020, the District's accounts receivable consisted of the following:

Property Tax Receivable	<u>\$ 577,693</u>
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WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 5 - Property, Plant and Equipment

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	December 31, 2019			December 31, 2020	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
Non-Depreciable Assets:					
Land	\$ 15,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,200	
Depreciable Assets:					
Autos & Equipment	2,764,839	1,004,512	-	3,769,351	
Buildings	<u>461,204</u>	<u>7,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>468,304</u>	
Totals at Historical Cost	3,241,243	1,011,612	-	4,252,855	
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Autos & Equipment	(1,807,656)	( 400,047)	-	(2,207,703)	
Buildings	<u>( 98,522)</u>	<u>( 13,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 111,672)</u>	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,906,178)</u>	<u>( 413,197)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,319,375)</u>	
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</u>	<u>\$1,335,065</u>	<u>\$ 598,415</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,933,480</u>	

Depreciation expense was \$413,197 in 2020.

Note 6 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 1, 2021, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events other than noted below have occurred for disclosure.

The Covid-19 outbreak in the United States and our state has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of businesses. While the disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty around the duration of the closings and whether those closings will precipitate a wider economic recession. As a result, the related financial impact on the Fire District and the duration cannot be estimated at this time.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART B)**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

*Required Supplemental Information*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem tax	580,609	581,365	581,365	-
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Fire Insurance Rebates	9,500	9,407	9,407	-
Fire Assessments - Poverty Point	3,060	3,060	3,060	-
Interest and Dividend Earnings	6,250	5,800	5,277	(523)
Other revenues	-	5,740	5,741	1
Total Revenues	<u>599,419</u>	<u>605,372</u>	<u>604,850</u>	<u>(522)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Volunteer Incentive Payments	45,000	27,706	27,706	-
Repairs and Maintenance	35,600	30,567	30,567	-
Supplies Used in Operations	4,000	3,305	2,806	499
Fire Prevention Awareness Day	1,500	171	171	-
Board Meeting Compensation	1,080	360	360	-
Fuel, Oil, Grease	8,000	3,190	3,136	54
Insurance	27,000	23,432	23,432	-
Utilities	20,500	16,424	16,424	-
Telephone	1,620	1,630	1,507	123
Uniforms and Safety Equipment	35,000	26,943	53,550	(26,607)
Dues, Fees & Publications	2,536	4,692	4,692	-
Office Supplies & Postage	1,700	921	786	135
Pension	21,000	21,529	21,623	(94)
Legal and Accounting	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Audit and Review	9,500	8,750	8,750	-
PIAL Consultants	20,000	4,098	4,593	(495)
Capital Outlay	1,021,849	1,038,220	1,011,612	26,608
Training	8,750	4,874	5,201	(327)
Service Awards	350	736	736	-
Miscellaneous Tools	1,500	55	254	(199)
Total Expenditures	<u>1,275,485</u>	<u>1,226,603</u>	<u>1,226,906</u>	<u>(104)</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(676,066)	(621,231)	(622,056)	(626)
<b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year, restated</b>	<u>1,353,398</u>	<u>1,353,398</u>	<u>1,353,398</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 677,332</u>	<u>\$ 732,167</u>	<u>\$ 731,342</u>	<u>\$ (626)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer during November of each year. During November, the Board reviews the proposed budget and makes changes as it deems appropriate. The budget is then adopted during the December meeting. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and one amendment for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS  
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD,  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HEAD, OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Officers	Office	Director Fees(****)	Accounting Fees(***)	Salary (*) Monthly Comp	Volunteer Per Diems(**)	Reimbursements (Office/Postage)	Reimbursements (Travel)	1099 Issued ?
Michael Green	Fire Chief	-	-	2,400	2,059	-	-	Y
Dylan Jones	Asst Fire Chief	-	-	1,800	2,194	-	510	Y
Amy Green	Sr. Reporter	-	-	1,800	360	-	-	Y
Madison York	Jr. Reporter	-	-	1,200	535	-	-	Y
19 Charles Clack	President	60	-	-	-	-	-	N
Richard Lemoine	V President	60	-	-	-	-	-	N
Allen Henderson	Director	60	-	-	-	-	-	N
Bernard Duchesne	Director	60	-	-	-	-	-	N
Ken Hall	Director	60	-	-	-	-	-	N
Gina Jones	Sec/Treasurer	60	10,500	-	-	115	-	Y

(\*)Officer per diems include a monthly compensation for daily operations management.  
 The fire chief receives \$200 per month, assistant chief receives \$150, Sr. Reporter \$150, Jr Reporter \$100  
 (\*\*) Firefighter per diems are set annually and paid on a per emergency event and per training/meeting activity  
 2020 per diems were \$20.00 per emergency event and \$10.00 per training/meeting activity for volunteers. Chiefs received additional \$5 per event.  
 (\*\*\*) Accounting fees are a budgeted amount and set annually - \$750 per month, \$1500 for audit  
 (\*\*\*\*) Director Fees are set by regulation/Board approval - \$30 per meeting, not to exceed 2 meetings per month.

Dylan drove personal vehicle to Holden, LA (2 times) to inspect and pickup new fire truck -  
 Mileage paid at federal rate of \$.575 per mile

**COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward One Rural Fire District  
Delhi, Louisiana

I 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 governmental activities of Ward One Rural Fire District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated June 1, 2021.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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, detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward One Rural Fire District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ward One Rural Fire District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters 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 my 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 for the use of management of Ward One Rural Fire District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*David M. Smith, CPA (APAC)*

West Monroe, Louisiana  
June 1, 2021

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ward One Rural Fire District  
Delhi, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of Ward One Rural Fire District, a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued my report thereon dated June 1, 2021. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2020, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditor's Results

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

Internal Control

Material Weakness \_\_\_ yes X no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be  
Material Weaknesses \_\_\_ yes X no

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements \_\_\_ yes X no

B. Federal Awards – N/A

Material Weakness Identified \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be  
Material Weaknesses \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Major Programs)

Unqualified \_\_\_\_\_ Qualified \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer \_\_\_\_\_ Adverse \_\_\_\_\_

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, Section .510 (a)? N/A

C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

Name of Federal Program (or cluster) CFDA Number(s) N/A

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs. N/A

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by the Uniform Guidance? N/A

WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No findings were reported under this section.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No findings were reported under this section.

Section III - Management Letter

No management letter was issued.



WARD ONE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

This section is not applicable for this entity.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for this entity.

Section III - Management Letter

This section is not applicable for this entity.